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## Mission going smoothly — Cav troopers gain ground

by Sgt. 1st Class Gary L. Qualls Jr.  
3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment

Various indicators show the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment is gaining ground in stabilizing its assigned region in Iraq, according to a regimental battle captain.

"We're making progress," said Regimental Battle Captain Mike Davis. "We're actually showing the Iraqi people what we can do." The regiment and its attachments in Operation Iraqi Freedom are running precarious weapons raids and criminal snatches, high-level site security missions, critical combat reconnaissance and resupply operations, massive combat service support missions and diplomatically critical humanitarian and civil affairs missions in the effort to bring order and stability to the region.

Some significant events, including strides of progress, as well as frustration and tragedy, have unfolded here the past 10 days.

### 1st Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment

Tiger Squadron has pushed out to the northwest to carry out the daunting responsibility of securing the Syrian border. The squadron conducted three successful raids during the period and secured several Sensitive Site Exploitation sites, locations suspected to contain chemical weapons.

### 2nd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment

**Sabre Squadron** — the most active squadron in the deployment so far — conducting six successful raids last week — all including the regimental commander's number three most wanted criminal.

"We're trying to rid the streets of

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Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Gary Qualls Jr.

### River patrol ...

Members of the 957th Engineer Company's River Patrol begin one of their security runs at dusk. The engineers never thought they'd be doing this, but they are helping keep 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment troopers safe. For more information, turn to page 5.

## 3rd ACR soldiers killed, injured on Iraqi mission

by Sgt. 1st Class Dee McNutt  
Fort Carson Public Affairs

Three soldiers from 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment were killed in Iraq in the last five days.

Monday, Maj. Mathew E. Schram, 36, of Wisconsin, was killed in Hadithah while traveling on a scheduled resupply mission to support troopers posted on the Syrian border, according to Capt. Bren Workman, 3rd ACR public affairs officer. The convoy came under enemy attack from rocket-propelled grenades, machine guns and small arms.

Schram's unit was Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, Support Squadron.

One other soldier was wounded in the leg. Both Schram and the wounded soldier were evacuated by helicopter to military treatment facilities at Al Asad base, where it was confirmed that Schram was deceased, according to Workman.

Two other soldiers from Eagle Troop, 2nd Squadron, 3rd ACR, were killed at a traffic checkpoint early Tuesday. Nine soldiers were wounded in that incident.

The names of the two deceased

soldiers are being held pending notification of next of kin.

At the checkpoint, 3rd ACR soldiers stopped one car when another pulled up and unidentified men got out and opened fire and threw grenades. The soldiers returned fire, killing two men. Six Iraqis were arrested in the incident, said Richard Bridges, assistant media relations officer at Fort Carson.

Fort Carson still has about 10,000 soldiers from 3rd ACR, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 43rd Area Support Group and the 10th Special Forces in Iraq and Kuwait.

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Tim McGraw rocks Fort Carson soldiers and families country style during a free concert.

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### Happenings



A medieval-looking castle is in San Isabel Forest, west of Pueblo.

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### What's new

Construction at Gate 4 begins Monday after morning rush-hour traffic. Speed limits will be reduced. Be cautious and slow down.

### Army Ball

Only eight days until the Army Ball. Mark your calendars and watch for ticket information in the *Mountaineer*.

Asian/Pacific Islanders Heritage Month

# Celebrating contributions, heroes

by Sgt. 1st Class Vickie L. Cooper  
U.S. Army Garrison/Team Units  
Equal Opportunity Advisor

"I can't tell you how much I appreciate the privilege of being able to show you just how much the United States thinks of what you have done ... You fought not only the enemy, but you fought prejudice and won."

President Truman spoke these words as he pinned the final Presidential Citation to the 442nd colors.

The 442nd Regimental Combat Team, mostly comprised of Japanese-American soldiers, was the most highly decorated unit during World War II. This unit, along with the 100th Battalion, was awarded 18,143 individual decorations for valor in less than two years. Before June 21, 2000, there were only nine Asian/Pacific Islanders who had received the Medal of Honor. On June 21, 2000, 21 Distinguished

Service Crosses were upgraded to the Medal of Honor; 19 of these were from the 442nd.

These and many other Asian/Pacific Islanders contributed significantly to the success of the military. Some of these are as follows: retired Maj. Gen. William Shao Chang Chen, retired Maj. Gen. Vernon Chong and retired Maj. Gen. John L. Fugh.

Chen was the first Chinese-American major general in the Armed Forces. He was born in Shanghai, China. Due to the United States involvement in World War II, his American father relocated his family to Ohio. Chen was the program manager for engineering, production, testing and development of the Hercules surface to air missile, the SAM-D system and the Sergeant York. Chen "believes it is incumbent upon Americans, nearly all of whom are descendant from immi-

grants, to acknowledge the impact ethnic cultures have had on American society."

Chong commanded three Air Force medical centers and was the commander of the Joint Military Command, San Antonio. He also served as a surgeon/flight surgeon member of the Department of Defense launch site recover team for 15 space launches during the Apollo, Skylab and Apollo-Soyuz programs.

Fugh holds the distinct honor of being the first Chinese-American to be promoted to the rank of general in the U.S. military. Fugh was born in Beijing and fled with his family to the United States after the victory of Mao Tse-tung in China. He served as the Army Judge Advocate General from 1991 to 1993. His work involved the publication of "War Crimes Report," the first documentation of worldwide war crimes since World War II.

Have you ever wondered why the month of May was selected to celebrate Asia/Pacific Islanders Heritage?

May was chosen for two different reasons. The first reason is May 7, 1843, the first Japanese immigrants arrived to the United States. The second reason is the Transcontinental Railroad was completed May 10, 1869. Chinese immigrants made up more than 12,000 of the people connecting the East to the West.

This year's Asian/Pacific Islander Ethnic Observance is today at Fort Carson's Elkhorn Conference Center. Everyone from Fort Carson and the surrounding community is invited. The observance starts at 11 a.m. and runs until 3 p.m. The program will consist of dancers, music, displays and a free food sampling. Come out for a couple of minutes, or stay for a few of hours. Either way you are guaranteed to have a good time.

There are many other great people that are of Asian/Pacific Islander descent. To list them all would be impossible; here are a few from the following categories: business, sports, literature and photojournalism and entertainment.

**Business**

An Wang — Creator of Wang Laboratories making computer monitors, calculators and typewriters with memory, to name a few.

Andrew Byongsoo Kim — Named as a member of the All American Team for investment for 12 straight years.

**Sports**

Michael Chang — The youngest tennis player in the world to win a grand slam tournament.

Eugene Chung - The first Asian American drafted in the first round of the NFL.

**Literature and photojournalism**

Laurence Yep — Author of "Dragonwings" and "Dragon's Gate." These two books were named Newberry Honor books, the highest recognition for children's literature.

Huynh Chong Ut — Pulitzer Prize winner for

the photograph of a 9-year-old Vietnamese girl, Kim Phuc, running from her village after it was accidentally hit by napalm.

**Entertainment**

Althea Janairo — Actress starring in "Aloha Summer," "Harley Davidson and the Marlboro Man," "Showdown in Little Tokyo," and "Wayne's World." You will probably know her better as Tia Carrere. Tia was her nickname as a child.

Ang Lee — Golden Globe Award winner for best director for his Chinese-language film "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon."

## Letter to the Editor

# 'Replacements' not at total fault for dirty barracks

**To the editor,**

In response to Spc. Chris Smith's article. Some things that are stated in his commentary are true, however, to blame the condition of Fort Carson on the "replacements" is ridiculous. For the garbage that piles up next to the dumpsters on post — I, too, do not like it. However, if you take the time to look inside the dumpster, like I have, you might find that it is full. Maybe

someone on post should coordinate an extra pick-up. Then, quite possibly, trash would not be blowing all over post, like it has been since Jan. 26, the time I became a "replacement."

Wrap your mind around this incident: You are told two days before moving on post which billets you are moving into and the day you move, you are told which room. You have to spend \$50 of your own money for cleaning

supplies because the room you are moving into smells and looks like dead fish. Then you have to buy some pictures or hang a tapestry to cover the knife holes in the wall. When you think you've spent enough money on your own, you end up going to buy a shower head so you can take a shower with some pressure. (I guess you find out where the smell comes from.)

Quite honestly, the trash and filth

lying around post and the cleanliness of the barracks is not 100 percent the fault of the "replacements." It was present when the "replacements" arrived and without changes made, it will be here when the "replacements" leave and probably when the "replacements" come back!

**Master Sgt. Clifford L. Tjaden**  
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2/361st, 91st Division, (TS)

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# News

## Protection reduces risk of West Nile Virus

by Michael Dunning

**Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management**

West Nile Virus is a potentially hazardous disease which can affect humans, birds and horses, as well as other domestic and wild animals.

The disease can be transmitted to humans via bites from infected mosquitoes, which have fed on infected birds, such as crows, ravens, magpies or jays. Various Fort Carson organizations are working cooperatively with the El Paso, Pueblo, Freemont and Las Animas County Departments of Health to ensure mosquito populations on Fort Carson and the Piñon Canon Maneuver Site are minimized.

Surveillance data collected from 1999 to 2002 in other infected areas of the United States shows the West Nile Virus can be detected in birds and mosquitoes weeks before there is a significant risk to human health. Therefore, the tracking of dead bird reports, especially crows, ravens, magpies and jays, and the routine surveillance of mosquito populations will provide the installation with the opportunity to specifically target those locations where the

virus is most prevalent. The Fort Carson community will be informed of the results of these surveys.

Last fall many birds were collected on Fort Carson, of which three tested positive for the virus. All indications from the El Paso County Department of Health are that this year more humans will be infected than the previous year.

People who become infected may show mild symptoms, no symptoms at all, or in the case of some individuals, especially the elderly and people with compromised immune systems, may show very serious and life threatening symptoms. Symptoms usually occur within five to 15 days.

The chances of contracting this disease are extremely small, due to the fact that very few mosquitoes actually become infected. In fact, for people who

are bitten by an infected mosquito, there is less than a 1 percent possibility of human illness. However the risk of contracting the disease far outweighs the effort it takes to protect yourself.

Here are several safety tips to follow to protect you and your family.

- Avoid wetlands, standing water and areas of

mosquito activity.

- El Paso County Department of Health recommends wearing insect repellents that contain at least 20 percent DEET for adults and 10 percent or less for children under 12 years old. Check with your family physician or pediatrician for recommendations for children. DEET should not be used on infants under two years of age, pregnant women or on children's bedding or bedclothes.

- Soldiers should follow the appropriate Field Training Manual and use the Army-issued repellent which is 33 percent DEET and formulated specifically to last longer than over-the-counter brands.

- Wear light colored clothing. Long-sleeve shirts and long pants are recommended.

- Limit outside activities at dawn and dusk.

Preventative measures around the home and workplace:

- Repair holes and tears in window screens.
- Change water in birdbaths and other similar water containers at least once a week.
- Drain standing water, regardless of how small the amount.

Report dead birds to DECAM Pest Control 526-0979 or 526-5141; DECAM Wildlife at 579-9088; Military Police at 576-2333. For more information on WNV, log on to <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile>.

**Mild:**

fever  
headache  
rash  
swollen  
glands  
pink eye

**Severe:**

severe headache  
high fever  
stiff neck  
disorientation  
paralysis  
coma  
death if untreated

See a doctor if you contract the symptoms above.

# U.S. helps Mozambique team de-mine Iraq

by Spc. Jason Baker  
Army News Service

**CAMP DOHA, Kuwait** — A U.S. Airborne unit provided the equipment needed for a team out of Mozambique to conduct emergency humanitarian de-mining and battlefield clearance operations in Iraq.

The 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division provided trucks, security and ambulances to the U.S. State Department's Quick Reaction De-mining Force based out of Mozambique. The team is used by the Department of State to offer emergency humanitarian assistance any-

where in the world.

The QRDF, a team of civilians, conducted its first operation in a southern residential area in Baghdad May 11. The 50-man unit, waiting for vehicles and other equipment to arrive by boat, was able to start operations earlier than anticipated with help from 2nd BCT.

The QRDF arrived in Iraq May 5 and did not plan on being operational until the middle of the month, McCloy said. Through meetings at the Civil Military Cooperation Center, representatives from 2nd Brigade's 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment learned the team of de-miners arrived and asked for the QRD's assistance.

"We needed them to clear an area that would have taken our small Explosive Ordnance Disposal teams longer than their large group of 50 men," said Maj. Scottie Custer, fire support officer, 325th Airborne Inf.

Reg.

The team of de-miners formed a single line, each an arm's length between them, walking forward, meticulously sifting through litter and vegetation to find and mark the dangerous ordnance. Once the team covered the entire area, marking the unexploded ordnance, the de-miners consolidated and exploded the unexploded ordnance that could be safely destroyed on site. The larger explosives were moved to a safer more remote area to be destroyed.

The engineers Cpt. David Fielder, company commander, Company B, 307th Engineer Battalion. commands, discovered the area from locals who told them two children were hurt by unexploded ordnance scattered throughout the field.

"What we are doing here is important, this area has one of the highest priorities," Fielder said. "We needed to clear it as soon as we could."



Photo by Spc. Jason B. Baker

**Brig. Gen. Lloyd Austin, assistant division commander for maneuvers, 3rd Infantry Division, thanks the U.S. Quick Reaction De-mining Force based out of Mozambique .**

# Military

## River patrol helps protect 3rd ACR troopers

by Sgt. 1st Class Gary L. Qualls Jr.  
3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment

**AR RAMADI, Iraq** — It's not the job they planned on doing over here, but engineers from Bismarck, N.D., are helping 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment troopers sleep better at night by patrolling the waterway.

A platoon in the 957th Engineer Company, which normally makes bridges, was given the mission to patrol the Euphrates River because the regiment needed some support securing the waterway.

"Some officers from the head-

quarters (Rifles Base) came and said they're glad we're here for that reason," said Staff Sgt. Chris Walker, river patrol noncommissioned officer in charge.

The River Patrol is fully integrated into the 3rd ACR force protection plan and is a member of the 3rd ACR team at Rifles Base.

The River Patrol crew set up its operation May 24 to 26.

"We've got a good group of guys," Walker said. "Most of them are NCOs who are experienced in



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Gary Qualls Jr.

**Sgt. Darrin Johnson, an engineer in the 957th Engineer Company, watches his sector, during a platoon patrol on the Euphrates River along Rifles Base in Ar Ramadi.**

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# Military Briefs

## Hours of operation

**Information, Tickets and Registration Office and the Outdoor Recreation Complex Information Desk** have been combined in an effort to better serve customers. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For information call 526-2083 or 526-5366.

For official travel services, Carlson-Wagonlit Travel, in building 1012 on Long Street, is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and until 3 p.m. on training holidays.

Travelers are reminded to bring three copies of travel orders when picking up tickets for official travel. Soldiers and family members must have one original and one copy of their "travelopes" and three copies of each order, to include amendments, for overseas permanent changes of station. If you cannot pick up your tickets in person, you can fax a copy of orders to 526-1142 or 576-5262 for issuance of an e-ticket.

Please call 576-5188 to confirm

receipt of faxed orders. Tickets will not be issued without orders. If you do not use your ticket, you must bring it and two copies of your orders. If you were issued an e-ticket and did not travel, you still must bring in two copies of orders to process a refund for the unused ticket.

### Legal Assistance hours —

Hours at the Legal Assistance are back to normal. Walk-ins to see attorneys are Mondays and Fridays only; sign in is at 12:30 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis. Powers of Attorney and notaries are done on a walk-in basis 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m.

### New CIF Hours

Effective immediately, individuals may conduct their business at Central Issue Facility (draw, turn-in, DX) during the following times:

**Building 330:** Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from noon to 3 p.m.; Tuesdays 8-11 a.m.; Wednesdays 8-11 a.m.

**Building 309** (desert items): Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 8 to 11 a.m. and noon to 3 p.m. There may be an occasional change to the hours if there is a large unit mobilizing or

demobilizing. The change will be put out through e-mail, mobilization meetings, command sergeant major channels and signs at CIF.

Turn-in of complete TA-50 (End of Time in Service, Permanent Change of Station) is by appointment; call 526-5512.

Bulk issue or turn-in of items by supply sergeants must still be done by appointment. Appointments should be made with Connie Thompson, CIF, at 524-2006.

## Briefings

### Special Forces briefings —

Special Forces recruiting briefings are Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. at the Grant Library for males in the pay grades E-3 to E-7 with a general test score of 100 or higher and who are U.S. citizens.

### ETS/Transition briefing

**schedule** — In order for soldiers to receive their end of time in service orders, soldiers must attend an End of Term of Service briefing. Soldiers may sign in at 7:15 a.m. and the briefing begins at 7:30 a.m. in building 1118, room 317.

For more information call the Transition Center at 526-2240 or 526-4298.

**The Commanding General's Newcomers' Brief** is the third Wednesday of each month, 1 to 3

p.m. at McMahon Theater.

## Laundry Service

**Post Laundry Service** — The Post Laundry service provides free laundry and dry cleaning service to soldiers for government-owned property only. Items issued by the Central Issue Facility should be cleaned at the Post Laundry prior to turn in. Soldiers are reminded to allow extra time for items to return from the cleaners. It is not recommended to pick up your equipment on the same day as the scheduled CIF appointment.

The turn around for the service is 72 hours. No appointment is necessary. The Post Laundry will not clean personal items like BDUs, boots, tent pegs, canteens, entrenching tools or wet-weather gear. Material TA-50 items that can be washed include: sleeping bag assembly, chemical suits, Gortex, ruck sacks, coveralls, CVC jackets and most web equipment.

Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 3:45 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, excluding holidays. For more information, call 526-8806 or 526-8804.

**Editor's note:** The deadline for submitting "briefs" to the Mountaineer is 5 p.m. Friday before publication.

## River

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operating a boat."

The boats the engineers use are called Bridge Erection Boats.

They are normally used for constructing bridges over moats, gorges and crossings. Walker describes them as "big jet skis." They have twin diesel Sabre jet engines.

"The boats do have a steering wheel, but they also have control levers — like a tank," he explained.

Six soldiers man the boats, two with crew-served weapons in the back, an operator and an assistant in the front and two soldiers on the engine compartment in the middle.

The patrol has several runs at various times

during the day and night. There are eight different routes they follow, all selected randomly. The patrol has a total of four boats. Sometimes they only send one or two boats on patrols and, at other times, they send all four, Walker said.

It can feel vulnerable being out in the open on the river, Walker said, but the boats are extremely maneuverable.

"If we do take fire, we can definitely get out of the area," he said.

"And we can always dismount if we need to," added Spc. Heith Dokken.

The patrol has come "too close for comfort" to gunfire on its river runs once so far, though it was hard to tell whether shots were being directly fired at the crew, crew members said.

The crew has been effective in the short time it has been here as indicated by the fact that there have been no incidents at the base since they started

the patrols.

"Everybody seems to be pretty happy we're here," Walker said. "It's a pretty good mission, I think."

"I'd say it's a combat engineer's dream," offered Sgt. Jeff Duckwitz, who is a combat engineer.

"It's an important job," added Sgt. Darrin Johnson. "The best way to secure the waterway is by being on the water."

Besides keeping cavalry troopers safe, the engineers are also helping the Iraqi people because they are enforcing the wishes of the local community that fishermen not use grenades to aid them in fishing efforts.

"It was scaring the locals," Duckwitz said.

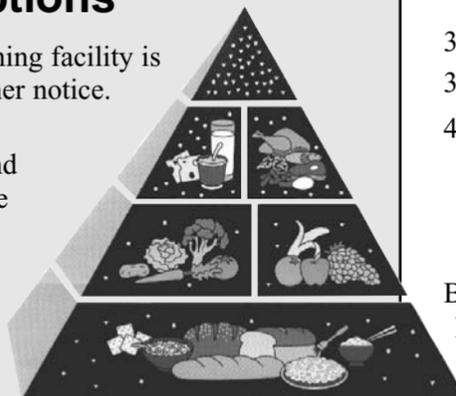
"I think it's good for us to help the people," Duckwitz said. "It (Operation Iraqi Freedom) was about bullets and bombs; now it's about trying to win over the hearts and minds of the people."

# Dining Schedule

Week of May 31 to June 6

## Exceptions

- 10th SFG (A) dining facility is closed until further notice.
- Building 1040 and building 2461 are closed today through Sunday.



## Saturday, Sunday and Training Holiday Dining Facilities

3rd BCT Iron BDE. (building 2061)  
3rd ACR Cav. House. (building 2461)  
43rd ASG (building 1040)

## Saturday, Sunday and Training Holiday Meal Hours

Breakfast 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.  
Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Dinner 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

## Weekday Dining Facilities

43rd ASG Cheyenne Mtn. Inn (building 1040)  
3rd ACR CAV House (building 2461)  
3rd ACR Butts Army Airfield (building 9612)  
3rd BCT Iron Bde. (building 2061)

## Weekday Meal Hours

Breakfast 6 to 9 a.m. (All facilities)  
7 to 9 a.m. (Cheyenne Mtn. Inn)  
Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Dinner 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

## Greenback

# Finance ETS/chapter briefings mandatory

by 1st Lt. Theodore Stutz  
4th Finance Battalion

Soldiers near their end of time in service or being chaptered within 60 days, even if they don't have orders yet, need to attend a mandatory finance briefing at building 1118, held Wednesdays at 9 a.m., starting June 18.

On the first Wednesday of every month, the brief will be in conjunction with G-1's mandatory out-processing brief held at the same location. The G-1 briefing starts at 7:15 a.m. If a soldier can't make it on the first Wednesday, he must come to one of the following briefings. This will be a soldier's initial finance ETS/chapter briefing, which will start the financial separation process, answer any questions and ensure pay due is received in a timely manner.

### Government travel cards

Effective immediately, all military personnel with a government travel card must check the "split dis-

bursement" option when submitting travel voucher settlements. The split disbursement payment option allows money charged to the card to be sent directly to the government charge card account, eliminating the traveler as a middleman. The soldier is then sent any left over money, usually the per-diem amount.

To elect the split-disbursement payment option:

1. Make sure an electronic funds transfer relationship has been established with your designated financial institution.
2. Calculate the amount you charged to your government charge card account and enter that amount on the travel voucher (DD 1351-2) in block one after checking the "Split Disbursement" box.

Example: Traveler has charged \$600 on a travel card and is due a total of \$725 in official travel reimbursement. In block one of the travel voucher, the soldier selects the government charge card split-disbursement option and enters \$600. Payment for

hotels, meals and rental car expense is sent directly to the charge card company. The remaining \$125 reimbursement is sent via EFT to a designated financial institution account.

Unit commanders, or their authorized representative, signing block 20c on the travel voucher must ensure the split disbursement block was checked and the appropriate amount was entered on the line. The goal is to minimize delinquent travel card payments and get soldiers paid in a timely manner.

### New hours of operation

Finance customer service, located in building 1854, will now have the following hours of operation:  
Monday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thursday open 1 to 3 p.m., only if Thursday is end of month payday.

Finance will be closed June 6 all day for our organizational day.

# Send in the trash

## Recycling magician makes it disappear

by Spc. Matt Milham

14th Public Affairs Detachment

Many magicians wow audiences by making elephants and tigers disappear. Besides being a travesty for the zoo industry, the usefulness of such a task hardly demands accolades. But finally, there's a magician doing something useful — he's making garbage disappear.

Fort Carson's Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management concluded its Earth Day activities by inviting a recycling magician to perform 12 shows at schools on and surrounding post to teach students about the usefulness of and need for recycling.

The gymnasium at Abrams Elementary played venue to two of the shows Friday afternoon. About 500 students from pre-kindergarten through fifth grade participated with waving hands and laughter, volunteering for bit parts in the show as magician Pete McLeod acted out stories and performed magic tricks.

What appeared to be an ordinary, rolled-up newspaper grew to a height of about 15 feet, nearly touching the ceiling before toppling to the ground through a background soundtrack of falling trees. The newspaper tree represented the nearly three million trees used each year to make newsprint for the New York Times, said McLeod.

While the magic drew the awe one might expect of such a young crowd, the excitement peaked when McLeod held out what appeared to be an ordinary green pencil.

"This pencil is made from recycled dollar bills," said McLeod. "It says it right here on the pencil — 'This pencil is made from \$7.33 in recycled money.' That's an expensive pencil."

The children seemed most impressed by ordinary items made from recycled materials. Besides the money pencil, there were pencils made from old

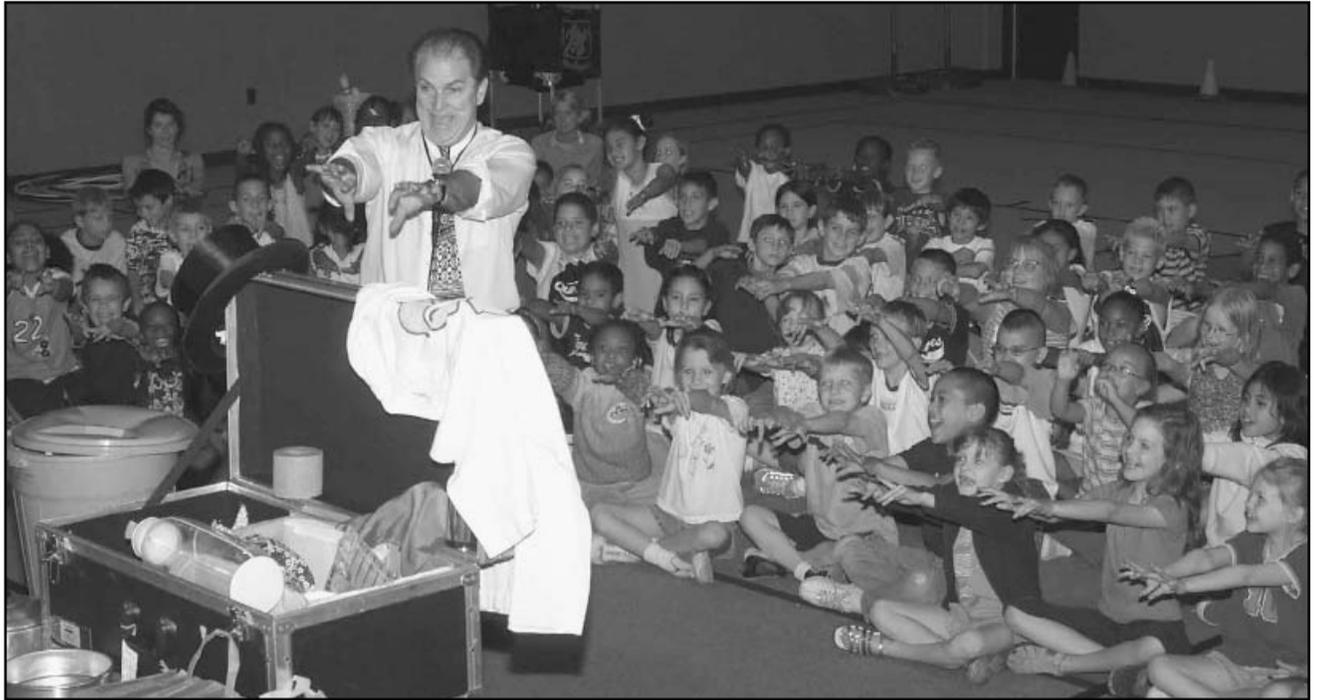


Photo by Spc. Matt Milham

**Magician Pete McLeod enlists the help of Abrams Elementary School students in magically recycling a trash monster.**

blue jeans and from cardboard, shoe laces made from recycled soda bottles and rulers made from recycled phone books.

***"Magicians can make handkerchiefs disappear, but garbage doesn't just disappear. That's why we have to recycle."***

**Pete McLeod**  
Recycling magician

Rather than turn handkerchiefs into pigeons or pull bunnies from a hat, McLeod opted to demonstrate the magic of making an intact newspaper from scraps he took from the garbage.

"Magicians can make handkerchiefs disappear," said McLeod covering a cola bottle with a green handkerchief, "but garbage doesn't just disappear. That's why we have to recycle."

For the finale, McLeod brought out a garbage can inhabited by a monster made of paper scraps. With the audience's help, a chant of "recycle it," the monster was transformed into a whole sheet of paper with the words, "Thank you for recycling

me," written on it.

Roughly 3,000 students from six schools attended the magic shows. It was the first time the program, which was developed about a decade ago by Timothy Wenk, has been in Colorado. McLeod is just one of a handful of recycling magicians under the employ of Timothy Wenk Magic, based in New York.

The 3,000 who attended the shows accounted for more than half of the students who benefited from this year's Earth Day activities.

"We have affected over 5,000 kids with our programs" this year, said Dan Gray, a forestry technician with DECAM's agronomy department and organizer of DECAM's Earth Day activities.

The previous year's Earth Day activities drew 1,160 students — a mark passed this year by attendance at the magic shows alone.

"I think the face of Earth Day is going to be a lot broader next time," Gray said, already looking forward to next year's program.

## AFAP issue: Fitness fees reviewed locally

by Nancy A. Montville  
Army Family Action Plan

Fort Carson held its annual Army Family Action Plan Conference in November of 2002. There were more than 100 attendees who represented seven work groups to include Housing/relocation, force support, family support/ volunteers/employment, benefits/entitlements, Directorate of Community Activities and consumer affairs, and child and youth and education.

An issue prioritized by the DCA and Consumer Affairs workgroup was fitness program fees.

The scope of this issue stated soldiers and family members are discouraged from taking full advantage of fitness programs due to out-of-pocket costs. This results in fewer opportunities for the Fort Carson community to use existing facilities and maintain

good health. The workgroup had the following recommendations:

Eliminate fees for all fitness programs (i.e. pool, aerobics, kickboxing)

Identify funds from other programs to support costs of fitness programs,

Certify fitness trainers to eliminate fees paid by patrons.

McDonald Kemp, director, DCA responded to this issue. He stated the Fort Carson community currently enjoys many fitness benefits at no cost. There are five Physical Fitness Centers available from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. on a daily basis at no cost. The PFC contains hundreds of thousands of dollars of state-of-the-art fitness equipment available for any member of the community to use at no charge. There are certified fitness trainers in every facility. The fitness trainers demonstrate how to use each piece of equipment and work with individuals to set up a program

designed to help them reach their personal fitness goals. There is no charge for these services. With the automated FITLIX system at Forrest and Garcia fitness centers, your progress can be tracked every time you work out. Swimming pools are available for military personnel for therapy, lap swimming and fitness workouts at no cost.

Physical fitness programs are also offered, at low or no cost, to enhance an individual's fitness efforts. These programs include intramural sports, various fun runs throughout the year and holiday sports tournaments (softball, basketball, volleyball and racquetball).

Additionally, some programs are offered for a nominal fee. The fee is charged to pay for contracted instructors. Aerobics and spinning are \$2 per class. Aqua Aerobics is \$1.50 per class. The Fort Carson swim lesson fees are the lowest in Colorado Springs. To pro-

vide these programs at no cost would require funding and resources be taken from other programs that are also in high demand by our customers and community. For more information on local fitness programs, call McDonald Kemp at 524-0707.

The AFAP Steering Committee, which meets quarterly and is chaired by the Garrison commander, determined this issue to be complete. The committee concluded that community needs were being met through the current fee structure.

For more information on this issue or to submit a new issue for the next Army Family Action Plan Conference contact Nancy A. Montville, the Fort Carson AFAP Coordinator, at 526-4590, or at [nancy.montville@carson.army.mil](mailto:nancy.montville@carson.army.mil). To get information on Fort Carson Fitness Programs, call McDonald Kemp at 524-0707.

# SATCON soldiers put through paces

by Chief Warrant Officer Garth Hahn  
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Sattellite Control Battalion

On a crisp April morning, soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Satellite Control Battalion headed out to Range No. 8 on Fort Carson for a day of common task and soldier skill training in a situational exercise.

Organized and led by Sgt. 1st Class Travis Adams, unit first sergeant, the exercise held April 3 pitted three teams of soldiers against a variety of situations that required them to react in a prescribed manner. Skills tested included land navigation, patrolling and other general Army tasks.

The day started off with an interactive class on individual camouflaging, requiring the full participation of all attending. This process resulted in everyone getting camouflaged and ready to start the range, as well as setting the mood for the day — motivated. After a range and safety briefing warning about the variety of flora, fauna and animals that may cause the soldiers problems if disturbed, the soldiers were sent to different start points with an evaluator.

From the start point assigned, each team leader was given an opera-

tion order to brief back the soldiers on the team. Then, following an azimuth and using their pace count, the team moved out to accomplish its mission.

One participant, Sgt. David Denio, described the daylong activity.

“We were tested with a variety of realistic events that forced us to work through some fairly challenging problems. My favorite event was moving the ‘downed pilot.’”

That task entailed transporting a life-sized dummy, representing a downed pilot, half a kilometer to an extraction point. Each of the teams handled this task with different carries and one modified stretcher.

Other tasks included reacting to indirect fire, direct fire, and performing medivac procedures.

At the conclusion of the range, the weary teams worked their way back to the start points for an after-action review and a re-enlistment.

The day’s range activities provided the soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Company the opportunity to satisfy an annual training requirement, with the additional bonus of it being paired with an unusual event. Out of the office and into the “field” is sometimes the best way to break out of the day-to-day routine and make things new again.



Photo by Sgt. Mark Rickert. 372nd Public Affairs Detachment

## Petting zoo in Iraq ...

Barbara Maas, chief executive of Care for the Wild International, feeds a starving camel at the petting zoo in Baghdad. Soldiers with the 354th Civil Affairs Brigade, in conjunction with the Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance, seized more than 30 neglected animals from Luna Park’s petting zoo in Baghdad May 11.

## Roundup

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weapons used against us as we conduct operations,” he said. The squadron is also trying to apprehend former Ba’ath Party members with these raids. The Ba’ath Party was ousted former dictator Saddam Hussein’s political party. The squadron either apprehended the individuals targeted in their objective or relatives or others with connections to help facilitate the eventual apprehension of these criminals, Davis said.

Sabre Sqdn. also surrounded an MEK compound and captured the political dissidents there. MEKs are Iranians who opposed the Shaw in Iran and fled Iran to fight with Iraq in the Iraq/Iran War.

A Sabre Squadron soldier was critically wounded during security operations during the period. An unidentified soldier fired an M-203 rifle grenade at a door in order to gain access to the facility. The grenade failed to penetrate the door and fragments scattered, wounding the soldier in the temple area. The soldier was evacuated to a local military treatment facility and is listed in guarded condition.

### 3rd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment

Thunder Squadron, like Tiger Squadron, is securing the Syrian Border. Thunder Squadron’s border security team is more to the west, and its responsibility includes part of the Jordanian border as well. Thunder Squadron is also conducting patrols with local police. Is is also monitoring Iraqi security forces on the northern checkpoint

along the Syrian border to ensure proper checkpoint operations occur. They unit also escorts fuel trucks from Jordan and provides humanitarian relief at an Italian Field Hospital in the theater of operations.

### 4th Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment

Long Knife Squadron helps in squadron raids by providing over-watch support with Apaches and OH-58s. The regiment’s aviation squadron is also providing weapons of mass destruction site inspection support and reconnaissance of the Euphrates River for emplacement of Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Unit System. The squadron will continue all combat reconnaissance and patrols to operational control units in the sector as well as resupply missions.

### Regimental Support Squadron

Muleskinner Squadron continues the massive effort of providing food and support for more than 8,000 soldiers over a “huge area,” Davis said — a world-class logistical challenge.

### 2nd Battalion, 5th Field Artillery

The 2nd Bn., 5th F.A., 3rd ACR’s habitual field artillery unit on deployments, has been providing security for Al Anbar University in Ar Ramadi.

The 2nd Bn., 5th F.A.’s efforts made free elections possible at the university May 17 where school officials, including the president, vice president and dean of students were elected. The 2nd Bn., 5th FA also snatched the former president and vice president of the university to make the university elections possible.

### 571st Medical Evacuation Company

Three soldiers from the 571st Medical Evacuation Company, the regiment’s habitual medical evacuation unit, died this past week while attempting to rescue a young Iraqi child in Tikrit. The medical personnel were sent in two Black Hawk helicopters to the Tikrit area to help the child, who had suffered serious head injuries when unexploded ordnance went off outside Samarra, according to a Stars and Stripes newspaper report.

The Black Hawks landed near the Tigris River and the child was put into the first helicopter, which took off without problems, officials said. But the second helicopter snagged a wire across the river as it took off, flipping the Black Hawk over and into the water, the newspaper reported. One of the crew members was able to swim to shore and survived the incident, but the other three could not be saved.

### Civil Affairs

The regiment is currently clearing roadways of debris and doing some light road reconstruction work. It will soon provide security at United Nations food distribution sites.

The regiment is in the assessment stage of determining what additional humanitarian and infrastructure improvement measures it will undertake, Davis said.

“Once the system (the reconstructed government) is in place, it will work well,” Davis said.

“The general population is happy we’re here. I look forward to continuing to help these people and seeing them get to the point where they can govern themselves.”

# Law protects mobilized soldiers' jobs

## Reserve, National Guard soldiers' civilian jobs protected under USERRA federal law

by 1st Lt. Neil Stephenson  
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate  
Legal Assistance Division

Thousands of Army Reserve and National Guard soldiers have been deployed to and from Fort Carson in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The time will come, of course, for them to return to their families, their homes and their civilian jobs. The Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act of 1994 is a federal law protecting the right of servicemembers to return to the civilian jobs they had prior to their military service. It applies to voluntary as well as involuntary military service.

To be eligible for USERRA protection, an employee must meet five tests: 1) the employee must have had a civilian job prior to being activated (temporary jobs do not qualify for protection); 2) the employee must give the civilian employer notice that the employee will be leaving the job for military training or service; 3) the employee must not exceed the five-year limit on period of service (see below); 4) the employee must be released from military service under honorable conditions; 5) the employee must report back to the civilian job in a timely manner.

USERRA generally requires that an employee give advance written or oral notice to the civilian employer. This requirement will be waived, however, if such notification is impossible, unreasonable or prohibited by Department of Defense regulations. USERRA is silent about how much advance notice is required, but common courtesy dictates that the more time, the better.

There is a five-year limit on total military service under USERRA. While a soldier's military service after Dec. 12, 1994 counts toward the five-year limit of service, the limit only applies to a single civilian employer. That is, if a soldier starts a new job with a new employer, there is a new five-year limit.

Many activated reservists and National Guard members hold state or federal government jobs in the civilian world in which they receive 15 days of paid military leave annually. When the employee has used these 15 days of paid military leave, USERRA gives the employee the right either to use accrued civilian leave or to take an unpaid leave of absence. Moreover, an employee, whether in the public or private sector, may not be forced to use earned vacation, unless there is a standard work slowdown at a certain time of year and all employees are required to take their vacations during that time and the employee's period of military service coincides with that period.

USERRA mandates how long a soldier has to return to civilian employment following active military service. This depends on how long the employee performed military service:

1) For periods of service of 30 consecutive days or less, the employee is required to return to work for the first full regularly scheduled work period on the day following the completion of the period of service and safe transportation home plus an eight-hour period for rest.



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2) For periods of service of 31 to 180 days, the employee must submit an application for re-employment, either written or oral, with the civilian employer not later than 14 days after the completion of the period of service.

3) For periods of service of 181 days or more, the employee must submit an application for re-employment no later than 90 days after completion of the period of service.

USERRA further protects the soldier's right to civilian employee benefits during a deployment. The law gives the employee the right to elect continued health insurance coverage for both the servicemember and any covered family members during periods of military service. For periods of up to 30 days of service, the civilian employer can require the soldier to pay only the employee share of the cost of such coverage. For periods longer than 30 days, the employer can charge the soldier up to 102 percent of the entire premium. Upon reporting back to civilian employment, USERRA gives the employee and any previously covered dependent the right to immediate reinstatement of health insurance coverage. Civilian insurers are prohibited from imposing waiting periods or excluding preexisting conditions — unless those conditions are service-connected. This right exists whether or not the soldier elects to continue civilian health insurance coverage during the deployment. Similarly, USERRA requires a civilian employer to provide the same non-seniority benefits (like holiday pay or life insurance coverage) to the soldier during the period of service as the employer offers to other employees on furlough or leave of absence.

USERRA provides an employee four entitlements upon application for re-employment, after periods of military service of 31 days or more:

1) prompt reinstatement into the same or comparable position held prior to entry into military service (see below);

2) accrued seniority and all

benefits determined by seniority, such as job status, rate of pay, pension vesting and credit for the period for pension benefit computations;

3) training or retraining and other accommodations (which may be vital if the soldier has had a long period of absence or incurred a service-connected disability—see below);

4) and special protection against discharge, except

for cause.

The period of this protection is 180 days following periods of service of 31-180 days and one year for periods of service of 181 days or more.

USERRA also provides that, if the employee's period of service was less than 91 days, the employee must be reinstated to the position the employee would have attained, "but for" the service-related absence, so long as the employee is still qualified for that position or can become so. If the employee is unable to become qualified for a new job after reasonable efforts on the part of the employer, the employee is entitled to the job previously held. For periods of military service of 91 days or more, the employer has three options:

1) assigning the employee the position the employee would have attained

2) re-employing the employee in the old position

3) or reassigning the employee a position of seniority, status and pay comparable to the old position.

If the employee has been gone from a civilian job for months or years, there is the substantial risk that civilian job skills may suffer from disuse. An employee must be qualified to do the job in order to have re-employment rights under USERRA, but the law requires the employer to make "reasonable efforts" to qualify the former soldier to perform the job. These efforts include training and other actions which do not place an unreasonable burden on the employer.

If the employee can not become qualified after reasonable efforts by the employer and the employee is not disabled, the employee must be assigned to another position that the employee is qualified to perform. In this case, however, the employer is permitted to offer a position of lesser status and pay, but rights of seniority are unaffected.

In the event of a service connected disability, USERRA requires the employer to make "reasonable efforts" to accommodate the disability. If, upon completion of military service, the employee is suffering from a service-connected disability and the disability cannot be accommodated by reasonable employer efforts, the employer is required to assign the employee to another position for which the employee is qualified and that is the most similar position to which the employee otherwise would perform in terms of seniority and pay.

One of the most important rights USERRA affords is the protection from discrimination by a civilian employer. The law prohibits an employer from denying initial employment, reemployment, retention in employment, promotion, or any benefit of employment on the basis of military service. USERRA also prohibits retaliation against employees who exercise their rights under the law

Because USERRA's entitlements and restrictions often are complicated, servicemembers with questions

### Who to call ...

Members of the Army Reserve or National Guard with questions about their civilian employment have a number of resources available, starting with their command and a Legal Assistance Attorney.

Additional guidance is available through the National Committee for Employer Support to the Guard and Reserve, toll-free at (800) 336-4590. If an employee believes an employer has violated the employee's rights under USERRA and the employee wishes to file a formal complaint, the point of contact is the Veterans' Employment and Training Service of the United States Department of Labor, toll free at (800) 442-2838. VETS investigate USERRA-related complaints.

# Community

## A dangerous disease ...

*6.2 percent of the population is affected, but many people aren't diagnosed ... how does diabetes still go unrecognized?*

by Spc. Chris Smith

14th Public Affairs Detachment

Nearly 17 million people in the United States have diabetes. That's 6.2 percent of the population. Of those afflicted, 5.9 million have yet to be diagnosed.

These numbers are significant enough that most people know someone suffering from diabetes. With such high numbers, it can seem almost unbelievable the ailment is rarely mentioned on various media outlets.

The lack of notoriety does not mean it isn't dangerous. Diabetes accounts for 65 percent of all non-traumatic amputations and has been successfully linked to early death from both heart disease and stroke.

As there is no vaccine or cure for diabetes; no one is immune from developing it. Diabetes is a group of diseases characterized by high levels of blood glucose resulting in defects from insulin production, insulin action or both. The disease most commonly occurs in three forms:

- Type one diabetes accounts for 5 to 10 percent of all diabetes and primarily occurs in juveniles, also often causing insulin dependence.

- Type two diabetes accounts for 90 to 95 percent of all diabetes and primarily occurs in adults but is increasingly being diagnosed in children and adolescents.

- Gestational diabetes only occurs in pregnant women and primarily only exists during the pregnancy.

"(In the military) we see the same frequency (of diagnoses) as the rest of society," said Dr. Jo Vickers, diabetes education at Evans Army Community Hospital. "You'd think with the activity it would be less, but



**Many diabetics are insulin-dependent, some taking up to three shots a day to provide them with the much needed sugar-regulating substance. When a person develops diabetes, it's due to defects in their insulin production, action or both, causing many diabetics to depend on supplements for survival.**

it's due to family history ... genetics."

People with diabetes survive through a myriad of treatments. Some require multiple shots of insulin a day, others require just oral medication and some need both to survive.

The severe implications that can arise due to diabetes include: cardiovascular disease, amputation of extremities, kidney disease and death.

Diabetes is the fifth leading

death-causing disease in America and accounts for 88 million disability days each year, as well as causing 176,000 cases of disability that cost an average of \$7.5 billion a year.

The military prohibits enlistment of people who have diabetes, but if a servicemember develops diabetes after joining, they have to go before a Medical Retention Board to determine whether or not service can be continued, said Vickers.

The symptoms of diabetes vary, but Vickers said some common signs are urinating more, drinking more water, experiencing a change in vision or a sudden loss of weight. Yet, she said the best indicator is

family history.

"People with a strong family history should be checked yearly," said Vickers. "If you're diagnosed early,

the chance of developing the more serious problems lessons."

To get checked for diabetes, all soldiers have to do is request a test from their respective troop medical clinic.

Those who are diabetic need to be aware that most

of the responsibility regarding their treatment falls on them.

"Old habits are hard to break; 95 percent of the diabetes treatment is individual, the other 5 is done by a physician," said Vickers. "The diabetic has to be involved."

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### Know the facts ...

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# Community Events

## Construction update:

**Gate 4** — Construction on Gate 4 has been reduced from four phases to two phases in hopes the new gate facilities will be completed before the majority of the deployed troops return. This move reduces the construction time by 60 days. Construction will begin Monday after the early morning rush and then both incoming and outgoing traffic will be necked down to one lane in each direction along Barkeley during the first phase of the construction. Phase 1 will push Magrath to the east and will include construction of the two major islands, similar to Gate 1. Once Phase 1 is complete, incoming and outgoing traffic will be diverted to the McGrath side during Phase 2. Phase 2 will consist of the completion of the gate house complex. Completion is expected sometime between September and October.

**Gate 2** — Construction at Gate 2 is progressing. Part of this effort is to replace and enlarge the drainage culvert that runs under Harr, just south of O'Connell intersection. It will require that Harr be blocked from O'Connell to Fort Street for at least three days. This is scheduled to start Monday, after school has been let out for the summer. This will be the only closure required that will impact traffic, and the contractor will make every effort to complete this task on or ahead of schedule.

## Miscellaneous

**Asian Pacific Heritage Month Celebration** — Come celebrate the Asian Pacific Heritage Month at the Elkhorn Conference Center today from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a variety of dances performed including Hawaiian, Samoan, Filipino, Micronesia/Guam and belly dancing. Food and displays will also be available.

**Grass mowing** — Due to budget constraints, grass mowing this season by the Directorate of Public Works, BASOPS contractor, LB&B, will be greatly reduced. The following areas will be the only areas mowed by LB&B: Nelson Boulevard from Gate 1 to Chiles Avenue; Manhart Field; Headquarters building 1430 and Pershing Field. Other building occupants will be required to mow their own grass up to and including 50 feet around their building. For additional information, contact Don

Fuhrman at 526-2215.

**Lawn Service** — JA Jones and SolSource are announcing a lawn mowing and trimming service beginning Monday. The cost is \$10 per week paid in advance. For more information, contact Carmen Givens at the Fort Carson Family Housing Finance Office, building 7301.

**On-post housing availability** — Any family waiting for junior enlisted on-post housing needs to come into the housing office in building 7301 Woodfill Road, room 104, and immediately verify their status on the waiting list, as well as update their contact information. The housing office has several homes becoming available in the very near future. Due to deployments and soldiers changing unit locations, we are having difficulties reaching those soldiers and/or their spouses. Hours of operation are Mondays through Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information or questions, call 526-2323.

**Step out of bounds** — Fort Carson's only instructional walking program, the Fort Carson Well Walker's program, will start their first walk June 10 at 8 a.m., and then every Tuesday and Thursday for the duration of the summer. Pre-registration is required. Call the Mountain Post Wellness Center for more information and to receive your registration packet at 526-3887.

**ACAP job openings** — Army Career and Alumni Program currently has the following jobs listings for interested personnel. For more information about the jobs, call 526-1002.

**What:** Counterterrorism analyst in Colorado Springs Who: Anyone with a secret security clearance, BA or 3 to 5 years experience

**What:** Loss Prevention Officer in Colorado Springs, (nationwide positions also available)

**What:** Heavy equipment mechanics, nationwide opening Who: Anyone with three years experience

**What:** Turret mechanics in the Middle East Who: 45 Series, DS Level minimum E-5

**What:** Physician assistant in the Middle East Who: WO preferred, current license required.

**What:** Equipment Operator in Rock Springs, Wyo.; Bakersfield, Calif.; and Farmington, N.M. Must have a clean driving records and no driving under the influence incidents. Anyone in the ranks of E-3 to E-6 may apply.

**What:** QC Technician in Boulder. Bachelor of science in chemistry required.

**What:** Engineering Technical Manager in Boulder. Bachelor of engineering required.

**What:** Web Maintenance Program Analyst in the Colorado Springs area. High school diploma and three to five years experience required.

**What:** Linguists with a bachelor of arts in the Colorado Springs area.

For more information, contact ACAP at 526-1002.

**The American Red Cross is accepting applications** for the Volunteer Youth Program. Applications may be picked up at the Red Cross office, Evans Army Community Hospital, room 1801, Mondays through Fridays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 526-7144.

**The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will be sponsoring an in-service day** Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the CPAC Conference Room. This event will give employees an opportunity to meet with health care representatives and ask questions regarding health care coverage. Representatives include: Pacificare, Kaiser, Mail Handlers and Blue Cross/Blue Shield. For more information, call 526-6971.

**Vehicle Loading ramps** — From Monday through July 18, the Directorate of Logistics' Vehicle Storage yard loading ramps, building 8020, can not be used for loading or unloading of vehicles due to construction. The loading ramps are being upgraded at that time. Units that need loading or unloading of trucks will need to use one of the two docks located on Minick Avenue (behind unit motorpools). For more information, call Allen Jackson, DOL engineering technician, 526-2896, or Roy Hakenberg, 526-6042.

## Water restrictions

**Fort Carson is currently at Stage II — Level B watering restrictions** until further notice due to ongoing drought conditions. The *Mountaineer* will publish detailed, updated watering guidance for Fort Carson when released. For more information on current water restriction or Stage II — Level B watering guidance, visit the Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management Web site at [www.carson.army.mil/Decam/Homepage.html](http://www.carson.army.mil/Decam/Homepage.html) or log on to the Colorado Springs Utilities web site at [www.csu.org](http://www.csu.org).

## Claims against the estate of:

**Chief Warrant Officer Brian K. Van Dusen:** With deepest regret to the family of Chief Warrant Officer Brian K. Van Dusen, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate would contact Capt. Jae Pyon at 524-3529.

**Cpl. Richard Paul Carl:** With deepest regret to the family of Cpl. Richard Paul Carl, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 2nd Lt. Adam Grow at 524-3529.

**Chief Warrant Officer Hans N. Gukeisen:** With deepest regret to the family of Chief Warrant Officer Hans N. Gukeisen, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 1st Lt. Daniel R. Thompson at 382-8858 or 526-1954.

**Maj. Earl William Schram:** With deepest regret to the family of Chief Maj. Earl William Schram, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact Capt. Paul Creal at 524-1281.

# New initiative allows soldiers to train, arrive together

## Army News Service

**WASHINGTON**—The Unit Manning Task Force now has a dedicated Web site that can be accessed via PERSCOM On-line and AKO

The new site at [www.unitmanning.army.mil](http://www.unitmanning.army.mil) provides unit manning information in five broad categories: overview, research/history, current events, products, and discussion/feedback.

The Army announced May 5 that it will use the 172nd Infantry Brigade (Separate) as the first unit to use unit manning personnel polices instead of the current personnel system of individual replacements. The 172nd, based at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, will use the Unit Manning Initiative as it becomes the

third Army unit to transform into a Stryker Brigade Combat Team.

Under the Unit Manning Initiative, groups of soldiers will arrive together at a unit and train together day-to-day, through a standard 36-month tour, said Lt. Col. Paul Thornton, unit manning action officer. He said under the current individual replacement system, soldiers leave and come into units on a monthly basis.

The current system requires constant retraining of individual and collective tasks to get new soldiers up to speed, Thornton said.

Unit manning will support Personnel Transformation, enable unit rotations, and provide cohesive Army units that will excel in the uncertain

environment faced today, personnel officials said.

There are many misconceptions about unit manning, according to members of the task force. They said the Web site will help clarify the issues.

“Unit manning is not COHORT,” explained Lt. Col. Dave Goehring, a program manager on the task force, “this site will provide soldiers with the latest information on this Army initiative.”

Task force members also encourage soldiers to check the Web site often and provide suggestions.

**Editor's note:** Information provided by G-1 and a previous ARNEWS article on unit manning by Joe Burlas, posted May 5.

Making a difference ...

# Carson volunteers help community

by Gwen Ragle

## Installation Volunteer Coordinator

Volunteers serve in various community programs that positively impact the quality of life and well-being of the youth and adults who live, work and play at Fort Carson. Many community and family support programs would not be able to provide the programs and services without the valuable contributions of our volunteers.

The American Red Cross began on a battlefield. Today, the same spirit is present wherever American troops are deployed. Red Cross paid and volunteer staffs meet the special needs of military personnel who put themselves in harm's way to ensure our security.

Around the clock and around the world, the American Red Cross provides a unique communication network to link members of the military any place in the world with their loved ones waiting back home. At Fort Carson, volunteers at our hospital, dental, and veterinary clinics have contributed countless hours of customer service along side of hospital staff to ensure patients receive the highest quality of care and service possible.

You can give to your community and get something back. Learning new skills or keeping skills current in the high mobile military family is sometimes difficult. The American Red Cross can help you while you help yourself and the community. Call 526-7144 for informa-

tion about volunteer opportunities with the American Red Cross.

## Chapel volunteers

Volunteers serve in all facets of the Fort Carson chaplain program. Of critical importance is the work they do in providing religious support for soldiers and families in the areas of worship and religious education. Additionally, they offer services in support of youth programs, men and women's groups and administrative support. Volunteers provide quality customer service to the entire Fort Carson Community.

Fort Carson will honor the volunteers of the American Red Cross, ACS, CYS, our schools and scouting programs and other installation volunteer agencies at a community picnic at Ironhorse Park, Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. Join the Installation Volunteer Program and the Fort Carson Morale Support Program and the community for food, entertainment and fun for children and adults. Child and Youth Services will provide children's games and activities. Installation awards for outstanding volunteers will be presented by Maj. Gen. Robert Wilson, commanding general, 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson. We hope to see many of you at Ironhorse Park (inclement weather — the Special Events Center) to recognize Fort Carson volunteers.

Call the Installation Volunteer Coordinator, 526-4590 for more information about volunteer opportunities.



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Aaron, Piera  
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Anderson, Elizabeth  
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Atchinson, Priscilla  
Ayala, Carmen  
Backus, Crystal  
Bagshaw, Ann  
Baker, Travis  
Baker, Wesley  
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Baldwin, Richard  
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# Chaplain's Corner

## Ten Commandments serve as mirror for spiritual life

Commentary by Chap. (Maj.) Nathan Byrd  
5025th Garrison Support Unit

We all use mirrors to check ourselves from time to time. Most of us use some sort of mirror everyday. We use mirrors to make sure something fits properly, that we are wearing our uniform correctly and to look for what is not right about our faces. We use rearview mirrors, wall-mounted mirrors, hand-held mirrors.

I want to talk about a particular type of mirror not made of glass. I want to talk about the Ten Commandments. Many religious traditions mark this time of year as the anniversary of the giving of the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments are foundational to American religiosity. The Ten Commandments also serve as a spiritual mirror.

On this anniversary of the giving of the Ten Commandments, I hope we can think about them in a different way than we have in the past. Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as a list of things that take the fun out of life, I hope we can look at the Ten Commandments as a sort of spiritual mirror to help us see how we look spiritually: to see if we fit

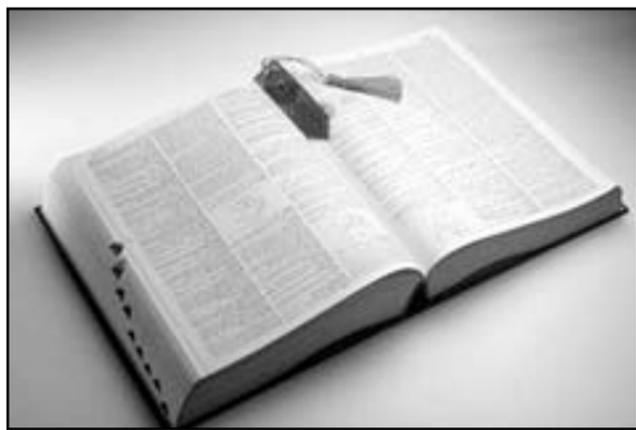
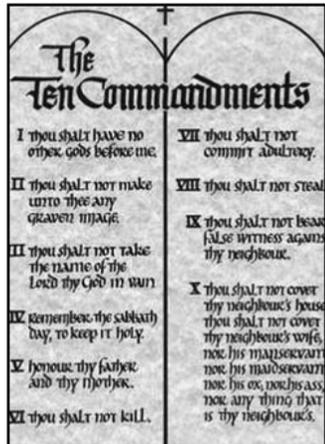
into God's plan properly, to see if we wear our spiritual uniform correctly and to see what is not right about our spiritual faces.

The goal is to look our spiritual best before we go out in order to fix what is going on inside of us. The goal is not to restrain us but to foster the hope that comes with a strong faith.

This spiritual mirror strikes deeply into our mind and memory. We learn that none of us is perfect. At the same time, we learn to live with God as well as with each other.

As we live life, we want to grow. We want to grow on the inside and the outside. Here is a way to see how we are doing, a way for us to check ourselves. Most of us have several different mirrors. Let the Ten Commandments be one more. Only this is a spiritual mirror not only reflecting what is going on on the outside, but also reflecting what is going on in the inside.

Exodus chapter 20, verses one through 17 of the English Bible, contains the historic words we call the Ten Commandments. Take some time to read them. Reflect on them. Discuss them. Ask questions about them. Reflect.



### Chapel

**Wicca group meets at Fort Carson** — There are many "traditions" within Wicca and the tenets, practices and politics vary as they do in many religious groups. The goal for the Fort Carson Open Circle is to allow people of all traditions to come together and learn. They are openly eclectic in that their members are not all of the same faith group but of many different faiths and traditions. They invite those who have years of experience and those who are still seeking their path. The group meets Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Family University Building, next to McKibben Physical Fitness Center, corner Ellis and Barkeley, on Fort Carson. If you have questions please call (719) 229-8948 or 634-7243, or via e-mail [ftcarsonopen-circle@hotmail.com](mailto:ftcarsonopen-circle@hotmail.com).

**Fort Carson AWANA Club:** Making the Gospel fun. AWANA shapes children's lives with good, clean fun, Bible memory and spiritual teaching. AWANA is an international nondenominational organization dedicated to sharing the Gospel with young people. The group is similar to scouting, and participants wear uniforms, earn badges and are motivated through awards. Meetings are held Thursdays from 5:15 to 7 p.m. Spaces are available for adults who want to be ministry leaders. The leadership training is free. For information, contact Susan Webb at 538-9306.

Chapel Schedule					
ROMAN CATHOLIC					
Day	Time	Service	Chapel	Location	Contact Person
M-W-F	noon	Mass	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Battiato/526-5769
Tues., Wed., Thurs.	noon	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
Saturday	5 p.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
Sunday	8 a.m.	Mass	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
Sunday	10:45 a.m.	CRE	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Pat Treacy/526-5744
Sunday	11 a.m.	Mass	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Battiato/526-7386
Sunday	12:15 p.m.	Mass	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	RCIA	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Pat Treacy/526-5744
Saturday	4 p.m.	Reconciliation	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
PROTESTANT					
Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Chap. Kincaid/526-7387
Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Jones/526-4206
Sunday	11 a.m.	Protestant	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Fox/526-8011
Sunday	11 a.m.	Prot./Gospel	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Byrd/526-2811
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Byrd/526-2811
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Dr. Scheck/526-5626
Tuesday	9 a.m.	PWOC	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Fox/524-1166
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Contemporary	Veterans'	Magrath & Titus	Chap. Ellison/526-8890
Tuesday	6 p.m.	PYOC	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Ms. Scheck/524-1166
LITURGICAL					
Sunday	10:45 a.m.	Lutheran	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Lloyd/526-3888
JEWISH					
For information and a schedule of Jewish Sabbath services, call the U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel at 333-2636.					
WICCA					
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.		Family University	Bldg. 1161	Ms. Costantino-Mead
MORMON					
Sunday	2 p.m.	LDS	Provider	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Jones/526-4416
For additional information, contact the Installation Chaplain's Office, building 1550, at 526-5209. Normally, free child care is available during on-post worship services.					

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

- Friday — Psalms 149 & Acts 11-12
- Saturday — 1 Samuel 2:1-10 & Acts 13-14
- Sunday — Isaiah 12:1-6 & Acts 15-16
- Monday — Psalms 150 & Acts 17-18
- Tuesday — Psalms 1 & Acts 19-20
- Wednesday — Psalms 2 & Acts 21-22
- Thursday — Psalms 3 & Acts 23-24

**Chapel**  
**Native American Sweatlodge ceremonies** — Native American Sweatlodge ceremonies (He Ska Akicita Inipi) are offered to military personnel, dependants and DOD personnel for traditional prayer and purification. Fasting before the ceremony is recommended and refreshments are offered following the ceremony. Call Michael Dunning for ceremonial information and directions at 382-5331 or (c) 330-9537

**Youth of the Chapel** — Activities for Protestant and Catholic Middle School and High School Youth take place each Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. Protestant High School activities include Bible Studies on Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and Tuesday 6 p.m. at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. Catholic youth classes meet at 10:45 a.m. Sundays at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel.

**SCUBA is coming** — a "Super Cool Undersea Bible Adventure" or SCUBA will be our 2003 Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m. to noon, June 16 to 20. All children age 4 through 6th grade may attend. Registration is ongoing at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. Space is limited. For information, call Pat Treacy at 526-5744. Vacation Bible School 2003 at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. Registration will close Monday, so register today at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel.

The Army Cycle Of Prayer — Each week the Office of the Army Chief of Chaplains will highlight Army units, the Army at large, the nation and religious organizations to focus prayer. You are invited to join with the chaplain community and pray for these individuals and organizations. Please pray this week for the following:  
**Unit:** For the soldiers, families and leaders of the Army's Fifth Corps ("V Corps"), Victory, headquartered at Campbell Barracks, Heidelberg, Germany.  
**Army:** For all Family Support Groups throughout the Army, and for the thousands of volunteers who ensure Army families are self-sufficient and resilient.  
**State:** For all soldiers and families from the state of Wisconsin. Pray also for Gov. Jim Doyle, the state legislators and municipal officials of the Badger State.  
**Nation:** For the Chairman, Board of Governors and employees of the Federal Reserve, whose expertise guides our free market economy. Pray that God leads them to administrate with a sense of justice and integrity.  
**Religious:** For all Chaplain Assistants throughout the Army (56M), who as members of Unit Ministry Teams ensuring Army soldiers and families everywhere can freely exercise their religious beliefs.  
For more information on the Army Cycle of Prayer, or to pray for items from previous weeks, visit the cycle's Web site at [www.usarmychaplain.com](http://www.usarmychaplain.com).

# Carson targets water purchase reduction

by Susan Galentine-Ketchum

## Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management

Sustainability has many definitions. One accepted way of explaining the concept of sustainability is: “The use of resources to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations (or soldiers) to meet their own needs (mission).”

Water reduction goal for Fort Carson: “Reduce the total water purchased from outside sources by 75 percent from the 2001 baseline by 2027.”

Current ways Fort Carson is reaching its water reduction goal:

- A Xerscape landscape master plan is in development for the cantonment area. Xeriscaping is a water conscious way of designing landscaping by using native, drought-resistant plants; bark; rocks; and by reducing actual turf area.

- Improvement of efficient irrigation equipment to reduce water waste (efficient sprinkler heads, moisture sensors, etc.).

- Increased efforts are underway to reduce water leakage at unit vehicle wash racks, a major source of

water waste.

- There are plans to increase the amount of water recycled for reuse. Currently, the Fort Carson golf course is irrigated with treated waste water, and the Central Vehicle Wash Facility also reuses its water to wash military vehicles.

Things people can do on an individual level:

- Practice water conservation in your day-to-day life. The seemingly small changes in water use can contribute significantly to the amount of water saved.

- Ensure toilet and faucet leaks are repaired.
- Shorten you shower time.
- Turn off the water while doing such activities as washing dishes or brushing your teeth.
- Water your lawn only during times allocated by Colorado Springs Utilities and/or Fort Carson watering policy. Don't over-irrigate your lawn.
- Flush less frequently.
- Wash only full loads of clothes and dishes.
- Wash your car less frequently; use a bucket and sponge for curbside washing; go to a wand-type commercial car wash; and use only as much time (and water) as you need.

For more information about water conservation, log on to the following Web sites: [www.ourwater.org](http://www.ourwater.org); Colorado Water Resources Research Institute - <http://cwrri.colostate.edu/>, [www.drought.colostate.edu](http://www.drought.colostate.edu) or <http://watercenter.colostate.edu/>; or the Colorado Springs Utilities Web site [www.csu.org](http://www.csu.org), which contains information on water restrictions, water saving rebates and lawn Xeriscaping tips.

Future water reduction initiatives:

- Increasing water-conserving equipment installed at Fort Carson.
- Substitution of nonpotable water (non-drinkable groundwater) for some irrigation requirements on Fort Carson.
- Research contracting options for sustainable water initiatives.

For more information about Fort Carson Sustainability Program, log on to the EnviroQuest Web site at <http://www.envquest.com> and click on the Installation Resource Library link to access Fort Carson Sustainability documents.

- GEM stands for Green Environment/economy Model.

## NEPA —

# Misunderstood environmental law

by Robin Romero

## Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management

So what is the National Environmental Policy Act, and why is it important to Fort Carson? To answer this, one has to first understand why NEPA came about. To learn the history of NEPA is to visit the history of the growing environmental movement that took place through the 1960s and beyond.

Rising concerns over air and water pollution during the 1960s escalated as science identified better ways to measure environmental effects, especially of contaminants and cancer-causing agents in air, water and food, and cancer “hotspots” were identified across the country. More than 30 environmental protection bills were introduced into Congress from 1967 to 1971.

Then two events, in particular, pushed Congress toward NEPA legislation. In March 1967 the tanker Torry Canyon spilled 119,000 tons of crude oil in England with no techniques or plans for cleanup. In January 1969, there was a disastrous blowout of millions of gallons of oil from an offshore rig in Santa Barbara Channel, Calif., killing untold numbers of waterfowl and aquatic life. Extensive media coverage and public outcry resulted.

There was a need for an “umbrella” environmental policy, one that pulled together all aspects of environmental issues, air, land, water and cultural resources, into government decision making. Provisions were also included in the act to consider social and economic effects of federal actions. Unlike other environmental laws, NEPA introduced the concept of “environment” as a natural resource, stating, “perhaps the most critical and most often ignored resource is man’s total environment.”

So after a decade’s worth of debate, NEPA was signed into law on New Year’s Day, 1970 by President Richard M. Nixon. In four pages it briefly declares national environmental policy and states as its purpose: “To declare a national policy which will encourage productive and enjoyable harmony between man and his environment; to promote efforts which will prevent or eliminate damage to the environment and biosphere and stimulate the health and welfare of man; to enrich the understanding of the ecological systems and natural resources important to the nation; and to establish a Council on Environmental Quality.”

As part of its mandate, the act requires all federal agencies to “identify and develop methods and procedures” to implement NEPA. Since each agency’s mission is generally very different from the others, the implementing regulations can look quite different. The Army’s implementing regulation is Army Regulation 200-2, Environmental Analysis of Army Actions.

What does all this mean to Fort Carson, and specifically, you?

For people starting projects, NEPA can mean the difference between getting a project accomplished in a timely manner with good decision-making during the planning process or getting bogged down in a mess of permitting, documenting actions, project delays and other red tape.

Most actions do not have the potential to significantly impact the environment, either by themselves or combined with others. Actions that meet this criteria, qualify for what is called a Categorical Exclusion or CX by the Army. These are categories of actions that the Army does on a routine basis that require no NEPA analysis because they do not significantly impact the environment. Fort Carson examples include routine maintenance of roads and buildings, demolition of nonhistoric buildings, small-scale construction, etc.

Just because these actions may be excluded from NEPA analysis, however, does not mean they are excluded from compliance with other statutory laws such as the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, etc. that apply to the activity.

### Who do you call for NEPA review?

The Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management has oversight responsibility for the implementation of NEPA on Fort Carson and the Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site. Army Regulation 200-2 is very clear, however, that the project proponent is responsible for the accomplishment of the NEPA review and analysis if required. NEPA analysis is documented in the form of a record of environmental consideration, environmental assessment or environmental impact statement, to be accomplished with DECAM’s assistance and oversight. The DECAM

must review and approve any environmental document regardless of who prepares it.

Although NEPA “police” don’t run around enforcing NEPA compliance and writing tickets, a judge can (and will) place an injunction on a project and shut it down until it can be proven that NEPA analysis (if required) was done and done correctly. Any member of the public, either an individual, public or private organization can start that NEPA process. Some of the issues at Fort Carson that would be most likely to bring this about are noise on the ranges, impacts to wildlife, air quality (e.g. smoke training) and water quality.

There are several ways by which projects can come to the DECAM for NEPA review:

- All military construction projects, public/private ventures, selected DD 4283 forms (i.e. work orders), and real property transactions come from the Directorate of Public Works to the DECAM for NEPA review and identification of other environmental requirements.

- If you do not use any of those avenues to accomplish your work and think you may need assistance in determining the level of NEPA documentation your project requires, you can contact the DECAM directly at 526-0912 (Robin Romero) or 526-6210 (Vicki McCusker).

NEPA analysis is sometimes viewed as an expensive stumbling block to getting work done. Contacting the DECAM in the beginning stages of planning a project can actually be a very useful tool in choosing the best way to go about reaching your goal. Even when no alternatives are feasible, the impacts must still be documented and the public participation process required by NEPA accomplished. Compliance with NEPA is only possible with the timely professional assistance of everyone on Fort Carson.

If you would like more information on the NEPA process, contact the DECAM (building 6236) staff mentioned above or stop by and visit us. We are also available to come to your location and provide short NEPA overviews and compliance with AR 200-2 in a classroom type setting.



## Point of service option offers flexibility — at a price

### TriWest Healthcare Alliance

Point of Service is a little-understood TRICARE option that adds a measure of flexibility to the health care benefit of TRICARE

Prime and TRICARE Prime Remote for active duty family members beneficiaries — though at a higher out-of-pocket cost. Simply put, POS allows Prime-enrolled beneficiaries to receive non-emergency inpatient or outpatient care from providers other than their own primary care managers — or from providers outside the TRICARE network — without disenrolling from Prime or first obtaining an authorization or referral. (Note: POS does not apply to the Standard option.)

The TRICARE Prime benefit is similar to a civilian health maintenance

organization. As a Prime beneficiary, you normally are required to receive health care from your assigned military or civilian network PCM or from specialists to whom you are referred by your PCM. Active duty Prime and their family members along with TRICARE Prime Remote for active duty family members beneficiaries have no enrollment fee or copayments. (Retired Prime beneficiaries and their family members are responsible for a small enrollment fee and minimal copayments.) However, all Prime beneficiaries are responsible for associated costs when using the POS option.

Typically, the POS option is used for a one-time visit to a non-network provider without a preauthorization. However, POS cost-sharing also applies

when you receive urgent care without an authorization or the permission of your PCM or the TriWest clinical staff member or if you fill prescriptions at a non-network civilian pharmacy. It may also apply if you visit a TRICARE network provider without first obtaining a PCM referral or one from a TriWest clinical staff member.

Because the POS option is more expensive, you should always make every effort to contact your PCM or an HCC for an authorization or referral before seeking care. When authorization is given, TriWest should send you and the provider a copy of your authorization. To make certain that authorization has been given, be sure you have an authorization number. Retain your copy of the authorization for your records.

When utilizing the POS option, TRICARE Prime beneficiaries are responsible for an annual deductible of

\$300 for an individual or \$600 for a family. Once this deductible is met, your cost-share for POS services is 50 percent of TRICARE’s maximum allowable charge.

You will also be responsible for any additional charges from non-network providers, up to 15 percent above the TRICARE maximum allowable, as permitted by law. Also, any POS-related out-of-pocket expenses do not apply to your annual, enrollment-year catastrophic cap.

Although it entails a higher, out-of-pocket cost, TRICARE’s point of service option does add an additional measure of flexibility to the TRICARE Prime benefit. More information on POS can be found in your Prime member handbook, available online at [www.triwest.com](http://www.triwest.com) or [www.tricarecr.carson.army.mil](http://www.tricarecr.carson.army.mil), and in the TRICARE Prime Remote handbook, available at [www.tricare.osd.mil/tpr/](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tpr/).



# Freedom rocks

## Fort Carson 'goes country' for a night

by Spc. Chris Smith  
14th Public Affairs Detachment

Last week a multitude of military personnel, their family members and friends poured onto Fort Carson's Pershing Field to indulge in a concert put on by country superstar Tim McGraw and his band, "The Dancehall Doctors."

The free twilight show was only open to military personnel, retirees and their families.

McGraw paid all expenses for the one-band show during a break in his touring schedule in an effort to show his appreciation for those in the military and their families.

"We had a week off, and we thought there would be no better way to spend our time than in Colorado to help take care of the soldiers who take care of us," McGraw said prior to the show.

Many fans showed their appreciation for the star by holding signs sporting such messages as "My daddy thanks U."

Tickets for the show were made available two weeks ago on a first-come, first-served basis. Some fans stood in line for more than 12 hours to get tickets.

"I think it's great what he's doing," said Spc. John Hoover, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment. "Especially since the CMAs (Country Music Awards) are tonight. It shows where his priorities are."

McGraw took the stage donned in camouflage pants, a brown T-shirt and a cowboy hat and proceeded to go into a barrage of hits including "Indian Outlaw," "Don't Take the Girl" and "I Like It, I Love It."

McGraw said the connection between country music and the military is an easy one.

"Nothing's more American than camouflage and country music," said McGraw.

More than 20,000 were in attendance at Pershing Field, and throngs of soldiers in battle-dress uniforms sang in unison with some of McGraw's better-known hits and erupted in cheer when his wife, Faith Hill, and children came on stage at the end of the show.

"It was a nice break from everything going on," said Hoover. "Other stars should follow his lead."

When all was done, the music over, the tour bus gone and the crowd dispersed, McGraw had accomplished his goal; he gave the soldiers and families a diversion to forget about their worries, if only for a few hours.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Dee McNutt

Thousands of yelling and screaming fans show their excitement prior to the show. Many soldiers and family members brought signs for McGraw to read, sporting such wording as "My Daddy Thanks U."



Photo by Sherry Nesmith

Country superstar Tim McGraw belts out one of his hits to a mass of soldiers and family members at Pershing Field May 21. McGraw put on a free show for about 22,000 servicemembers and their families to show his appreciation for their service.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Dee McNutt

Tim McGraw's wife, fellow country singer Faith Hill, signs an autograph for Colleen Schwanz, family member.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Dee McNutt

Tim McGraw shakes the hands of soldiers while singing during his performance at Pershing Field.



# Out & About

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# Sports & Leisure

## Kickin' it with the kids

*Youth soccer season ends — T-ball, baseball, softball up next*

Story and photos by **Bill Scharton**  
Mountaineer staff

Prior to the start of her Youth Services soccer league game May 22, 5-year-old Vanessa Griffin was trying to get comfortable in a goalkeepers jersey that was way too big. The bottom of the jersey almost touched her knees, and the jersey sleeves were several inches too long.

The opening kickoff between Vanessa's team, the Blue Wings, and the other team, Cool Running, was just moments away, but Vanessa seemed to have her mind on other things.

She wondered why there was a big tractor working in the field next to her. She was hanging on the net of the cage she was about to defend. She was thinking about her little brother's Bam Bam soccer team.

The whistle blew to start the game and Vanessa finally settled into position to defend the goal. "I can't wait until they kick the ball at me, and I can touch it," said Vanessa.

Vanessa tended goal in the first half for the Blue Wings. During the halftime intermission, she spent the break time with her mother Connie Griffin and little brother Justin. Connie had just received her picture day photos, and Vanessa was checking them out. "Both of the children have had a good time playing soccer this spring," Connie said. "They both have their final games on Saturday, so we might be out here all day."

Four-year-old Bam Bam soccer player Brett Reeves of the Dinosaurs was admiring the participant's medal

he received following his game on May 22 along with his mother Angie Reeves. "Brett has really enjoyed it," Angie said. "This was his first experience with organized soccer. We came here from a place in Oklahoma where kids' soccer was not available."

The Youth Services Center youth sports division once again sponsored the spring soccer season at Fort Carson. Ten teams played in the Bam Bam division (3- and 4-year-olds), eight teams played in the 5- and 6-year-old division, four teams played in the 7- to 9-year-old division and four teams competed in the 10- to 12-year-old league. Two head coaches, Al Carter and Antonio Padilla, and two assistant coaches, Jacob Clark and Trevor Antoine, were volunteers for the youth soccer teams this spring even though they did not have children playing.

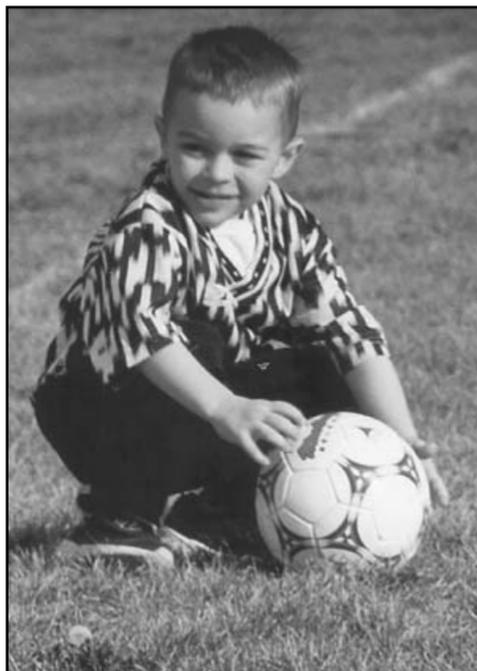
T-Ball, baseball and softball will be the next organized sports on the Youth Services Center calendar. According to Youth Services Center recreation aid Stephanie Meyers, games will begin June 14 and this will also be picture day.

T-Ball will have leagues for 3- and 4-year-olds and 5- and 6-year olds. Baseball leagues will be for 7- to 9-year-olds (machine pitch) and 10- to 12-year-olds (player pitch). If enough girls sign up for softball, the teams will play in a recreation league in Widefield.

Meyers said the track and field program has been cancelled due to a lack of participants.



**Vanessa Griffin gets ready to defend the goal for the Blue Wings May 22. The 5-year-old netminder and her teammates took on Cool Running in this Youth Services youth soccer 5- and 6-year-old league contest.**



**Bam Bam soccer player Brett Reeves looks around to see if he can get away with touching the ball with his hands. Brett played for the Dinosaurs in the 3-and 4-year-old division.**



**Coach Earlene Pemberton (standing) talks to the 5- and 6-year-old members of the Cool Running team during the halftime break in their game May 22. Cool Running was playing Blue Wings at Pershing Field in the Youth Services Center youth soccer league.**

*Another victory ....*

# Lady Mountaineers 3-0 for season



Photo by Bill Scharton

**Lady Mountaineers player/coach Julie Wetherington hustles around first base after smacking a hit for the team in the first game of a double header May 21. Wetherington paced the offensive attack in the game by delivering seven RBIs in the victory.**

by **Bill Scharton**  
**Mountaineer Staff**

The Lady Mountaineers competitive slowpitch softball team swept a double-header May 21 against two different opponents.

The two victories gave the Lady Mountaineers a perfect 3-0 early season start in the Colorado Springs Park and Recreation league played at the Skyview Softball Complex.

In the first contest of the evening May 21 against Noah Heating/Baxley Oil, Julie Wetherington stepped out of the coaching box into the third base starting position and was the Lady Mountaineers' pacesetter on offense.

Wetherington stroked a three-run triple in the top of the second inning, a two-run triple in the top of the fourth frame and a two-run single in the top of the fifth inning. She said the seven-RBI game was a fun way to return to action.

"It's fun to hit with runners on base," Wetherington said. "On top of that, the team really played impressive defense."

Impressive indeed. The Lady Mountaineers' defense held the opponent scoreless in four of the five innings played, a rarity in slowpitch softball. Noah Heating/Boxley Oil scored three runs in the bottom of the second inning and that was it for the game. The Lady Mountaineers crossed the plate 23 times en route to the 23-3 rout.

The other offensive highlights for the Lady Mountaineers included a two-run homer by pitcher Nina Dawson, a bases-loaded triple by shortstop Dawn McCarty and a solo home run and triple by player/manager Catherine Satow.

The second game of the twin bill proved to be a little more difficult for the Lady Mountaineers. After building a 4-0 lead at the end of the first inning against Connie's Kitchen and Catering, the Lady Mountaineers surrendered 10 runs in the bottom of the second frame and fell behind 10-4. It marked the first time this season the Lady Mountaineers trailed an opponent.

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# Carson boxers go for golden glove gold in Las Vegas

by **Bill Sharton**  
**Mountaineer Staff**

Seven boxers from the Fort Carson Army World Class Athlete Program boxing team are battling for national Golden Gloves titles this week in Las Vegas.

Going for Golden Gloves gold are Torrence Daniels (119 pounds), Aaron Bensinger (132 pounds), Keith Mason (141 pounds), Rondale Mason (152 pounds), Edward Joseph (152 pounds), Clarence Joseph (165 pounds) and Deandrey Abron (178 pounds).

Two of these boxers, Mason and Abron, boxed for Team USA in a dual meet against Kazakhstan May 17 in Tunica, Miss.

Mason faced 2000 Olympian Nurzhan Karimzhanov. Mason battled back from an early deficit in the bout, but he fell short in the end and lost a close 23-20 decision. Abron had a strong start in his bout against Vladimir Burba. He was able to maintain his lead as the bout wore on and he pulled out a narrow 19-18 victory. This win

helped Team USA defeat Kazakhstan.

In a related boxing item, application due dates for the 2004 All-Army Boxing Trial Camp for both coaches and competitors have been moved up due to the fact that USA Boxing has also moved up its calendar for the 2004 Olympic quadrennial.

Coaching applications are due by July 1, and competitor applications are due by Aug. 22.

Application guidelines can be obtained from post community sports and fitness directors.

For additional information, call Paul Boltz at DSN 491-2647 or (717) 861-2647.

The All-Army Trial Boxing Camp will be Oct. 20 to Nov. 15 at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. The 2004 All-Army Boxing Team will be selected at this camp. The Armed Forces Championship will be Dec. 6 to 12 at Camp LeJeune, N.C. The 2004 USA Boxing National Championships will be Jan. 10 to 18 at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs.

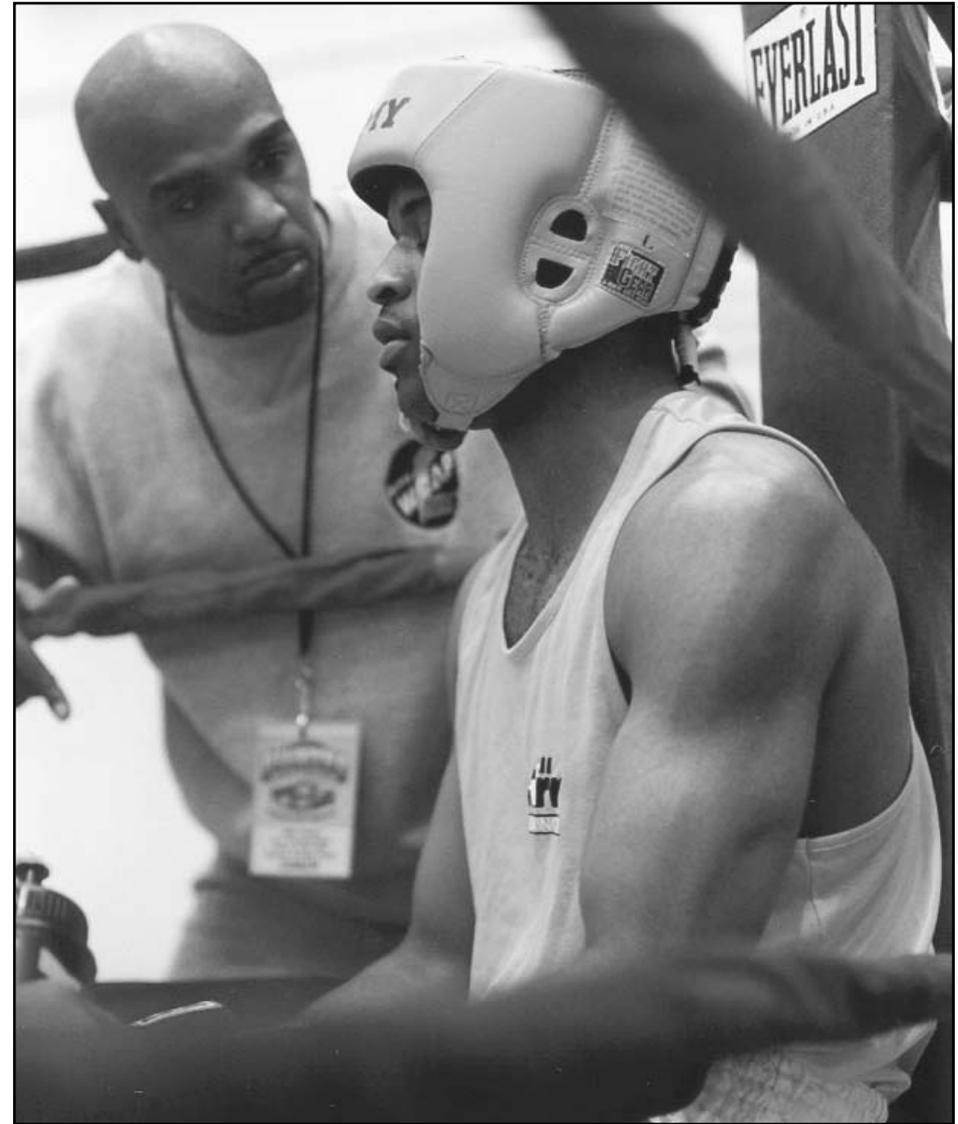


Photo by Bill Sharton

**Fort Carson Army World Class Athlete Program boxing team member Keith Mason receives instructions from assistant coach George Cofield between rounds during a bout earlier this year. Mason and six other Army WCAP boxers from Fort Carson are competing this week for a national Golden Gloves title in Las Vegas.**

## Softball

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However, a five-run offensive barrage in the top of the third inning got the Lady Mountaineers right back into the contest. In this at bat, Dawson drilled a two-run single, Satow slammed a run-scoring single and outfielder Pam Norris notched an RBI hit.

The defense allowed only one run in the bottom of the third inning, thanks to a superb shoestring catch by outfielder Emily Hvizdos with the bases loaded. The Lady Mountaineers only trailed by two runs (9-11) after three frames.

At the plate in the top of the fourth inning, the Lady Mountaineers' offense

sizzled again. This time at bat, the Lady Mountaineers pushed across eight runs and took a commanding 17-11 lead. During this outburst, Dawson delivered an RBI single, outfielder Donna Wright walloped a two-run single and Satow swatted a three-run roundtripper.

The Lady Mountaineers added two more runs in the top of the fifth frame while holding the opponents scoreless the final two innings to register a 19-11 victory. In the 3-0 run to start the season, the Lady Mountaineers have outscored the opponents by the count of 63-29.

"The offense concerned me at the beginning of the season," Satow said. "But we worked on it a lot and the players have really been smacking the ball."

The next outing for the Lady Mountaineers will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday on Field Four at the Skyview Softball Complex.



Photo by Bill Scharton

**Lady Mountaineers player/manager Catherine Satow was a force at the plate May 21 when the team recorded wins over two different opponents. Satow smacked a homer in each of the victories.**

### Lady Mountaineers schedule Skyview Softball Complex, Field 4

June 4	at 8 p.m.
June 11	at 7 p.m.
June 18	at 7 p.m.
June 25	at 6 p.m.
July 2	at 9 p.m.
July 9	at 8 and 9 p.m.
July 23	at 6 p.m.



*Sports briefs*

# What's happening around Carson

## Army WCAP tae kwon do athletes earn medals at nationals

Army World Class Athlete Program tae kwon do athletes from Fort Carson earned one gold and three bronze medals last weekend at the U.S. Tae Kwon Do Union National Championships in New Orleans.

David Bartlett led the way with a first place gold medal performance in the men's featherweight class (136.5 to 147.4 pounds). It was the second straight national title for Bartlett.

Louis Torres Jr. earned a third place bronze medal in the men's lightweight class (147.5 to 158.3 pounds).

Women competitors Yelena

Pisarenko and Petra Kauai placed third in the lightweight and heavyweight classes respectively.

Torres will be battling for a spot on the USA National Team that will compete in the Pan American Games in August.

All four medal winners will be in Orlando, Fla., July 6 to 7 to compete for a spot on the USA National Team that will compete at the World Championships later this summer.

## Free Skate Night

Skate Night takes place every Saturday at the Special Events Center and there is no admission fee or skate rental charge.

Beginners skate is from 3 to 5 p.m. From 5 to 9 p.m., skating is open to everyone. A snack bar is

available.

The Special Events Center is also available for meetings, parties and other events. To make reservations, call 524-1163.

## Rocky Mountain State Games registration

Registration is now officially open for the 2003 Rocky Mountain State Games. The games are slated for Aug. 1 to 3 at several venues in Colorado Springs.

The competition has expanded from 14 to 18 sports this summer. The sports are:

5 kilometer run, archery, badminton, basketball, billiards, bowling, field hockey, golf, inline hockey, martial arts (jujitsu, karate, tae kwon do), racquetball, soccer, slowpitch

softball, table tennis, tennis, track and field, triathlon and weightlifting.

Athletes interested in participating in the 2003 Rocky Mountain State Games can do so by registering online at [www.PhilLong.com](http://www.PhilLong.com) or [www.TheSportsCorp.org](http://www.TheSportsCorp.org). Athletes can also register by completing the entry form found in the participant registration handbook.

Handbooks are available free at all Phil Long auto dealerships and AT&T Wireless stores. They may also be obtained by calling the Colorado Springs Sports Corporation at 634-7333.

Gold, silver and bronze medal winners in selected sports from each state-level competition qualify to compete in the State Games of America.

# Bishop Castle: Build it, they will come

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Even when you're looking for it, its spires and towers hide among the tall, straight pine trees of San Isabel Forest.

Then you catch a glimpse of it. The castle seems totally

out of place in Colorado. Perhaps it should be on a hill, protecting a medieval village or a strategic location along a river; and in another time.

But here it is, just off Colorado Highway 165, south and west of Pueblo, about 70 miles from post.

Visitors are welcome at the castle, according to the hand-lettered signs along the entrance pathway. Visitors who agree not to hold the castle liable for any accident or injury are invited to see the castle for free. However, donations are accepted.

But why is a rock castle — with 160-foot towers, lacy ironwork stairways circling round spires and its own smoking dragon — being built in the first place? Who would build such a castle? Why?

Jim Bishop is the castle builder. He'll tell you he is an ordinary man; just a working man. But he's also a man with a dream, a vision.

While still a teen-ager, Bishop

bought 2.5 acres, more than 40 years ago. He had \$500 in hard-earned money he used as a down payment. It takes a lot of odd jobs and lawn mowing for a young man to save that kind of money.

Bishop chose a piece of land surrounded by a national forest on three sides and made arrangements to pay the balance of the debt through payments.

The first 10 years he prepared the land and built a small stone cottage, using the mountain bedrock as the foundation. He used the cottage as a mountain retreat.

The cottage began to look a little like a castle when Bishop and his father, Willard built a circular water tank in 1971.

Neighbors and passersby started asking Bishop if he was building a castle.

Bishop began to see an image of a castle in his head. As the castle is pictured in his head, Bishop builds it. He follows no blueprints, just the picture in his mind. He admits that picture has changed several times over the years.

Bishop used simple construction methods in the beginning — rocks were transported by wheelbarrow and used for building walls.

An old truck serves as a pulley device, lifting heavy materials to the uppermost parts of the castle.

In the first 30 years he worked on the castle, Bishop used generator power and candles. Now there is electricity.

The gravel road which went past the cas-



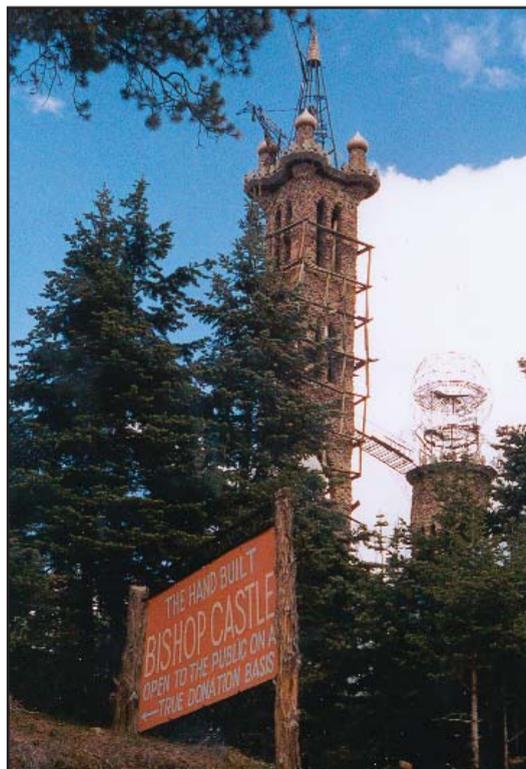
**Bishop Castle's dragon is a unique architectural feature designed by the builder. Walkways allow visitors to explore the castle.**

tle has been replaced with a paved road. And finally, after much effort on Bishop's part, there's a brown Colorado point-of-interest sign marking the castle.

For several years Bishop and his family lived in the castle/cottage, and it was primitive living, Bishop said.

The family later moved into Pueblo,

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**Bishop Castle is almost hidden by the tall pine trees in Isabel Forest.**



**Visitors to Bishop Castle can explore many parts of the castle by climbing a variety of stairways.**

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A visitor descends the winding staircase at Bishop Castle.

## Bishop

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near the ironwork shop where Bishop earns his living.

His ironwork can be seen around Pueblo and at the Riverwalk project which runs along the Arkansas River in downtown Pueblo. His decorative ironwork gives a lacy effect to the castle's walkways. A lacy, ironwork sphere tops a tall tower.

Bishop recycles a lot of materials during the castle construction. The rocks used for building walls and towers come from creek beds and rock slides in the nearby forest. Bishop recycles junk iron from his Pueblo business.

One of the castle's most interesting features is its smoke-breathing dragon which Bishop created from discarded plate warmers from a Pueblo hospital. Smoke from a fireplace in the castle escapes through the dragon's nostrils, 80 feet above the ground.

Other interesting architectural features of the castle are gold-colored onion-shaped domes and an Eiffel Tower-shaped fireplace inside.

Throughout construction Bishop has encountered difficulties with government agencies and regulations. Bishop's hand-painted, informative signs about the castle's progress and its difficulties are scattered about the castle and the grounds. There are several new, carefully hand-lettered signs depicting the latest difficulty.

The castle is a work in progress — a construction site. There are piles of materials stacked here and there, sometimes impeding visitors' entry into a room or stairwell.

Bishop has more plans for the castle. He



Jim Bishop prepares ornamental ironwork to be installed on the castle he is building.

wants to build a tall wall around the castle.

There'll be more battlements and several towers and a dungeon, a moat and a drawbridge.

Visitors discovered the castle after the Pueblo Chieftain ran a story about the castle in 1974.

The castle's story has been told in the National Inquirer, the Denver Post and the Wall Street Journal, National Public Radio, Danish Public Television and the Oprah Show, among others

And the visitors keep coming.

By noon on a day in April, some 50 sets of visitors had already signed the visitor book, including some from Canada and the Czech Republic.

There are usually several cars parked along Highway 165, near the walkway to the castle. Visitors explore the castle, gaze in awe, and sometimes linger, remarking about the progress or trying to take in the whole concept.

A gift shop near the castle has an eclectic collection of medieval memorabilia, such as toy shields. Castle souvenirs, bookmarks, videos, pictures, pewter miniatures, keychains, screen savers, patches, T-shirts, postcards and books are also sold.

A few packaged snack items and drinks are available. The gift shop should be open at 10 a.m. every day, from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Have enough fuel in your vehicle — there's no services available for many miles. It's best to plan ahead and bring along water or snacks you might need.

The most scenic route to the castle from Fort Carson is to take Highway 115 south to Florence, about 32 miles. At Florence, take Highway 67 south until it dead ends at Wetmore. Then take a right, onto Highway 976, going toward Westcliffe, until it intersects Highway 165. There is a highway sign for "Bishop Castle" near the intersection of Highways 165 and 976.



Large windows allow light into the upper part of the castle.



An intricate ironwork sphere tops the 160-foot high tower at left. A walkway leads to the tower with onion-domed turrets.

Take Highway 165 south about 12 miles. Watch closely for a castle-shaped mailbox or a state highway department brown sign announcing the castle. It's about 70 miles from Fort Carson.

If the weather is good, you will know you've reached the castle entrance by the number of visitors' cars parked along the highway. An alternate route is to take Interstate 25 south beyond Pueblo to Exit 74, the Colorado City exit. Then take Highway 165 west for 24 miles until reaching the castle, again watching for the sign and mailbox.

### Just the Facts

- **Travel time** one hour plus
- **For ages** all
- **Type** castle
- **Fun factor** ★★★★★
- **Wallet damage** free

\$ = Less than \$20

\$\$ = \$21 to \$40

(Based on a family of four)

## Get Out!

### Race

**The Pikes Peak International Raceway** opens with the Cruise America AMA Superbike races today, Saturday and Sunday. Today's events are free to the public. Tickets for Saturday and Sunday are half price for military; call 382-7223 or buy them at the track. PPIR is south of Fort Carson on Interstate-25.

### New Zoo exhibit

**Cheyenne Mountain Zoo has opened its new exhibit, the African Rift Valley.** Now giraffes, gazelles, hippos and lions share a natural-setting with other hooved animals from the zoo. The zoo is at 4250 Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Road. Parking is free. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children ages 3 to 11. Children 2 and under are admitted free.

### Bear spectacular

**Bear Creek Nature Center presents "Spring Bear Spectacular"** Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Smokey the Bear will be on hand, and wildlife officers will make presentations about the fascinating world of bears. Activities include bear crafts, bear stories and bear face painting. There'll be door prizes, coloring contests and food. The cost is \$3 per person. For information, call 520-6387.

### Declaration of Independence

**A rare copy of the Declaration of Independence** will be at the Carnegie Library at Penrose Public Library, 20 N. Cascade Ave., Monday through June 11. The declaration will be available from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. through Thursday, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. June 6 and 7, and June 11 from 1 to 5 p.m. Entrance is free.

### Buffalo Bill

**The Buffalo Bill Museum observes "Heritage Days"** Sunday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The museum is showing some of the treasures belonging to Buffalo Bill which haven't been seen for 15 years. The museum is at Exit 256, off Interstate 70, west of Denver.

### Royal Gorge Bridge

**The world's highest suspension bridge at Royal Gorge**, about 10 miles west of Cañon City, honors servicemembers during May with half-price

entry. Regular admission price is \$18 for adults and \$14 for children 4 to 11. Children under 3 years of age are admitted for free. Show your ID and get in for half-price.

### Denver Theater

**"Footloose"** is featured at the dinner theater at the Country Dinner Playhouse in south Denver, just off Interstate 25. The buffet begins at 6 p.m. and the performance follows. Tickets start at \$25.50. Call (303) 799-1410. The show runs through June 22.

**"Cats"** plays in the Buell Theater in downtown Denver June 17 to 22 with 8 p.m. performances and matinees Saturdays and Sundays. Call (800) 641-1222 for tickets which start at \$20.

**"Cher"** is set for the Pepsi Center in Denver June 17, with tickets starting at \$34.50; call 520-9090.

**"42nd Street"** is in Denver's Buell Theatre downtown June 24 through July 6. Tickets start at \$25; call 520-9090.

**The melodrama "Rocky Mountain Flyer,"** by the Cripple Creek Players, begins June 14 in the Butte Opera House in Cripple Creek. Tickets start at \$6.50 and performances are Wednesdays through Sundays. Call (800) 500-2513 for times.

### Local theater

**"Same Time Next Year"** is now playing at the Castaways Dinner Theater, 103 Manitou Ave., in Manitou Springs. Dinner and show are \$33. Show-only tickets are available for \$22. Call 685-3700 or 685-3300 for tickets.

**"Montana Serenade"** is at the Manitou Springs Iron Springs Chateau, 444 Ruxton Ave. through September. Dinner and show cost \$23.50 at 685-5104. Dinner is at 6 p.m., with the show at 8 p.m.

**"Stuart Little"** is in the Fine Arts Center theater, 30. W. Dale, June 9 to 14. Performed by the Fine Arts Center Theatre for Children, shows are at 10 a.m. and noon. The tickets are \$3; call 634-5583.

**"Alison Krauss and Union Station"** are set for the Pikes Peak Center Aug. 20. Call Ticketmaster, 520-9090.

**"Proof,"** presented by the Star Bar Players is at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, through June 7. There's a matinee at 2 p.m. June 8. The performances are in the Lon Chaney Theater in the City Auditorium, 221 E. Kiowa St. Tickets start at \$10. Call 573-7411 for information.

### Denver events

**Christina Aguilera and Justin Timberlake** appear together June 23 at the Pepsi Center. Call Ticketmaster at 520-9090. Prices start at \$39.50.

**Grammy winner Norah Jones** is at Red Rocks Amphitheatre in the Denver area Aug. 15. Tickets are at Ticketmaster, 520-9090.

**"The Eagles"** are in the Pepsi Center June 24 at 8 p.m.; get tickets at 520-9090.

### State Fair concerts

**Concert tickets are for sale for the Colorado State Fair** at Ticketmaster, 520-9090, and the State Fair Box Office. An appearance by Weird Al Yankovic opens the series Aug. 16. He's followed by Kellie Coffey and Gary Allan and Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo. Other performers are Rascal Flatts; Sawyer Brown; Last Man Standing; Lonestar; Jaci Velasquez; Tom Jones; 3 Doors Down and Chicago. Professional Bull Riders, Super Tough Trucks, a Demolition Derby and Amateur Boxing are also on the agenda. A Charreada Rodeo is at 5 p.m. Aug. 31.

### Renaissance Festival

**The annual Renaissance Festival** at Larkspur is set for June 14 to Aug. 3. Admission is \$15.95 for adults and \$8 for children 5 to 12 years of age. The festival is Saturday and Sundays only, rain or shine. More information available at [www.coloradoarenaissance.com](http://www.coloradoarenaissance.com).

### Blues and Bones fest

**The annual Denver Blues and Bones Festival is set for June 14, 15 and 16**, at Invesco Field at Mile High — just think "music for blues" and "barbecue" for bones. This popular fest features music groups and a barbecue-cooking contest. There'll be refreshments for purchase. Go online at [www.bluesandbones.com](http://www.bluesandbones.com) for information.

### Denver Museum of Nature, Science

**The special exhibit "Discovering Chimpanzees: the Remarkable World of Jane Goodall"** completes its run June 8 at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. A new IMAX film opens today, "Australia: Land Beyond Time." Other exhibits include "Ancient Denvers" and "Prehistoric Journey." The museum's hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and admission is \$9 for adults and \$6 for children 3 to 18. There is an additional fee for the IMAX theater. Call (800) 935-2250 for show schedules.

# Happenings



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## *Open cockpit ...*

**The B-24 Museum at the Pueblo Memorial Airport on Highway 50 east observes open cockpit day Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The featured aircraft is the T-28.**

Program Schedule for Fort Carson cable Channel 10, today to June 6.

**Army Newswatch:** includes stories on rescued American POWs, Kiowas in Kuwait and Central Command war update (repeat). Airst at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

**Navy/Marine Corps News:** includes stories on sailors returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom, Earth Day and honors to POW/MIAs (repeat). Airst at 8 a.m., 1 p.m., 8 p.m. and 1 a.m.

**Air Force News:** includes stories on securing northern Iraq, weather forecasters and A-10 maintainers (repeat). Airst at 8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m.

Channel 9 daily broadcasts SCOLA, foreign

language news broadcasts. Access the schedule at the Fort Carson Web site.

If you have comments on Channel 10 programming or wish to coordinate a broadcast on Channel 10, please contact Chief of Command Information at 526-1241 or via e-mail at [CommandInfo@carson.army.mil](mailto:CommandInfo@carson.army.mil).

Program times will be published in the *Mountaineer* provided coordination is made one week prior to publication.

If you wish to have a training videotape shown on Channel 9 only, contact the Regional Training Support Center at 526-5111.

For additions to the Community Calendar, please submit an e-mail or clean, typewritten copy of the information to the Public Affairs Office, room 2180, 6151 Specker Ave., Fort Carson, CO 80913 or fax information to 526-1021 no later than the Friday before airing time.