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## 13th ASOS calls in post 'air strike'

by Pfc. Stephen Kretsinger  
Mountaineer staff

A ranger unit is situated in an over watch position. The rangers spot six enemy tanks located about three kilometers to the west, three in a column running north to south and the others lined up east to west. It's time for members of the 13th Air Support Operation Squadron to call in some fighting falcons to take these targets out.

This was the scenario for a training mission by the Mountain Post's own Air Force 13th ASOS Friday at the Artillery Impact Area and Observation Post 10 here. The training mission included four F-16CG Block 30 aircraft from the 522nd Fighter Squadron, 27th Fighter Wing out of Cannon Air Force Base, N.M., which dropped eight Mk-82, 500-pound bombs on six tank targets.

"The type of weapons they're dropping, the Mk-82, would be good against

hard targets like a tank or an armored personnel carrier, but they would also have some fragment effects," said Air Force Capt. Joe Moschella, air liaison officer, 13th ASOS. "So, it would be effective against troops out in the open or troops in tents. So, that's the type of scenario we've set up today. We're using tanks as our targets, which should make it somewhat realistic."

The mission involved ground forces gathering information about a target and communicating this information to aircraft, so they could successfully complete a bombing run. "What it boils down to is, guys on the ground controlling aircraft," said Moschella.

"In a training scenario like this, we'll start with a telephone pre-brief the day before," said Moschella. "We'll talk to the aircraft pilot on the phone



Photo by Richard Bridges

Air Force Tech. Sgt. William J. Burgum, enlisted terminal attack controller, 13th Air Support Operation Squadron, uses an Mk-7 laser range finder to judge the distance to a target in a training mission on Observation Point 10 at the Artillery Impact Area at the Mountain Post.

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Photo courtesy Tim Hipps

### Take down ...

Tina George grapples to a 9-3 victory over Bulgaria's Julieta Okot in the opening round of the World Championships of Freestyle Wrestling at Madison Square Garden in New York. George took home the silver.

## 3rd ACR troops at new 'Rifles Base'

by Chief Warrant Officer John Hurtado  
3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment

The Regiment of Mounted Riflemen are in the process of making a significant move farther westward into the open desert and small towns of Iraq.

The move is the regiment's first large-scale move since it initially deployed north from Kuwait during the later stages of the ground war with Iraq. The 82nd Airborne Division from Fort Bragg, N.C., recently replaced the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment in the western Iraqi cities of Fallujah and Ramadi where the regimental headquarters and two of its five squadrons have been operating from since late April.

During this transition, the regiment is moving all its squadrons through the new Rifles Base where the regimental headquarters is located for some long-needed rest and refit operations. The Iraqi Air Force occupied the facility prior to the war, but deserted it completely when the war began. Since April, two of the regiment's squadrons, 2nd Squadron, 3rd ACR and 4th Squadron, 3rd ACR, have been operating from there providing the regiment with logistical and aviation support.

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Beginning Oct. 1, residents living at odd-numbered addresses can water on Saturdays; residents at even-numbered addresses can water on Sundays.

Post Weather hotline:  
526-0096

## Commander's Corner

# CFC campaign kicks off Oct. 1

On Oct. 1, the Mountain Post will kick off the annual Combined Federal Campaign. The campaign provides an excellent opportunity to give back to local, national and international organizations that support our communities and our world in so many ways. For the military, CFC is one of the two authorized fund-raising appeals, the other being the Army and Air Force Emergency Relief.

Every year CFC provides hundreds of thousands of dollars to groups that make a difference in your hometown and in the Fort Carson and Colorado Springs communities.

This year our goal is \$112,000. I am confident we can reach it, in spite of deployments in support of the global war on terrorism. Last year we surpassed our goal of \$472,000 by raising \$488,438. The 6,724 men and women who contributed to the campaign represented 41 percent of our population. I am proud of these accomplishments. As federal employees, we collectively seized the opportunity to truly make a

difference in our communities.

Today, the necessity of charities is as great as ever. As we get ready to embark on the 2003 Combined Federal Campaign, our motto is "Be a Hero." We have witnessed many acts of heroism this year. Our soldiers embody this quality each day as they bring freedom and stability to distant parts of the world. We need to support their efforts by providing for our military families in need of charitable agency services while their loved ones serve abroad.

President John F. Kennedy started the Combined Federal Campaign in 1963 as a way to help health and charitable service organizations raise needed monies. By combining pledge drives, these organizations could reduce their fund-raising costs and, thereby, free up those funds to do greater acts of charity. Additionally, smaller, local organizations, like Fort Carson's Army Community Service, can use funds from national organizations, such as the American Red Cross.

The CFC brochure provides more

than 1,200 agencies from which you may choose to contribute. These approved agencies maintain administrative costs below 25 percent and are reviewed and audited annually. You can be assured the dollars you designate to CFC agencies will be spent where they will do the most good.

Funds raised at Fort Carson will go to Army Community Services and to Fort Carson Child and Youth Services programs to help run their fine programs and services. Many local charities that benefit from the program also help our soldiers, civilians and family members. Those programs include Care & Share, Cour Appointed Special Advocates for Children, and the Boy and Girl Scouts.

If you are planning to give to charity but have not chosen one, the CFC might be the answer for you. Join me in helping communities around the world by making a generous contribution to the Fort Carson CFC. Your organization's CFC Coordinator will contact you in the upcoming weeks. I



**Wilson**

hope each of you will once again demonstrate the strong support Fort Carson gives to charitable organizations by making a donation.

Mission first ... people always ... one team ... Bayonet!

**Maj. Gen. Robert Wilson**  
commanding general  
Fort Carson and 7th Infantry Division

# Readjustment, reconnecting after deployment

by Pfc. Brian Trapp  
Army News Service

**FORT BENNING, Ga.** — A deployment's strain on a relationship doesn't end when the soldiers come home. Stresses of readjustment to family life can be tough on a family, too.

"While on a real-world deployment, soldiers deal with stresses of the unknown, being away from their family, and there is a 'no-kidding' life and death struggle," said Lt. Col. John C. Chin, Ph.D., command psychologist, who has worked with special operations the majority of his career. "When soldiers get a sense of mortality, it wakes them up, and they realize it's their family and children who matter the most. If they maintain a solid foundation in those areas, it makes for a better life."

There are more concerns for younger marriages, Chin said. Spouses are faced with new challenges, like financial and child care concerns and become more independent and may feel contempt for the returning soldier for taking some of their independence.

During redeployment, family members typically deal with conflicting emotions. There is the excitement that the soldier is coming home. On the other hand, there is some apprehension, according to the Department of the Army study "The Emotional Cycle of Deployment, a Military Family Perspective."

Some concerns include "Will I give up my independence? Will we get along?"

Ironically, even though the separation is almost

over, there can be renewed difficulty in making decisions.

"Soldiers reconnecting with family are coming from profound emotional experiences, and the spouses also had these experiences, dealing with day-to-day issues by themselves, financial issues, taking care of the children and gaining independence, Chin said.

"Sometimes partners can't understand what the other was dealing with while they were apart," he said. "It's better to ease into the relationship — maintaining a degree of independence and not to push spontaneous reconnection. It's a new relationship. Both partners have changed from their experience."

Many spouses also have a burst of energy during this stage, according to the study. There is often a rush to complete "to-do" lists before their mate returns — especially around the home. It is almost inevitable that expectations will be high.

Homecoming for the soldiers can be a joyous occasion, but also a frustrating one.

The date of return may change repeatedly. Despite best intentions, the spouse at home may not be able to meet the returning soldier — short notice, sitters can't be found in the middle of the night, unable to get off work.

Soldiers may expect to be received as "heroes" and "heroines" only to find that they have to make their way home.

Eventually, soldiers will want to reassert their role as members of the family, which can lead to tension,

according to the study. This is an essential task and requires considerable patience to accomplish successfully.

It is not realistic to return home and expect everything to be the same as before the deployment.

Reconnecting and understanding both have changed sometimes during the deployment is critical, Chin said. The soldier may become a control freak but must realize the spouse gained independence during their time apart, and that's a good thing. It helps take some of the day-to-day responsibilities off of the soldier.

Post-deployment is probably the most important stage for both soldiers and spouse. Patient communication, going slow, lowering expectations and taking time to get to know each other again is critical to successful reintegration of the soldier back into the family.

The separation of deployment provides soldier and spouse a chance to evaluate changes within themselves and what direction they want their marriage to take. Although a difficult as well as joyful stage, many military couples have reported that their relationship is much stronger as a result.

Most Army installations offer a wide range of service and support for soldiers and their families, Chin said, including counseling from mental health professionals, chaplains and Army Community Service advocates.

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# News

## Put away gray PTs — obsolete after Oct. 1

by Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Beginning Oct. 1 the Army's old, gray physical fitness uniform will no longer be authorized, and all soldiers must own the improved PT uniform, which hit the shelves three years ago.

The decision to put soldiers in a uniform that was lighter, washes better and is sharper looking was made in 1999 by retired Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, former chief of staff of the Army.

Soldiers were given a grace period of more than three years to purchase the new Improved Physical Fitness Uniform, but some are still scurrying to the Military Clothing Sales Store to purchase the five-piece ensemble.

Soldiers who entered the Army after May 2000 were issued the uniform after graduating from Initial Entry Training.

The improved uniforms hit Military Clothing Sales Stores October 2000, and most store managers said sales have been continuous with no peak, even though the deadline approaches.

"I always keep a back order in the stock room, but I haven't seen an increase in sales," said Estella Gholston, the store manager at Fort McPherson, Ga.

A local store manager at Fort Belvoir, Va., said she didn't expect to see more purchases and didn't order extra to meet an increased demand.

"Since 2001, my store has already been meeting a high demand for the new PTs, and we've been helping to get the word out," said Savannah Hudson, the assistant manager at the Fort Belvoir store.

To make sure that every soldier is in the right uniform Oct. 1, the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, G-1, printed the wear-out date for the old PTs in the revised Army Regulation 670-1. But some junior soldiers said they don't know the cut-off date.

The IPFU includes a T-shirt, long sleeve shirt, jacket, pants and shorts. The suit costs almost double that of the old uniform that was first issued to Soldiers in 1986. The total cost is about \$140, according to a price list on the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Web page.

### 3rd ACR

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The squadrons that are moving from Fallujah and Ramadi will be stopping off at Rifles Base prior to heading back to the small towns and open deserts of Western Iraq.

The new base offers a great deal of basics that the troopers of the regiment have not been afforded for some time. There is a swimming pool, a large PX that offers CDs, DVDs and magazines as well as other general necessities. There is also a phone bank and barbershop on the base. The base currently has one large dining facility with two more being built. They are expected to be ready for operation by mid-October. Rifles Base offers a movie theater that shows "just released to DVD" movies nightly. Recently, in the same theater, a traveling comedy show sponsored by Armed Forces Entertainment provided the troopers with some stand-up comedy that was very much appreciated. Comedian Drew Carey, a strong supporter of the United States Armed Forces, is scheduled to visit and sign autographs for the troopers there within the week.

Staff Sergeant Tim Pachasa, a 13th EASOS ETAC assigned to the 3rd ACR is taking a rest after a few laps in the local swimming pool.

The post provides a sanctuary from the daily grind and sporadic attacks that occur in the cities. For the lucky people who live there, it is almost like home. Creature comforts like running water and electricity are common. There are real showers and toilets as well as air conditioning in almost every living and working area.

The regiment is making great progress in providing respectable accommodations for all of its troopers. For those cavalry troopers who are only there for rest and refit operations, Rifles Base is providing a nice break prior to heading back out into the Western Iraqi desert.

## Exercise

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and say, 'Here's the training scenario we'd like to set up. What kind of ordnance are you carrying? How many aircraft? What type of aircraft?' So, we'll get a certain amount of information the day prior.

"Then we'll come out here and set up on a training mission like this an hour prior; get our radios set up, clear the range with range control, acquire the targets, work up our 'nine line' information," said Moschella. "Basically we get everything set up, so when the aircraft come in, we have all the information we need for them to prosecute a target."

"The nine line is a fact to fighter brief," said Air Force Tech. Sgt. Chuck L. Brazier, enlisted terminal attack controller, 13th ASOS and recipient of two bronze stars. "It consists of the aircraft check in, target heading, target distance, target elevation, target description, target coordinates, how the target is marked by the ETAC, where the friendlies are located and which direction the aircraft should engage."

"The targets are close, the friendlies are close and you're trying to do the separation between us and the enemy and to bring the planes on to the target," said Brazier.

Air Force Tech. Sgt. William J. Burgum, ETAC, 13th ASOS and recipient of two bronze stars, was "on the mike" for this mission. This means he was the one communicating with the aircraft. He uses various equipment, technical and simple, to gather all the informa-

tion the pilots need to execute the mission.

The ETAC uses an AN/PRC-117 radio with satellite communication, ultra-high frequency and frequency modulation capabilities, Mk-7 laser range finder with night vision that can be plugged into a laptop computer for use with global positioning satellite and map generating programs, a spotting scope, mirrors for signaling the aircraft and other less technical equipment.

"These items are the bread and butter of our career, along with our map and compass," said Burgum. "With all of these things integrated together we are able to prosecute our orders."

"Both the pilot and the guy on the ground have a good feeling with what's going on. Situation awareness is high and then, we'll clear them to drop," said Moschella. "In a training scenario, that could take a day to prepare for, but in the real world, it could come down to minutes."

The fighters operated in what is called, "shooter, shooter, cover." This is where two aircraft engage a target, while two other aircraft serve as air cover and protect the area from other threats. When the first two aircraft have expended their ordnance, they will take up the defensive cover to protect the other two as they set up for their attack run.

"Sometimes we'll have three or four training missions a week," said Brazier. "Then we'll sometimes go a month having only one or two, but on average, one a week."

"These guys have currency require-

ments," said Moschella. "The Air Force has set up standards where they have to get a certain amount of air control time per three months to stay current, stay legal. It's just like shoot dates for the Army, M-16 qualification. These guys can't be deployed without having worked with an aircraft for six months."

"We get the target sent by an Army commander," said Burgum. "It's his ground, it's his battle, and he just needs to say, 'Hey, Air Force, we need you to get some fighters and take out these targets, and I need you to do it safely because I've got guys close by there. It's a lot of responsibility on us, but it's great when that commander comes up later and says, 'Great job.'"

"They say a monkey could do the job. It's true, but it's not true. It depends on the situation," said Brazier. "You'll have tanks haulin' across the desert at 40 mph. You almost have to stop them so you can bomb those tanks."

"If we're up here looking at a target and no one's around, it could take a monkey to do," said Moschella. "But depending on the scenario, it could just as easily be as complicated as Army tanks driving

all over the range, guys within less than a kilometer (and) Army helicopters integrated in with us with fighters and bombers. So, we could go from very easy to very complicated."

In a real life scenario, it is often a small team on the ground. "I know the 'A team' could take this target out," said Brazier. "An SFODA (Special Forces Operational Detachment A) team, which

basically consists of anywhere between eight to 12 guys with one TACP (Tactical Air Control Party) guy can probably sneak in, find the target and engage the target."

Air Force TACP units work closely with Army units. "TACPs are traditionally stationed on Army bases even though we're Air Force guys," said Moschella. "We live on Army bases along with whatever

unit we support."

The 13th ASOS support the 10th Special Forces Group, the 3rd Brigade Combat Team and the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

"It's nice being at Fort Carson because they have tons of good ranges down here," said Moschella. "So, we can accomplish a lot of the training we need just by coming down here."

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Air Force Tech. Sgt. William J. Burgum, 13th Air Support Operation Squadron

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# Military

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## Level head: Soldier's actions earns him award

**Spc. Jon Wiley**  
**Mountaineer staff**

You never know when Army training is going to come in handy.

Saving a life was the last thing on the minds of seven soldiers from the 395th Finance Battalion, an activated reserve unit from Utah, as they traveled down the road Sept. 1, returning to Fort Carson after the long holiday weekend.

However, shortly after turning off of Interstate 80 onto Highway 287, a few miles out of Laramie, Wyo., they saw a cloud of smoke, a flatbed tow truck pulled off on a side road, a Jeep about 30 feet off of the highway and a small crowd of five people standing around looking at the scene.

At first, 1st Sgt. Brent Bosh, Sgt. 1st Class Robin Miller, Sgt. Jason Gardner, Spc. Jessie Rethlake, Spc. Thomas Milliner, Spc. Pascaul Moran and Pfc. Sharlene Fendon thought the truck was towing the Jeep and had lost its load, said Miller. They assumed no one was hurt because the spectators weren't approaching the Jeep.

They had gone about 40 feet past the vehicles and

were going to proceed with their trip, "when 1st Sgt. Bosh pulled off the road and started backing up," Miller said.

"He said he didn't feel comfortable just going past without verifying everyone was okay," she explained.

After stopping, Bosh, Gardner and Rethlake approached the tow truck to ask the driver what happened. The driver told them the Jeep slammed into his truck's back before veering off the road.

Bosh immediately ran toward the Jeep. As he approached it, he saw the driver's side roof was caved in and it looked as if the driver might have been decapitated, he said.

"I ran to the passenger side, opened it and climbed in. The victim was unconscious, moaning and bleeding pretty heavily from the mouth. I checked his pulse, which was around 80 beats per minute," Bosh said.

Bosh began to evaluate the driver's injuries and treat him for shock.

The unit had received first-aid training two weeks before the long weekend, explained Miller. Now, Bosh was applying that training to a real-world situation.

While Bosh was tending to the driver, Miller took inventory of his wounds and went back to the tow truck to give the information she gathered to a 911 dispatcher.

"He had a laceration on his left arm. His arm, or maybe even his shoulder or collarbone, appeared broken. He was also bleeding profusely from the mouth. We weren't sure if he had bitten his tongue, had internal injuries or what," she said.

Around then, a person who happened to be an Emergency Medical Technician arrived on the scene. By that time, the casualty had recovered consciousness and was "yelling and thrashing around from pain and shock," Bosh said.

Bosh climbed into the back seat of the Jeep and held the driver down while the EMT treated his injuries. Bosh's hands were covered in blood.

The soldiers stayed on the scene until an ambulance arrived.

The entire time, the people who had initially stopped at the scene of the accident never approached the Jeep. They said they were afraid of witnessing the grisly sight of a mutilated body, Miller said.

The injured driver was taken to a nearby hospital to recover. He had a broken shoulder and jaw.

Bosh received an Army Commendation Medal for his actions.

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1st Sgt. Brent Bosh  
395th Finance Battalion

# Military Briefs

## CIF Hours

**Central Issue Facility hours of operation**

### Regular business hours

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

### Initial/partial issues

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3 p.m.

### Direct exchange

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

### Partial turn-ins

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

### Full turn-ins

Appointments are scheduled Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Call 524-2006 or 526-2729.

### Effective immediately:

Replacement will be scheduled Mondays, Thursdays and Friday mornings.

Demobilized units tentatively have Tuesdays and Wednesdays to schedule out processing.

Mobilization units will schedule unit direct exchange by appointment. Unit supply sergeants will collect soldiers' DX items and schedule CIF appointments. A

CIF employee will work one-on-one with supply sergeant vs. having bus loads of soldiers arrive at CIF to exchange one or two items.

Active-duty units — PCS/ETS/chapters/retirees will make an initial out processing appointment (Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays) for turn-in. All follow-on appointments (14 OCIE items or less) will be scheduled if needed.

Bulk issue and turn-ins — By appointment only.

Note: Due to redeployment or demobilization unit requirements this schedule is subject to change. Changes will be put out through e-mail, mobilization meetings, command sergeant major channels and posted signs at the CIF. Appointments can be made with Connie Thompson at 526-4057 or 524-2006. POC for this information is Mark A. Rudd Sr., CIF supervisor at 526-6477.

## Briefings

**eArmyU** — eArmyU program briefings are conducted at the Mountain Post Training and Education Center, building 1117, Tuesdays at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m.

### Are you ETSing?

If you're within 120 days of end of time in service, you must immediately call 526-2607 or 526-2599 to make your appointment for your mandatory Reserve Component Briefing.

### ETS/Transition briefing schedule

In order for soldiers to receive their End of Time in Service orders, soldiers must attend an ETS 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.

## Hours of operation

**The Mountain Post Training and Education Center's** hours for certain programs and services will change Monday.

Hours are:

eArmyU Testing center, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Army Learning Center and Basic Skills Classes, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Counselor Support Center, Monday through Thursday 7 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Friday 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

ETS Briefings, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

**Claims Division hours** — The Claims Division office hours are now Monday through Thursday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. The office is closed Fridays.

Personnel Claims hours:

Mandatory briefing: Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Submit DD 1840/1840R

Receive documents for filing:

Submitting completed Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Claims: 1 to 4 p.m. Closed on Friday.

If there is an emergency personnel claims issue on Friday, call Tina Kolb at 526-1352 to see if it warrants an appointment.

**OCS board** — There will be a local Officer Candidate School board Nov. 20 and 21. This board is required for all applicants. All participants must report in Class As Nov. 20 and 21. All packets must be turned in to the 478th Personnel Support Battalion, Field Operations, building 1118, room 208, no later than Nov. 6. For more information, call Sgt. Martinez at 526-1906.

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

At your finger tips ...

# Online reference available at Carson

## Courtesy Fort Carson Library

The Fort Carson community has two sources for information and reference service that can be accessed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

One is provided by Army Libraries available through Army Knowledge Online. It is called QuestionPoint Ask a Librarian. It is a Web-based reference service that helps libraries deliver reference services via e-mail. It is provided by the



Digital Army Library Service libraries and the Defense Digital Library Research Service and is staffed by Army Librarians around the globe. Just go to AKO, Army Libraries and DDLRS.

The other 24/7 reference source is a new service available to all Colorado residents. It is called AskColorado. Launched Sept. 2, AskColorado is a free online information service provided by Colorado libraries from throughout

the state. More than 40 libraries are collaborating on this service, which allows anyone in Colorado to use the Web to ask questions 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The library staff who work on the service will answer questions immediately, help find information, or point people in the right direction to get what's needed. Residents can get to the service by going to [www.askcolorado.org](http://www.askcolorado.org) and clicking on the AskColorado logo. Although there is a specific group of libraries actually providing the ser-

Have a question? You can go to [www.askcolorado.org](http://www.askcolorado.org) or [library@carson.army.mil](mailto:library@carson.army.mil) to get an answer.

vice, it is available to anyone in Colorado to use.

Reference and information services are always available locally from the post library, Grant Library, at 1637 Flint St. Visit the information desk at the library or call 526-2350 or e-mail your question to [library@carson.army.mil](mailto:library@carson.army.mil).

# Dining Schedule

Week of Sept. 27 to Oct. 3

## Weekday Dining Facilities

43rd ASG Cheyenne Mtn. Inn (building 1040)  
3rd ACR CAV House (building 2461)  
3rd ACR Patton House (building 2161)  
10th SFG (A) (building 7481)  
3rd BCT Strikers Cafe (building 2061)

## Weekday Meal Hours

Breakfast 6 to 9 a.m. (All facilities)  
6:30 to 8:30 a.m. (Cheyenne Mtn. Inn)  
Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Dinner 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

## Exceptions

- Butts Army Airfield dining facility is closed until further notice.
- CAV House is closed Saturday and Sunday.
- Cheyenne Mtn. Inn is closed thru Sept. 30.
- Mountaineer Inn is closed until further notice.



## Saturday, Sunday and Training Holiday Dining Facilities

3rd ACR Cav. House. (building 2461)  
43rd ASG (building 1040)  
3rd ACR Patton House (building 2161)  
3rd BCT Strikers Cafe (building 2061)

## 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.  
3 to 5 p.m. (Cheyenne Mtn. Inn)

Clean up

# Village residents get ready for fall

by **Joey Bautista**

**Army Community Service**

**Mayoral Program Coordinator**

Fort Carson Village residents have become accustomed to annual Spring and Fall "cleanups." This year should be no exception. With so many of our soldiers deployed, the community event had to be put on hold, but it has not been forgotten.

Each year Fort Carson communities clean up their neighborhoods and have the opportunity to win monetary prizes for their efforts. Though the timing is a bit different, the goals are still the same. "Village Initiative" is the name of this year's scheduled cleanup event.

Village Initiative will take place between tomorrow and Oct. 3. These

are the dates residents will have the opportunity to clean things up in their neighborhoods. All villages will be judged in order to select the Best Village by the garrison command Oct. 3. There will be a first through third prize offered for both the new and old (renovated) villages alike. The judges are looking at overall appearance, so residents are encouraged to pull together and clean up yards and streets, pick up rocks, pull weeds and get things looking great.

Fort Carson Family Housing will provide trash bags, and, along with garrison, will arrange bulk pick-ups through-out the villages Monday through Friday. Also, Fort Carson Family Housing will provide a "lunch on the go" for each village

one day during the scheduled cleanup. Housing representatives will be moving throughout the village communities between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to give out free lunch for all residents participating in the "Village Initiative" cleanup.

Fort Carson Family Housing awards money to winning villages, and the money awarded to each winning village will be used toward beautification and be spent on a long term project i.e., basketball court, playground equipment.

Each village may use a portion of the funds toward a village party or community event, but also must save the greater portion of their prize money for a larger project in that village. This is a good opportunity for

all Fort Carson Village residents to pull together and clean up their neighborhoods. All Fort Carson Village residents are encouraged to participate and take the initiative to support village community goals and standard, which instill "Pride in Fort Carson Community" and "Neighbors helping Neighbors."

For more information on the village initiative clean up, contact Joey Bautista at 526-4590 or 526-1082.

## **Lunch to go schedule:**

**Monday:** Shoshoni, Sioux, Apache and Arapahoe

**Tuesday:** Cherokee, Choctaw and Cheyenne

**Wednesday:** Ute Hill, Pawnee, Comanche, Kiowa, Navajo and Blackfoot Hill.

# Bombs away: 2 historic cannons get a renovation

**Pfc. Aimee J. Felix**  
**Mountaineer staff**

For about 40 years, two cannons decorated the front lawn of Fort Carson's Post headquarters building.

The two Civil War cannons were removed Sept. 9 and taken to the Directorate of Logistics building where they will be undergoing renovation. They have been in front of the building since the 1960s, according to records in the Office of Historical Programs.

The historical part of the cannons is the two bronze tubes. They each weigh 1,230 pounds and were cast during the American Civil War in 1863. The cannons were used by the Union side in the Civil War, said Paul Martin, director, Office of Historical Programs. They are 1857 models known as the M-1857 Napoleon. They were called Napoleans because they looked like Napoleans used by the French.

On the rim of the opening of the cannons, there is a marking that reads T.J.R. This marking indicates the cannons were inspected by Thomas Jonathon Rodman, ordnance inspector.

Marked as obsolete, the cannons were brought over from Rock Island Arsenal, Ill. They are now worth between \$35,000 and \$40,000, said Martin.

These cannons were capable of hurling a 12-pound cannonball more



Photo by Pfc. Aimee J. Felix

**Above: The two 1,230-pound cannons that were located in front of the Post headquarters building were removed Sept. 9 to undergo renovation.**

**Below: A close up of the M-1857 Napoleon, which refers to its resemblance to the French cannon.**

than 1,600 yards with a fair degree of accuracy, said Martin. Each gun was served by a crew of six men which was able to get off two shots per minute.

The existing carriages, which the cannons presently stand on, are reproductions made for the guns when they were placed in front of the old headquarters building. These carriages

have suffered extensive deterioration over the years and will be replaced with newly made cast aluminum carriages.

A third historic gun tube, an M-1842 Howitzer cast in 1862, will also be mounted on a new carriage. This one will be placed at the entrance of the 3rd Cavalry Museum.



# Fire prevention education starts Oct. 6

## Courtesy Fort Carson Fire Department

Fire prevention education is a program for children, parents, teachers or firefighters. The knowledge gained through attending these programs could save your life. Once a fire starts, there's no time to develop a plan.

The National Fire Protection Association estimates about 80 percent of all fire deaths in the United States and Canada occur in the home. Roughly 11 people per day die in home fires in the United States and Canada.

Many lives can be saved if people react immediately when a fire alarm sounds. The Fort Carson Fire and Emergency Services urges everyone "When fire strikes, get out! Stay out! "

Refer to the schedule and come out to support this worthwhile, educational and fun event.

## Oct. 6

Daily stove fire demonstrations, engine static display and Fire Prevention Week Display at the post exchange, building 6110.

9 a.m. Child-care buildings 6058 and 6060, visits by Sparky the fire dog.

## Oct. 7

Daily stove fire demonstrations, engine static display and a Fire Prevention Week Display at the post exchange, building 6110.

Visit by Sparky to the Post Exchange at 11 a.m.  
School assemblies with Sparky and Sparx at Mountainside Elementary at 12:15 p.m.

## Oct. 8

Daily stove fire demonstrations, engine static display and a Fire Prevention Week Display at the post exchange, building 6110.

Possible visits by Sparky and Sparx to child-care buildings 6058 and 6060.

## Oct. 9

Daily stove fire demonstrations, engine static display and a Fire Prevention Week Display at the post exchange, building 6110.

School assemblies with Sparky/Sparx at Abrams Elementary at 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. (two seminars).

## Oct. 10

Daily Fire Prevention Week Display, PX, building

6110.

2 to 3 p.m. School assemblies, Sparky/Sparx Patriot Elementary (2 seminars).

## Fire prevention history

The history of Fire Prevention Week, observed Oct. 5 to 11, has its roots in the Great Chicago Fire, which occurred Oct. 9, 1871.

This tragic conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres in 27 hours. While the origin of the fire has never been determined, there has been much speculation over how it began.

In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation, and since 1922, National Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which Oct. 9 falls.

This year's theme, "When Fire Strikes, Get Out! Stay Out!", encourages the public to develop and practice a home fire escape plan, which includes testing and maintaining smoke alarms.

# Invest today for tomorrow's future

## Commentary by 1st Lt. Theodore Stutz 4th Finance Battalion

Investing money for the future is important for most people. Many of you may know some retired family or friends with money problems.

People may tell themselves they won't have money problems, but what are they doing about it?

The bottom line is: the earlier people start investing, the more money they'll have at retirement. For example, if you started investing \$100 a month when you were 18 and continued the \$100 a month investment until you were 65, you would have more money at retirement than someone who started investing \$1,000 a month at age 45. Twenty years multiplied by \$1,000 a month is more than four times more than 47 years multiplied by \$100 a month, but because of the time value of properly invested money, your gains are multiplied with time. Forty-seven years multiplied by \$100 a month goes from the "stuck under the mattress with no earning" total of \$56,400 to \$600,000 when invested at the attainable annual earning rate of 8 percent.

Sounds great, right? But don't you have to pay someone a lot of money to be your broker if you don't know how to invest? No. The online investing services are so easy there is no reason not to start today. Get on your computer and log on to [www.tdwaterhouse.com](http://www.tdwaterhouse.com).

I recommend this online trading service because there is a person assigned to you who is here in the city and can help you if you need it. Click the "Open a new account online now" button, choose "Roth IRA" and follow the instructions. The only piece of information you need to know is that a beneficiary is the person who would get all the money in your account if you were to die.

You've essentially opened a savings account with TD

Waterhouse Bank. But because it is a savings account that is classified by the government as a Roth Individual Retirement Account, you can take the money you put in there and buy stocks, bonds and mutual funds with it. So you are not investing in a Roth IRA, you invest through a Roth IRA.

Just simply putting money in this account with TD Waterhouse will not get you any returns. The reason you choose a Roth is because the money you put in there is after tax money, so it doesn't get taxed again when you take it out after you turn 59.5 years old. So if you have \$1 million in there you get \$1 million – not so with other IRAs. Choose a Roth.

Here is what will happen now; you will receive a packet of information from TD Waterhouse. Keep all of this in a safe place. You will need to either send a check when you have money to invest, or call TD Waterhouse and ask them for an application for auto withdrawal from your checking or savings account.

Investing the money you accumulate in the account can be as simple or complicated as you want to make it. To get started, I recommend a mutual fund. A mutual fund is a company that you give money to. They take the money of a group of investors and use it to buy a large number of stocks, bonds and other investments. The overall gains of these investments are what makes up the mutual funds performance and determines how much your money gets in returns.

In investing, your return is not always like getting a paycheck. What will hopefully (there is always the possibility of loss) happen is that you will buy a share of an investment such as a mutual fund for say \$10. Over time you will gain money in two ways. The investment may pay a dividend, or small profit payout, usually less than a dol-

lar per share. I recommend that with TD Waterhouse, you chose the option to re-invest this money, meaning to use it to buy more of the investment.

The second way you make money is that the investment will go up in price. In an IRA, you can sell the investment and take the \$500 if you think that is as high as the price will go, but you cannot take this money and buy something with it before you turn 59 1/2 years old without incurring a penalty. The profit instead stays in your account to be used to buy the next investment.

New investors should wait until they've accumulate \$1,000, which is the minimum initial purchase amount for the following mutual funds, and buy one of the following; lower risk/lower return funds; VAAPX, OAKBX, or DODBX. Higher risk/higher return; MVACX or ARGFX. Choose risk level based on the length of time until your retirement. If you are within 10 years, go less risky. If you have more than 20 years to go, going risky is better because there is more time for returns to make it through some tough times and come out on top at the end. After you have \$1,000, go online, select "buy mutual funds." After you get your initial \$1,000 in, you can set it up to have your monthly contribution buy directly into the fund which will save you the trading fee (about \$19 a trade).

I recommend these mutual funds because they are considered by many very experienced investors to be well-established fund companies, and they do not charge excessive fees. Let me say that after you have money in one fund, it is very smart to save up and buy into another fund to make sure you don't have all of your eggs in one basket.

I don't claim to be a broker or financial advisor, and cannot be held accountable for mishaps or losses, but hopefully my recommendations will help with your decision-making.

# Community

## Carson 911: *Well-trained, dedicated to duty*

by Pfc. Stephen Kretsinger  
Mountaineer staff

When people call 911, they want to know they and their loved ones are in good hands. At the Mountain Post, the dispatchers are well-trained and highly dedicated to what they do — helping keep Fort Carson safe.

“Our goal is to provide the best possible service, either in an emergency or a nonemergency, to all our customers at Fort Carson, whether they’re civilian work force, troops, dependants or retirees,” said Kimberly A. Perkins, communications supervisor, Fort Carson Fire and Emergency Services.

“We are considered the public safety answering point, meaning that all 911 calls come in here,” said Perkins. “Whether they are for medical, fire, HAZMAT (hazardous materials) or police.

“If it’s strictly a police event, we will transfer the call to the (Military Police), and the MPs handle their own dispatching,” said Perkins. “We also have a regional (Computer Aided Dispatch) system that the MPs are on line as well. If we have a call for the MPs, we can input the information into the computer and send it to them and they can look at their computer screen and dispatch from there.”

The center dispatches for some areas off post as well as on post. “Primarily, if we leave post, we’re

going to Stratmoor Hills, right out Gate 4, or we’re going off of Highway 115.”

Years ago, 911 centers were called ‘alarm rooms,’ said Perkins. “In the past, the alarm rooms were a kind of resting spot. They were either staffed with people that were waiting to go out on the floor to be a firefighter or police officer, or they were a stopping place for people that were getting ready to retire.

“These days, Fort Carson has people that have chosen emergency communications as a career,” said Perkins. “They are all career individuals. They’re all nationally certified as emergency communication dispatchers and call takers. They’re certified from the National Academy of Emergency Dispatch to provide (the) highest level of service, medically or otherwise.”

Not only are they certified, but also they all have a solid background in emergency services, said Perkins. “We have seven communication professionals.

The National Academy is based in Utah. They train dispatchers for all different types of agencies across the nation. Civilians living in Colorado Springs who are coming on post could call 911 on Fort Carson and get the same level of customer service and identical processing of their emergencies as

they would off post, said Perkins. The academy provides continuity in training to all of the emergency communication professionals.

The length of time it takes to handle a call varies from call to call: “There isn’t a set, average time,” said Perkins. “It depends on what the type of call is. It’s important for people to understand that when you call 911, if it’s a medical-related call, they are going to be asked a series of questions. We’re not delaying dispatch. We’re trying to get the best information to give to our responders, so they can respond accurately with the equipment that they need, in a timely manner.

“All of our responders, with the National Academy certification, have what they call ‘zero-minute response time,’” said Perkins. “When somebody calls 911, if somebody has collapsed and is not breathing, our communication professionals are able to start (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) instructions over the phone. They’re able to tell you how to control bleeding over the phone. We’re able to assist in childbirth or the Heimlich maneuver for choking people, with instructions over the telephone.

“We may be on the phone with somebody for three minutes, but we’re not delaying the trucks responding,” said Perkins. “We’re dispatching them

# Community Events

## Miscellaneous

### The Enlisted Spouses Charitable

**Organization** will be holding a lawn party to welcome new members and those interested in what is offered. The lawn party will be held on post Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the McWilliams home, located at 6356 Regents Court.

There will be representatives from on-post agencies, vendors, refreshments and door prizes.

Children are welcome. Membership in ESCO is open to all spouses of enlisted or warrant officer soldiers, whether active duty, Reserve, Guard or Retired and all are invited to attend. If you are interested in meeting new people and having a great time please join us. ESCO members participate in making long lasting friendships, volunteer opportunities on and off post, and sponsor military family events. ESCO meetings consist of family events like craft night and themed potlucks. Children are always welcome to attend with a parent. If you are interested in joining please attend a meeting or e-mail us at [CarsonESCO@hotmail.com](mailto:CarsonESCO@hotmail.com) or call our office at the Family Connection 524-1115.

**Halloween trick or treating** — Halloween trick or treating in the housing areas on Fort Carson will be from 6 to 8 p.m Oct. 31. To ensure the safety of our children, the Military Police will provide added support in your community during these times.

However, it is imperative for parents to ensure their children wear light colored clothing or reflective gear and lighting equipment to ensure maximum visibility to motorists.

**2003 Army Battle of Bands finals** — The 2003 Battle of Bands finals will be held at Fort Carson. The Department of the Army-level finals consists of bands nominated from Army installations around the world to compete against each other for prizes, monetary awards to the representing military installation and opportunities to perform in other venues of the U.S. Army Entertainment Division.

The competition will be Oct. 11 at the Fort Carson Special Events Center. The semi-finals will be held at 1 p.m. and the finals will follow at 7 p.m. Both performances are free and open to the public.

## Military spouse job opportunities at Employment Readiness Office

### Courtesy Army Community Services

The Fort Carson Army Community Service Employment Readiness Office and the Pikes Peak WorkForce Center are now providing a new and innovative employment program for military spouses.

This workforce program has been designed to assist military spouses and civil service employees in securing employment due to a military transfer or reduction in forces. This initiative provides free transportation, vocational/community and college education assistance as well as job interview attire (when needed). Interested military spouses must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Must have been employed at their last assignment
- Resigned from last position due to PCS

- Must now be unemployed due to the military member's transfer

Many spouses have given up educational and career opportunities to follow their husband or wife to their next assignment. Perhaps you have not settled into a particular location to pursue or establish your education and career. If you have become frustrated with starting entry-level positions over and over stop by the ACS Employment Readiness Office and ask about the Pikes Peak Workforce Partnership Program. Our Employment office has established relationships with a multitude of job resource entities (such as: local and national companies, state jobs as well as federal jobs). Contact our Employment Readiness Office at 526-4590 for further details. Also check out our new web page at [www.carson.army.mil](http://www.carson.army.mil) click on "ACS."

For more information, please call 526-4494.

**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: Turret Mechanics in Saudi Arabia Who: E-5 and above

What: Fire control specialist in Saudi Arabia Who: E-5 and above

What: IT LAN administrator in Colorado Springs Who: MSCE, no degree required, TS/SCI Security Clearance

What: C4I Systems Architect (three openings) in Omaha, Neb. Who: Secret security clearance

What: Pharmaceutical sales in Salt Lake City Who: Junior military officers

**Annual leave donations** — Joe Martinez, Directorate of Community Activities; and Alan Wright, an employee in the Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management, need annual leave donations to help cover absences because of illnesses and the exhaustion of available paid leave; call Robin Spencer at 526-0427.

Civilian employees willing to donate annual leave under the "Voluntary Leave Transfer Program" should refer to Fort Carson Regulation 690-4. Leave donation forms (OPM Form 630-A) may be obtained from your personnel section or at the OPM Web site at [www.opm.gov/forms/index.asp](http://www.opm.gov/forms/index.asp).

Completed donation forms should be forwarded to your leave approval official for approval, and then to the Customer Service Representative at DRM. For more information, call Patrick McCusker at 526-1696 or Kathy Green at 526-1729.

**The Fort Carson ID Card Section will be closed** Oct. 10 and 13. Section will resume normal hours on Oct. 14.

For more information, call Mrs. Foster at 524-3704.

### Claims against the estate

**Claims against the estate** — With deepest regrets to the family of Capt. Joshua Todd Byers, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 1st Lt. K.C. Hughes at 524-1097.

**Claims against the estate** — With deepest regrets to the family of Sgt. Melissa Valles, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 1st Lt. Chad Burger at 526-3267 or 473-0789.

**Claims against the estate** — With deepest regrets to the family of Pfc. Jesse Alan Givens,



Army Community Service  
Family Readiness Center  
526-4590



## Fort Carson AFAP

This is your opportunity to participate in the 2004 Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) Conference and voice your quality of life concerns. Many issues prioritized at the conference can be resolved locally while those that cannot are forwarded to the regional level & possibly the DA level for their annual conference.

To submit a quality of life issue (i.e. housing, re-enlistment, health-care, education) stop by the Army Family Action Plan Office in ACS, Bldg. 1526. For details, contact Nancy Montville at 526-4590.

**November 5 & 6**

## Make A Difference Day

**October 25, 9am-2pm**

**Turkey Creek Recreation Area**  
**Registration Deadline: 10 October.**

Make A Difference In Our Community,  
Call 526-4590 for details.

deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 1st Lt. Daniel E. Lawrence at 524-3529 or 761-4054.

**Claims against the estate** With deepest regrets to the family of Capt. Brian R. Faunce, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 1st Lt. Geoffrey C. Dietrick, summary court officer, 238-5674 or 526-4485.

**Claims against the estate** With deepest regrets to the family of Staff Sgt. Frederick Miller, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 1st Lt. David Rittenhouse, 559-8522.

## Retiree Appreciation Day Oct. 18 at Fort Carson Elkhorn Conference Center

### Courtesy Fort Carson Public Affairs Office

Fort Carson will host Retiree Appreciation Day Oct. 18 from 7 a.m. to noon at the Elkhorn Conference Center.

The event provides retirees with convenient access to more than two dozen civic, government and fraternal organizations, as well as representatives from both medical and dental services.

The fair is open to retirees as well as those who are on active duty and may retire in the next several years.

The fair will begin at 7 a.m. with a free continental breakfast. At 7:30, the commanding general and the garrison staff will host an informal discussion. The information fair will begin at 8 a.m.

Flu shots will be available if the vaccine arrives before Oct. 18, according to a flier advertising the event.

The Fort Carson Retirement Services Office serves 38,000 Army retirees or surviving spouses in Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and Southeast Idaho. Of that number, more than 7,000 reside in the Colorado Springs area. Coupled with other service retirees, Colorado Springs is the second most popular military retiree location in the United States, behind Pensacola, Fla.

# Ride smart ...

## Bicycle helmets save children's lives

by Pfc. Aimee J. Felix  
Mountaineer staff

A total of 662 bicyclists were killed in motor vehicle crashes in 2002, according to the National Center for Statistics and Analysis. Ninety percent of all those killed were not wearing helmets, and 21 percent were under 15 years old.

These statistics have raised the national level of awareness on the issue of helmet use, especially for children. As a result, 20 states have enacted age-specific bicycle helmet laws. Colorado is not one of them.

Fortunately, however, Fort Carson and Department of Defense regulations do enforce such safety measures. In addition, other resources such as AAA and the SAFE KIDS coalition provide parents with facts to consider and precautions to take.

Fort Carson regulations state that

bicyclists will wear approved helmets while riding on or off the installation. Also, DOD regulations require bicycle safety to be emphasized in the traffic safety programs on military installations. DOD regulation specifies that these programs are to stress the mandatory use of bicycle helmets approved by the American National Standards Institute or the Snell Memorial Foundation.

Helmets reduce the risk of head and brain injury by 88 percent. However, only 15 to 25 percent of child bicyclists wear bicycle helmets according to a pamphlet released by the SAFE KIDS coalition.

Parents are responsible for enforcing these safety bicycle riding precautions with their children, according to a AAA safety pamphlet.

For many students bicycling is a means of transportation. They may not

all be aware that when using roadways they are required to obey the same traffic rules as motor vehicle drivers, which is why streets with a steady volume of traffic are not appropriate for children bicyclists who have limited traffic experience.

For this reason, AAA recommends teaching children a separate access route to school, which will keep bikers away from school buses and other traffic. A safe route for students who bike to school may be different from one for students who walk to school.

Bicycle-related fatalities of children 14 and under are mostly associated with risky behavior such as: riding into a street without stopping; turning left or swerving into traffic that is coming from behind; running a stop sign and riding against the flow of traffic.

Among other things, SAFE KIDS suggests children should ride during the day because of a statistic that shows children 14 and under are nearly four times more likely to be injured riding at night than during the day.

SAFE KIDS also recommends these key safety steps:

- Always wear a bicycle helmet every time and everywhere you ride.
- Cycling should be restricted to sidewalks and paths until a child is age 10 and able to show how well he or she observes the basic rules of the road.
- Buy a helmet that meets or exceeds the safety standards.
- Bicycle helmets should fit comfortably and snugly, but not too tightly.
- Learn the rules of the road and obey all traffic laws.



Courtesy graphic

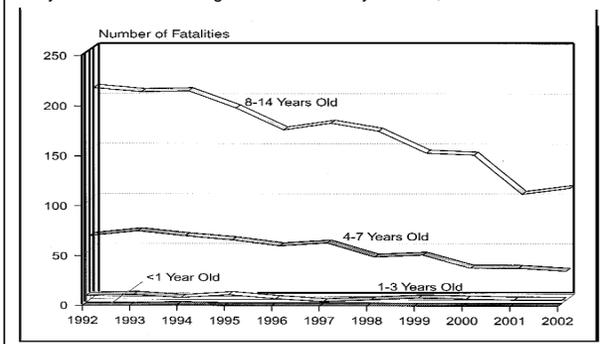
**According to the Bicycle Helmet Safety Institute, a bicycle helmet should fit snugly and not obstruct the field of vision. The chin strap should fit securely.**



Courtesy graphic

**Bicycle helmets should be worn flat on top of the head, not tilted back on an angle. Whatever isn't covered isn't protected.**

Bicyclist fatalities among children 0 to 14 years old, from 1992 to 2002



Courtesy graphic



Photo by Spc. Jon Wiley

## Job well-done ...

Col. Joseph Orr, deputy commanding general, Fort Carson, congratulates Ana Silvia Garcia Trejon for her service to the nation, as her retiring husband, Master Sgt. Ivan Garcia-Laboy, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 68th Transportation Battalion, looks on. Garcia-Laboy was one of ten who were honored at the post's retirement ceremony on Manhart Field Wednesday.

# Carson hosts regional sustainability workshop

## Courtesy Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management

Fort Carson is hosting the Second Annual Installation Sustainability Workshop Oct. 8 from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Briarhurst Manor in Manitou Springs.

Fort Carson defines the concept of sustainability as "The use of resources to meet the needs of the present mission without compromising the ability of future soldiers to meet their own mission."

For Fort Carson, sustainability equates to whatever it takes to ensure resources are used in a manner that does not jeopardize future missions. That mission includes well-being, as it relates to the core of soldiers' families; society, as it relates to the core of

the community that supports the Installation; nature; and the economy.

In September of 2002, Fort Carson held its first sustainability workshop for all community stakeholders to determine 25-year sustainability goals for Fort Carson. Those goals are:

1. Sustain all facility and mobility systems with renewable sources and reduce water use.
2. Reduce automobile dependency and provide balanced land use and transportation systems.
3. Improve communication to foster understanding and attain a "Community of One."
4. Enhance partnering to collaboratively develop, integrate, and implement regional sustainability.
5. Reduce the total weight of haz-

ardous air pollutant emissions to zero.

6. Further integrate sustainability principles into the Fort Carson Master Plan.

7. Build all applicable facilities at Fort Carson to high-performance standards.

8. Key stakeholder groups are trained, compliant and motivated toward sustainability principles.

9. Ensure that all procurement actions support sustainability.

10. Reduce the total weight of solid and hazardous waste disposed of to zero.

11. Ensure training ranges are capable of supporting current and future military training.

The purpose of the October of 2003 workshop is to update Fort Carson and community stakeholders

on the progress of the sustainability goals and begin a new round of special working groups.

Speakers for the workshop include Fort Carson Commanders; ret. Col. Rick Fields, President of Neil Kelly Cabinets; Randy Udall, Director of the Community Office for Resource Efficiency in Aspen, Colo.; and Christopher Juniper of the Catamount Institute.

A continental breakfast, lunch, cash bar and appetizers at the reception are provided. The dress for the workshop is informal, casual.

For more information or to RSVP by Oct. 6, call Gretchen Ware at (719) 526-4907, e-mail her at [gretchen.ware@carson.army.mil](mailto:gretchen.ware@carson.army.mil), or e-mail [kelly.oneill@carson.army.mil](mailto:kelly.oneill@carson.army.mil).

## 911

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as we're providing telephone instruction."

If a person is concerned on whether their emergency is important enough to call 911, it's best to go ahead and call, said Perkins.

"An emergency is different to everybody," said Perkins. "What may be an emergency to me, may not be an emergency to someone else, but call 911 because we are going to sort it out for you."

"You may think it's an emergency because you locked your keys in your vehicle, your vehicle is running and it's in front of a gas pump," said Perkins. "If you call us for that, we will probably tell you it's not an emergency; we'll call the locksmith for you. We don't discourage any type of 911 calls."

"What we do discourage is people that accidentally misdial 911 and as soon as they hear, '911,' they hang up on us," said Perkins. "It takes more time for us to call back than to talk to that person. If we call back and go into a voice messaging service, we then have to send the MPs to check the person's welfare."

The center is now in the process of putting together an accreditation workbook to become a Center of Excellence, said Perkins.

"After each medical call, Fort Carson runs quality assurance on it, every medical call, 100 percent, that comes in to this center," said Perkins. "What that means is, the dispatchers are run through quality assurance to make sure they process their calls correctly. The Academy dictates that every medical call will pass quality assurance with a 90 percent or above. If they receive less than 90 percent, they are

assigned a continuing education project to educate themselves as to what they did and how they did it."

"The National Academy dictates that in order to become a Center of Excellence, a center must be at a 90 percent cumulative overall score," said Perkins. "Currently, Fort Carson is sitting at a 95.95 percent. At the end of this week, we will send our workbook to the academy in Utah. They will then monitor our center, under close scrutiny, for six months to determine whether or not we get the title of a Center of Excellence."

Not only would Fort Carson be certified, but also would make history. "When we get our title, as a Center of Excellence, we will be the first center, (Department of Defense)," said Perkins. "There is not another 911 center, nationally or internationally, that has become a Center of Excellence within the Air Force, Army, Navy or Marines."

"At Fort Carson, we have a very supportive administrative staff and we are able to assist in training," said Perkins. "Not only for the general public, we do participate in new-employee orientation."

"We've taken the lead in dispatch education, not only from within our center, but the knowledge that we have, we have been asked to come back, time and time again, to assist in training dispatchers from other centers, to include Colorado Springs, Manitou Springs, Cripple Creek, Teller County and Woodland Park," said Perkins.

"These guys are a great crew and it's really important for the public to know this," said Perkins. "Trust is a big thing, especially when you can't see the person. It's important to know we've got the best in the west right here in this center. I truly believe this is the best center and I have worked in several

## Communications specialists

Kris Miller, who came from the Phoenix Fire Department, was a firefighter prior to a knee injury. She has extensive knowledge on structure fire.

John Miser, who was part of the Air Force Security Police, worked for the Parks Service in Nevada for around 11 years. He has a vast knowledge of marine fire, wildland and that type of emergency.

Lynn Hart came from Manitou Springs. She grew up within a wildland firefighting environment. Her father is Steve Hart, who works for the National Forest Service.

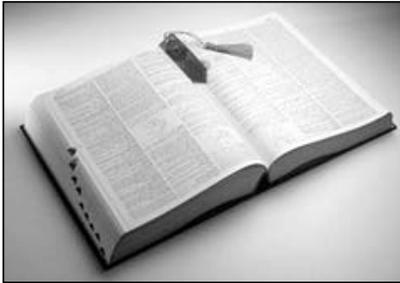
Richard Hill is a retired Air Force firefighter. He worked at the Air Force Academy Tawnya Winters in from Manitou Springs. She grew up in the fire, EMS (Emergency Medical Services) environment. She has experience in dealing with injured children. She ran many children's programs, to include a children's program at the Broadmoor Hotel.

Dave Herrmann came from Fountain Police Department, where he was a communication professional and a quality assurance manager.

Stillman Maxwell, worked with the Emergency Operations Center. He worked with the G-3 and did emergency communications.

other centers."

Perkins encourages those who have questions, concerns or even a tour of their operations to call her or one of the dispatchers at 526-5615 or stop by Fire Station 31 in building 1518. They are there 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



### Chapel

#### Special observance of the Feast Day of St.

**Francis of Assisi** — Join us for a celebration of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi and a blessing of the animals Oct. 4, 3 p.m., Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. Bring your pet or favorite stuffed animal doll to be blessed. This program is sponsored by the Fort Carson Catholic Women. For information, call Delene Baty at 393-1444

**Fort Carson's AWANA club is gearing up for another exciting year** — Club 13,334 meets every Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel.

During game time, individual and team competition takes place through circle games exclusive to AWANA. Every kid gets involved and has a chance to unleash his or her energy, while learning good sportsmanship and respect. During Handbook time, kids work one on one with a trained leader to complete assignments that emphasize memorization and understanding of key Bible verses. Council time is when everyone gathers for an engaging Bible based lesson.

AWANA is divided into age appropriate clubs, which are similar to Scouts, in that the children wear uniforms and progress through handbooks. A series of awards reward achievements at every level.

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

## Chapel Schedule

ROMAN CATHOLIC					
Day	Time	Service	Chapel	Location	Contact Person
M-W-F	noon	Mass	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Battiato/649-5260
Tues., Wed., Thurs.	noon	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Patton/526-5769
Saturday	5 p.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Patton/526-5769
Sunday	8 a.m.	Mass	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Patton/526-5769
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Patton/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/649-5260
Sunday	12:15 p.m.	Mass	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Patton/526-5769
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	RCIA	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Pat Treacy/526-5744
Saturday	4 p.m.	Reconciliation	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Patton/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. Borden/526-3711
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
Sunday	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
NATIVE AMERICAN SWEATLODGE					
For ceremonial information and directions, call Michael Dunning at 382-5331.					

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 110 & Jeremiah 16-18

**Saturday** — Psalms 111 & Jeremiah 19-22

**Sunday** — Psalms 112 & Jeremiah 23-25

**Monday** — Psalms 113 & Jeremiah 26-28

**Tuesday** — 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 & Jeremiah 29-31

**Wednesday** — Jonah 2:2-9 & Jeremiah 32-34

**Thursday** — Psalms 114 & Jeremiah 35-37

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 all staff, personnel and leaders of the U.S. Forces Command and all soldiers, leaders, and families of forces deployed in the United States in homeland defense.

**Army:** For all noncommissioned officers serving as platoon sergeants. Pray God guides them to selflessly care for their soldiers and to train their platoons to be effective units in both peace and war.

**State:** For all soldiers and families from the state of Michigan. Pray for Gov. Jennifer Granholm, the state legislators and municipal officials of the Wolverine State.

**Nation:** For all entrepreneurs and small business owners, that God would bless them in their efforts to build businesses to meet the needs of our people and to strengthen our economy and nation.

**Religious:** For the soldiers and families of the Presbyterian Church, United States of America. Pray also for the military chaplains endorsed to serve our Army by this community of faith. 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).

## Chaplain's Corner

# Yom Teruah: Day of holy convocation

Commentary by Chap. (Lt. Col.)

John Powledge

### First Mobilization Brigade Chaplain

"Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 'Speak to the children of Israel, saying: In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a Sabbath-rest, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work on it; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord.'" Leviticus 23:23 to 25

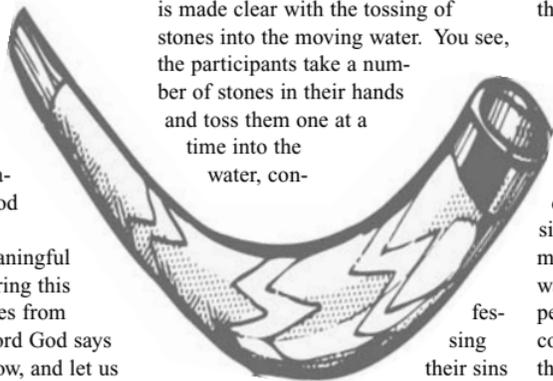
And in this way God announced to the children of Israel the day of Yom Teruah, the day of blowings. Yom Teruah begins at sundown today. It will be marked in observant Jewish homes all over the world with the blowing of the shofar, a ram's horn, and as the Bible states, this is to be the beginning of a holy convocation. Yom Teruah is also called Rosh Hashanah,

which means Head of the Year as Jewish tradition states God created the world about this time.

Regardless of what one calls this holiday, its true significance is that it begins the Days of Awe leading up to Yom Kippur. These 10 days between Yom Teruah and Yom Kippur are days of preparation to come before God for judgment.

One particularly meaningful ceremony performed during this time is Tashlich. It comes from Isaiah 1:18 where the Lord God says to his people: "Come now, and let us reason together, says the Lord. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool." It

is a particularly meaningful ceremony performed at a moving body of water, like a creek. Scripture is read and an appropriate hymn or two are sung. However the meaning of the ceremony is made clear with the tossing of stones into the moving water. You see, the participants take a number of stones in their hands and toss them one at a time into the water, con-



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sing  
their sins

one sin at a  
time as they do.

Symbolically, each sin is cast from oneself and washed away, which

reminds us of Jeremiah's prophecy in Jeremiah 31:34, "No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord, for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.'"

I'm not Jewish, but I too have found this ceremony to be a wonderful reminder of what God has done for me. I am forgiven of my sins through the sacrifice he made for me. The ceremony is also a wonderful way to teach children God forgives his people their sins when they humbly come before to confess and repent of those sins. And isn't that what the biblical holidays are for; to be a remembrance to us through all of our generations? I pray you have a wonderful Day of Trumpets.

# Kick off

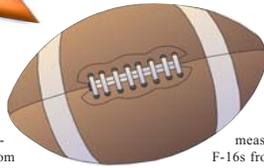
by Pfc. Aimee J. Felix  
Mountaineer staff

Through the brilliance of multi-colored fireworks, the flag was raised to the tune of the national anthem, and the roar of patriotism was muted by the rumbling of four F-16s as they flew over an awe-struck crowd.

Kicking off their home schedule Monday, the Denver Broncos dedicated their first home game to the U.S. military forces that have served, or are still serving, in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Soldiers and airmen, all of whom have deployed to the Middle East, were honored prior to kick off during the pre-game ceremony.

There were representatives from three military installations, Peterson Air Force Base, Buckley Air Force Base and Fort Carson. Fort Carson participants included soldiers from the 43rd Area Support Group, the 4th Finance Battalion and the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

The servicemembers formed up on the 40-yard line holding up an American flag that blanketed almost the entire field. They stood in formation during the national anthem and during the salute



to the flag as four soldiers from the Colorado National Guard, clad in their dress blues, performed a flag-raising ceremony.

During the last musical measure of the national anthem, four F-16s from the 120th Air Squadron stationed at Buckley Air Force Base performed a flyover above the stadium.

Culminating the ceremony was a moment of silence dedicated to the memory of all the men and women who have lost their lives in service.

When the ceremony was complete, the soldiers and airmen were released to enjoy the game.



Rising country music star Aubrey Collins, 15, sang the national anthem before Monday night's game as soldiers and airmen held an enormous American flag over the field.



Broncos cheerleaders wave to fans as they parade onto the field following the national anthem and a moment of silence for fallen military before Monday night's game.



Before the focus moved to the game, the Monday Night Football cameras were trained on soldiers and airmen as the Broncos recognized the military.



Photos by Spc. Matt Milham

Soldiers stood at ease along the south end of the field as they waited to march out onto the field before Monday's 31-10 trampling of the Raiders by the Denver Broncos at Invesco Field in Denver.



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# Sports & Leisure

## Eagles football team on a roll

by Bill Scharton  
Mountaineer staff

With a 20-6 win over Fountain Middle School Monday night in the annual Black and Blue Bowl, the Carson Middle School Eagles seventh-grade football team had put together an impressive three-game unbeaten streak.

The three-game unbeaten streak started Sept. 10 with a 20-16 division win over Skyview. The Eagles then came from behind to earn a tie with Falcon Sept. 17. The tie kept the Eagles unbeaten in division play with a 1-0-1 record.

In the Sept. 17 contest, neither team scored in the first quarter of the game. On the first play of the second period, the Falcon Firebirds scored on a short run up the middle, made the two-point conversion and led Carson 8-0.

On the ensuing kickoff, Eagles' all-purpose back Devyn Harris retreated to his own 10-yard line to pick up the pigskin. He veered to the right and picked up a great block from teammate Yanek Childress at the Carson 30-yard line. At midfield, Harris broke a tackle and then scampered untouched to the end zone for a 90-yard touchdown return. The Eagles' conversion attempt was unsuccessful and Falcon held the lead at 8-6.

The Firebirds put another touchdown on the scoreboard with only three seconds remaining in the half. The two-point conversion failed and Carson trailed 14-6 at intermission.

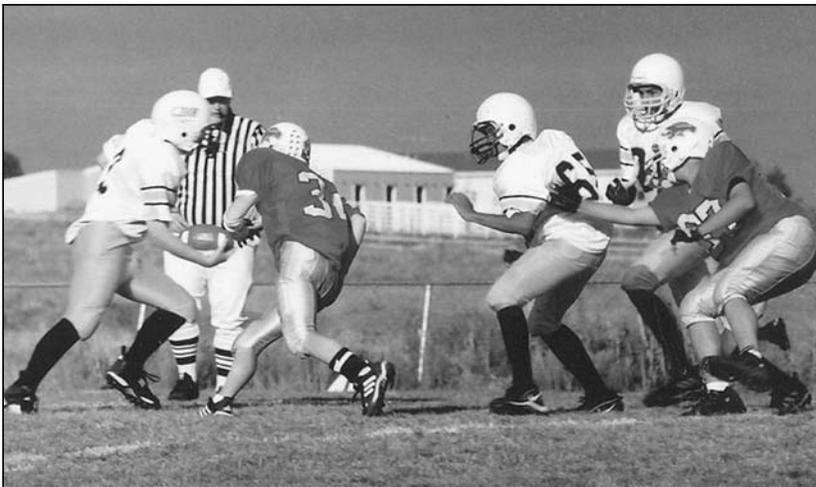
Falcon received the second-half kickoff and marched down the field for another touchdown. The conversion attempt was no good but the Firebirds led the Eagles 20-6 at this point.

Big play Harris produced another one for Carson on its next possession. On first down, Harris took a handoff, broke three tackles at the line of scrimmage, maneuvered to the left sideline and sprinted 56 yards for the touchdown. The conversion attempt failed, but the Eagles had closed the gap to 20-12.

Carson's defense forced Falcon to punt the ball on its next possession. Harris returned the punt to midfield for the Eagles.

As the fourth quarter started, the Eagles needed a touchdown and a two-point conversion to knot the score. On fourth and five at the Falcon 44-yard line, Harris ran for seven yards to gain an important first down.

A short time later, the Eagles were faced with



Photos by Bill Scharton

**Seventh-grade Eagles quarterback Anthony Pritchard scrambles to avoid a sack during the Eagles 20-20 tie at Falcon Sept. 17. The Eagles battled back from a 20-6 deficit to tie the game.**

another important fourth down situation. The Eagles were at the Falcon 32-yard line and needed seven yards to keep the drive alive.

In the biggest play of the game for the Eagles, Harris took a pitch from quarterback Anthony Pritchard, circled the end, broke a pair of tackles and reached paydirt for the third time in the game. Childress tallied the two-point conversion and the Eagles had come back to tie the game at 20-20 with 2:44 remaining in the game.

A good Carson kickoff forced Falcon to start the next drive at its own 18-yard line. The Firebirds picked up two first downs while moving the ball to the Carson 45-yard line with 45 seconds left in the game.

With the clock winding down, Falcon managed to get the ball down to the Carson 15-yard-line with 14 seconds remaining in the game. Falcon had no time outs left and decided to run the ball on the next play. Carson defenders stopped the runner at the 10-yard line. A Carson player was injured on the play and this gave Falcon another play with the clock stopped at 1.2 seconds.

Falcon completed a pass on the last play of the

game, but the receiver was stopped short of the goal line by a host of Carson defenders. There is no overtime in seventh-grade football, so the game ended in a 20-20 tie.

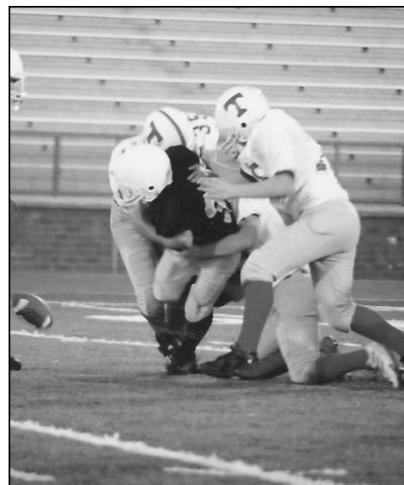
The Monday Black and Blue Bowl game against the Fountain Trojans was played at the Fountain-Fort Carson High School Sports Complex. In this game, the Eagles' seventh-grade team scored first and never relinquished the lead.

Carson's defense stopped Fountain's initial drive at the Carson 41-yard line and the Eagles went on offense at that spot. Big play Harris galloped 28-yards for a first down and then reeled off a 40-yard scoring jaunt

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**Eighth-grade Eagles' running back Jason Schatz is driven backwards by a Fountain defender Monday in the annual Black and Blue Bowl game. The Eagles were blanked 30-0 by the Trojans in this rivalry.**



**Eighth-grade Eagles' running back Jason Schatz fumbles the ball after getting drilled by three Fountain defenders Monday in the annual Black and Blue Bowl game. The Eagles dropped a 30-0 decision to the Trojans in this contest.**

# Greco-Roman World Team features two military coaches

by Bill Scharton  
Mountaineer staff

Two military coaches will be at the helm for the United States this year when the U.S. Greco-Roman World Team competes in the 48th Greco-Roman World Championships Thursday to Oct. 5 in Cretiel, France.

Army World Class Athlete Program head wrestling coach Shon Lewis is the head coach of the 2003 U.S. Greco-Roman World Team. He will be assisted by Jay Antonelli, the head coach of the All-Marine Corps wrestling team.

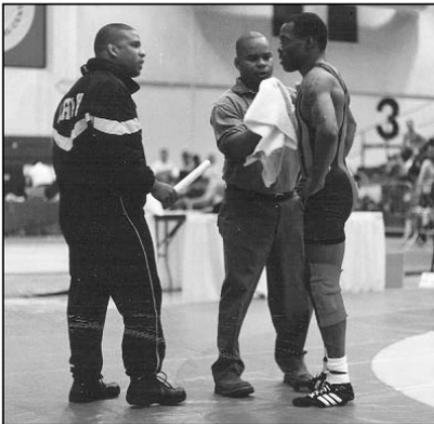
Lewis was a member of the 2001 and 2002 U.S. Greco-Roman World Team coaching staffs, helping Army WCAP wrestler Dremiel Byers capture a World title in 2002. As an athlete, Lewis competed on the 1993 and 1999 U.S. Greco-Roman World Teams. He also qualified for the 1998 U.S. Greco-Roman World Team.

Antonelli previously has been a member of three U.S. Greco-Roman World Team coaching staffs and was an assistant coach with the 2000 U.S. Greco-Roman Olympic Team coaching staff. As an athlete, Antonelli was a nationally ranked Greco-Roman wrestler for the All-Marine Corps team.

In Greco-Roman World Championships wrestling history, only four American wrestlers have captured World gold medals — Mike Houck in 1985, Dennis Hall in 1995, Rulon Gardner in 2001 and Byers in

2002. Byers is the only U.S. military wrestler to win gold.

The highest finish for the U.S. team at the Greco-Roman World Championships was in 2001 when the squad placed third. No military wrestlers qualified for the 2003 U.S. Greco-Roman World Team.



Photos by Bill Scharton

**Army World Class Athlete Program head wrestling coach Shon Lewis, left, provides instructions to Army WCAP Greco-Roman wrestler Anthony Gibbons at a tournament earlier this year.**

## Sports briefs

### Intramural flag football tournament

The Mountain Post intramural post-season flag football tournament will be contested Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. The tournament will be a double-elimination format.

The championship game(s) will be played at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Mountain Post Sports Complex. If the loser's bracket team wins this game, another contest to decide the championship will be played immediately following the first game.

All 12 teams from the regular season league play will get an opportunity to compete for the post championship. The teams will be seeded for the tournament based on their regular season records.

### Fishing Derby

A catch and keep fishing derby will take place tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Womack Reservoir.

The derby is open to military family members only from the ages of 1 to 14. Registration for the event is taking place at the Information, Tickets and Registration office, building 2429 Specker Ave. Registration deadline is close of business today.

Participants will receive a T-shirt and medal at check-in tomorrow. Tackle and bait will be available. Registration is free for the first 300 children. The derby will run from 9 a.m. to noon. Lunch will be served from noon to 1 p.m. The awards ceremony will be at 1 p.m.

The event is being sponsored by the Armed Forces Foundation, the Directorate of Community Activities and the Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management. For additional information, call 526-2151 or 524-1388.

## Eagles

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for the Eagles. The two-point conversion was successful and the Eagles led 8-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Fountain returned the kick off to midfield and proceeded to drive 50 yards for a touchdown. Carson's defense made the conversion attempt fail and the Eagles' lead was shaved to 8-6.

Neither team could muster another score in the second quarter.

Carson would go on offense first in the second half. Harris returned the kick off to the Eagles' 45-yard line. The Eagles faced a third and 15 situation when Harris rambled around the right end for a 41-yard gain to the Trojans' 18-yard line. Three plays later, Harris motored around the left end for a 12-yard touchdown run. The conversion failed but the Eagles had advanced the lead to 14-6.

Harris' kick off into the end zone forced Fountain to start its drive at the 20-yard line. A few plays later, Fountain faced a fourth down and seven at its own 35-yard line. The Trojans decided to go for the first down and fumbled the ball on a reverse play. The Eagles' Ruben Torres recovered the fumble and Carson took over at the Trojans' 28-yard line.

On first down, Harris highstepped his way down to the Fountain three-yard line. Eagles' running back Marquise Turner scored on the next play. The conversion was no good, but the Eagles had built a 20-6 lead with only 3:51 left in the game.

Fountain drove to the ball to the Eagles' 20-yard line, but the drive stalled at that point when time expired on the clock. The Eagles' 20-6 victory pushed the team's overall record to 2-2-1. Carson is 1-0-1 in division play.

Carson's eighth-grade football team has been shut

out its last two outings. The Eagles dropped a 46-0 decision at Falcon in a division game Sept. 17. In this contest, the Eagles were up against a 50 mile per hour north wind and a fired up Firebirds team. This combination spelled doom for the Eagles.

Falcon scored five first-half touchdowns and had the game sacked away at halftime with a 36-0 lead. A second-half safety and another touchdown gave the Firebirds the easy 46-0 victory. The division loss evened out the Eagles' Small Division record at 1-1 and leveled the overall mark at 2-2.

In the Black and Blue Bowl game Monday night against the Fountain Trojans, the Eagles eighth-grade football team had to play the game without its starting quarterback or its leading rusher/scorer due to academic ineligibility rules. The Trojans entered the game undefeated and were bound and determined to stay that way.

The shorthanded Eagles were no match for the Trojans. Fountain tallied two touchdowns in the first quarter, another one in the second and maintained a comfortable 22-0 lead at halftime.

Fountain scored again in the third quarter to push the lead to 30-0. This was the final score as neither team tallied in the fourth quarter. The loss lowered the Eagles overall record to 2-3.

Both Eagles teams were slated to play division games at Ellicott Wednesday afternoon. Both teams will play their Woodland Park counterparts on the road Oct. 1.

### Eagles volleyball

The Eagles' seventh-grade girls volleyball team won its second league match in a row with a victory at Manitou Springs Sept. 17. The win gave the Eagles a 2-1 league record and a 3-2 overall mark. The Eagles defeated Skyview Monday in a non-league match to push the overall record to 4-2.

The Eagles' eighth-grade girls volleyball team lost its league match at Manitou Springs Sept. 17. This dropped the Eagles record to 0-3 in league and 0-5 overall. A non-league loss to Skyview Monday dropped the overall mark to 0-6.

Both teams were scheduled to play league foe Ellicott at home Wednesday. Both teams will play a league match at Penrose Sept. 29 and Florence Oct. 1.



Photo by Bill Scharton

**Carson Middle School seventh-grade girls volleyball player Marissa Blackman makes a nice return for the Eagles during a home match earlier this season. The seventh-graders won matches at Manitou Springs Sept. 17 and Skyview Monday**

# Lady Mountaineers hoping for first place

by Bill Scharton  
Mountaineer staff

The Lady Mountaineers competitive slowpitch softball team is tied for first place in the Colorado Springs Parks and Recreation women's fall Silver League heading into the final night (Monday) of action.

However, in order for the Lady Mountaineers to win the league title outright, a couple of things must fall into place on the final night of play.

First, the Lady Mountaineers must win their final two games Monday night. At 8 p.m., the Lady Mountaineers play MC2 on the Four Diamond Softball Complex yellow field. At 9 p.m., the Lady Mountaineers play Yo Baby! on the same field.

The Lady Mountaineers and Yo Baby! are both 5-1 heading into the Monday night action. Earlier in the season, the Lady Mountaineers defeated Yo Baby! by the score of 17-7. Another win over Yo Baby! Monday would keep the Lady Mountaineers ahead of Yo Baby! in the final standings.

Another team, All About Jesus, also has a 5-1 mark heading into the final night of play. All About Jesus beat the Lady Mountaineers earlier in the season. Therefore, All About Jesus must lose one of its final two games Monday night.

So the first place scenario for the Lady Mountaineers goes like this. If the Lady Mountaineers win both games and All About Jesus loses one of two games, the Lady Mountaineers capture the league crown.

The Lady Mountaineers remained in a tie for first place by winning both of their games Monday night. In the first contest of the evening, the Lady

Mountaineers handed S.G.O. Wild Things a 17-7 setback.

The Lady Mountaineers put three runs on the board in the first inning and added six more in the second frame. The six-run second was highlighted by a Maylen Gaspar run-producing triple. After two innings, the Lady Mountaineers led 9-6.

Following a scoreless top of the third inning, the Lady Mountaineers erupted for five runs in the top of the fourth frame. Jeri Gallus had an RBI single and Kelly Berreman belted a two-run double. Gaspar drilled a three-run homer in the fifth inning. She finished the game with six RBIs for the Lady Mountaineers. The defense held S.G.O. Wild Things to one run in the final three frames en route to the 17-7 victory.

In the second game of the twin bill, the Lady Mountaineers staged a tremendous last inning rally to earn a 16-15 win over Enealrd Electric. The Lady Mountaineers trailed 10-5 heading into their at bat in the bottom of the fifth inning.

The Lady Mountaineers scored three runs then had two outs with no runners on base. With the time limit about to run out in the game, a Lady Mountaineers batter strategically struck out in order to send the contest to a sixth inning.

According to Lady Mountaineers player/manager Catherine Satow, this strategy almost backfired on the Lady Mountaineers. "It almost backfired on us because we gave up another five runs in the top of the sixth inning." This meant the Lady Mountaineers would have to overcome a 15-8 deficit in their final at bat in the bottom of the sixth inning.

The Lady Mountaineers had the bases loaded but

they also had two outs. No runs had scored up to this point. One Lady Mountaineers' batter after another came through with base hits. Seven runs crossed the plate to tie the score at 15-15. Donna Wright came to the plate and singled home Pam Norris with the winning run. The Lady Mountaineers scored eight runs with two outs and the come-from-behind 16-15 victory kept the team's title hopes alive.

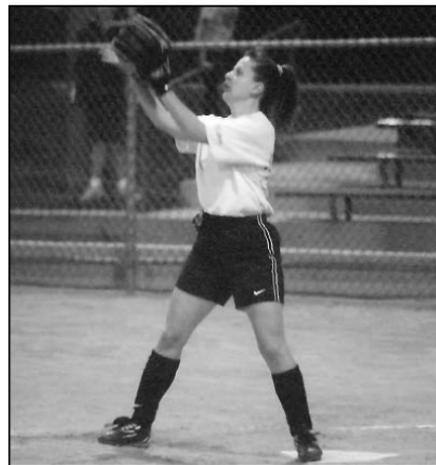


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**Lady Mountaineers catcher Carolyn Smith gets ready to record a forced out at home plate during a fall league game. The Lady Mountaineers still have a shot at first place heading into the final night of league play Monday.**

## *Racquetball champ*

Maylen Gaspar demonstrates the form that earned her first place in the women's division of the Summer's End racquetball tournament Sept. 16 at Forrest Physical Fitness Center. Gaspar defeated Shirley Morris in two straight games to win the tourney title. Gaspar is also one of the stars for the Lady Mountaineers competitive slow-pitch softball team.



Photo by Bill Scharton

# Explore a gold mine: 1,000 feet below ground

# Hardrock Miners



The Mollie Kathleen Mine, just before Cripple Creek, is a popular tourist attraction. The mine dates back to 1891.

Story and photos by Nel Lampe

**Mountaineer staff**

**B**uses filled with tourists stop at the Mollie Kathleen Mine; dozens of cars fill the parking lot. Some people say the mine tour is one of the best tourist attractions in Colorado. It is, after all, a chance to explore a working mine.

The Mollie Kathleen Mine is one of the few vertical-shaft gold mines in the United States which can be toured. The mine dates from 1891.

On a July afternoon, tickets were already sold out for the next three tours. People bought tickets and settled down for a wait of 45 minutes to an hour. Some visitors watched the hoist operate, others visited the gift shop or fed squirrels.

Visitors entering the mine are lowered to a 1,000-foot depth the same way early miners were: a nine-man miner skip, which is sort of an elevator. Two nine-man skips are used, one on top of the other, to lower a tour group of 18 people at once.

The skip is hoisted by a one-inch steel cable with a snap test of 65 tons. The skips are lowered into the mine at a rate of 500 feet per minute, com-

pared to modern elevators which move at 800 feet per minute.

The hoist is powered by a 75-horsepower drive, backed up by a gasoline Chrysler engine.

Tours over the past 50 years used only a small part of the underground mine. Some of the crosscuts and drifts were too narrow and too far apart to give visitors enough time underground to visit all areas of the mine.

Mollie Kathleen Mine management knew changes and improvements had to be made to the mine to enrich the tours. It took six years to gather needed mining equipment and parts to put everything in operating condition. During the winter of 2000 and 2001, once again the Mollie Kathleen had the sounds of a working mine: drilling and blasting noises reverberated through the shafts, crosscuts and drifts. Skips once again carried miners rather than tourists.

More than 250 rounds of explosives were used; tons of rock were hoisted to the surface during improvements. Several hundred feet of drifts and crosscuts were enlarged. Hundreds of feet of mine rails were laid in the mine.

The mine tour now is better than ever. Tourists have a little more elbow



Mine visitors board the man-skip for the descent into the Mollie Kathleen Mine.

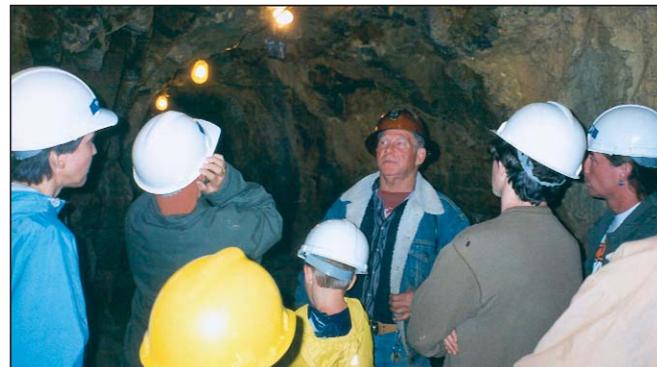
room and more to see, plus the experience of a five-minute ride on the underground tram.

According to Dennis Laning of the Mollie Kathleen Mine, in its early days people asked to visit the mine. Sometimes miners granted the request, conducting tours while other miners worked underground.

Once word got out that tours could be taken at the Mollie Kathleen Mine, so many people requested tours that the mine work was disrupted.

Finally, the mine's owner decided to conduct tours at the 700-foot-level while the miners continued working at the 1,000-foot level. Dynamite work was done at night so as not to disrupt the tours. Still, demand for tours continued and finally, tours took over the mine during the daytime. Mining operations were only conducted at night.

Daytime tours and nighttime mining continued until the last gold ore mill closed in 1961. As there was no



Don Gaskins tells visitors about hard-rock mining. The group is at the 1,000-foot level of the Mollie Kathleen Mine near Cripple Creek.



Places to see in the Pikes Peak area.

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longer a place to ship the gold ore for processing, production came to a halt. Although gold ore worth millions of dollars is still in the mines, getting the gold out of the hard rock became too expensive. It is estimated that perhaps only 20 percent of the gold in the Mollie Kathleen Mine was removed.

Although the mining of gold ceased, the Mollie Kathleen didn't close; the tours continued.

The Mollie Kathleen Mine was started by a Colorado Springs woman, Mollie Kathleen Gortner. Although some 8,000 miners earned their living working in the mines, gold brought other people to Cripple Creek as well, such as merchants, bankers, saloon keepers, real estate agents, assayers and surveyors. Mollie's son Perry Gortner was a surveyor, earning his living mapping mine claims. While on an extended visit with her son in Cripple Creek, Mollie was searching for an elk herd that was in the vicinity. She noticed an outcropping of rock she thought looked strange. She broke off a piece of the outcropping and saw what looked like veins of gold in the rock. She took

the rock to show her son and they quickly decided to stake a claim. When Mollie went to register the claim, she was told that women weren't allowed to file a claim. Mollie is said to have grabbed the filing papers and quickly signed them, thus becoming the first woman to own a mine. She named the mine after herself.

Mollie had a difficult time hiring miners as they were superstitious about women being in the mines. She finally had to turn the operation of the mine over to her son so adequate staff could be hired. Still, when she visited her mine, the workers quit working and came to the surface. They stayed out of the mine until she left, then went back to work. They didn't need the bad luck of having a woman in a mine.

The Mollie Kathleen Mine was a rich mine, producing more than \$5 million in gold. At today's prices, that gold would be worth more than \$100 million.

The Mollie Kathleen mine is still in operable condition. Should gold mining once again be profitable, the Mollie Kathleen could



Visitors waiting for their tour watch the hoist lower the man skip to the Mollie Kathleen Mine's 1000-foot level.

become operational almost immediately. Until then, thousands of tourists will visit the mine, taking away the feel and knowledge of how an underground mine works, along with a piece of gold ore of their own.

Adult visitors pay \$15 and children pay \$10 for the chance to don a miner's jacket and a hardhat. They ride the skip 1,000 feet straight down into the cool underground of a mine. A miner/guide takes visitors through the crosscuts and drifts, sharing information about the working life of a miner. Mining equipment is brought to life so that visitors experience the noise level a hard-rock miner endured while drilling and blasting the hard rock ore.

At the end of the hour-long tour, each visitor receives a specimen of gold-containing ore.

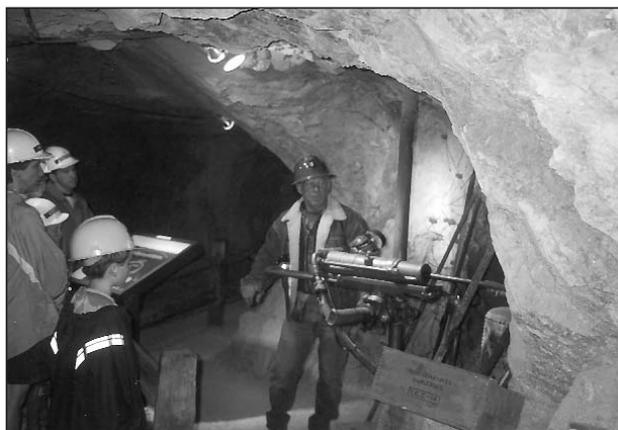
The mine is open for tours daily through Oct. 22, then on weekends after that. For tour information, call (719) 689-2466.

A gift shop sells Colorado and mining souvenirs as well as gold jewelry and souvenirs. Only a few snacks and soft drinks are available on site.

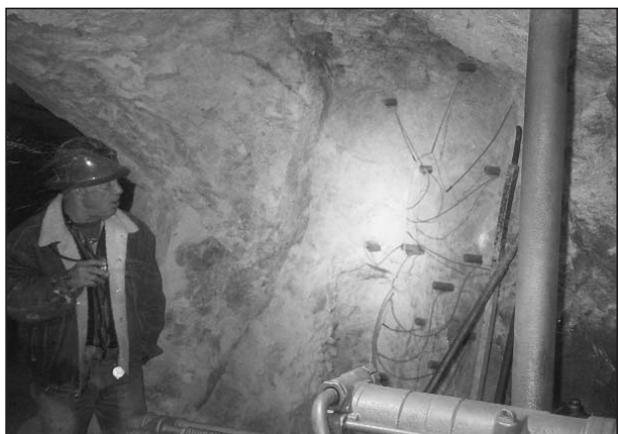
To reach the Molly Kathleen Mine, take Highway 24 west through Woodland Park to Divide. At Divide, turn south on Highway 67. It's about 17 miles south to the mine, about a mile before reaching Cripple Creek. Watch for signs and the head frame of the gold mine.



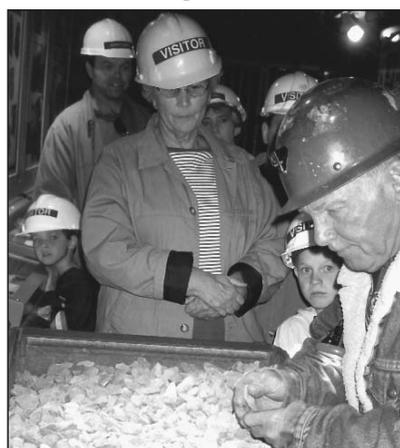
The head frame of the Mollie Kathleen Mine is where visitors begin the mine tour.



Don Gaskins demonstrates drilling equipment used in hard-rock mining in the Mollie Kathleen Mine near Cripple Creek.



Don Gaskins explains the way charges are set up and used for blasting gold-bearing ore.



At the end of the tour, visitors get a chunk of gold-bearing ore as a souvenir. Don Gaskins selects rich specimens.

### Just the Facts

- Travel time about an hour
  - For ages all
  - Type historic mine tour
  - Fun factor ★★★★★ (Out of 5 stars)
  - Wallet damage \$\$\$
    - \$ = Less than \$20
    - \$\$ = \$21 to \$40
    - \$\$\$ = \$41 to \$60
- (Based on a family of four)

## Get Out!

### Philharmonic

The Colorado Springs Philharmonic presents a "monster" concert, "Frankenstein," Sunday. Festivities begin at 1 p.m. The concert is at 2:30 p.m. in the Pikes Peak Center, 190 S. Cascade. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$9 for those under 19.

### Theatreworks

The University of Colorado at Colorado Springs Theatreworks presents "Frankenstein" through Oct. 12. There are performances Thursdays through Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. as well as matinees Saturday and Oct. 4 and 11. Sunday matinees are Sunday, Oct. 5 and 12. Call 262-3232 for tickets.

### Academy football

The next home game at the Air Force Academy is with University of Nevada at Las Vegas, Oct. 11. To obtain tickets, call 472-1895.

### Corn maze

The corn maze at JoyRides Family Fun Center is open. The two-acre corn maze is open until dusk Thursdays through Sundays. Maze admission is \$5.

### The circus is coming

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey's Circus is coming to Denver next month. Wednesday to Oct. 5, the circus is at the Pepsi Center. There are performances at 7:30 p.m. each night, with 11:30 and 3:30 p.m. performances Oct. 4 and 5. The circus will be in the Denver Coliseum Oct. 7 through Oct. 12. Performances Oct. 8 through 11 are at 7:30 p.m. There's a 3:30 p.m. performance Oct. 11, and performances at 1:30 and 5:30 p.m. Oct. 12. Tickets run from \$12.75 to \$20.75; call (303) 830-TIXS.

### Pikes Peak Philharmonic

The Pikes Peak Philharmonic presents "A Day at the Zoo" Sunday at 3 p.m., at Benet Hill Center, 2577 N. Chelton. The musical selections are "The Four Seasons," "Swan Lake, Suite," "Flight of the Bumblebee," and "Carnival of the Animals." Adult tickets are \$6, children's tickets are \$4 at the door.

### Denver concerts:

The Blue Man Group is at The Pepsi Center in Denver Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m. Get tickets at Ticketmaster,

520-9090.

Lyle Lovett and his large band are at the Buell Theater Oct. 16 at 8 p.m.; tickets are at Ticketmaster, 520-9090.

Simon and Garfunkle are together again and performing Oct. 30 at the Pepsi Center; call Ticketmaster, 520-9090.

Kenny Loggins appears at the Paramount theater on the 16th Street Mall Oct. 24. Tickets are at Ticketmaster, 520-9090.

### Harvest Festival

Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site offers free admission Oct. 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The 1880s-era farm will feature harvest activities, pony and horse-drawn wagon rides, concerts and tours of the historic buildings. Frybread, Navajo tacos, hot dogs and brats will be sold. Some activities have small charge. Rock Ledge Ranch is at the Garden of the Gods entrance off 30th Street.

### Pueblo Symphony

The Pueblo Symphony opens its new season Oct. 4, with a programing featuring "The Platters, The Third Generation." the concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in Hoag Recital Hall on the campus of Colorado State University, Pueblo. Songs featured in the concert include "Only You," "The Great Pretender," "My Prayer," and "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes." Tickets are \$20 and \$25. For information, call (719) 545-7957.

### Fine Arts Repertory Theater

The Repertory Theater opens its 15th season with "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers." Oct. 3 and runs Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., through Oct. 19. Upcoming performances include "It's a Wonderful Life," Dec. 5 to 21; "Sweet Charity," Feb. 6 to 22, and "Hot Mikado," May 7 to 23. Call the box office, 634-5581. The theater is at 30 W. Dale St.

### Damon Runyon Repertory

The Damon Runyon Repertory Theater in Pueblo has set its new season. The season begins Oct. 2 with the Broadway musical hit "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change." Performances are at 7 p.m. as dinner theater Oct. 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11. Matinee performance are at 2 p.m. Oct. 4, 5 and 12. Tickets start at \$6. Performances are in the new Runyon Theater, 611 N. Main St. in Pueblo.

Other Damon Runyon Repertory productions this season include "Pirates of Penzance," "Forever Green," "Stars in Your Eyes," "Forever Plaid," "Ten Little Indians," "Blithe Spirit" and "Rumors." Call (719) 564-

0579 or go online at [www.damonrunyon.org](http://www.damonrunyon.org).

### Dinner Theater

"Fiddler on the Roof" is at the Country Dinner Playhouse in south Denver through Nov. 16. The buffet is at 6 p.m., the show at 7:45 p.m. The address is 6875 S. Clinton. Call 303-799-1410 for tickets.

### Craft Show

The Creative Crafters' Showcase holds its annual show Oct. 11, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Oct. 12, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Lewis Palmer High School in Monument. Admission is \$3. Take Interstate 25 to Exit 158.

### Glen Eyrie

Tickets are now on sale for the 15th Madrigal Banquet and "Everyman's Christmas Revels" presented at Glen Eyrie castle, 3820 N. 30th St. Go online at [www.gleneyriecgroup.org](http://www.gleneyriecgroup.org) or call 634-0808. Glen Eyrie is at the Navigators, just north of Garden of the Gods.

### Bent's Fort

The Historic Bent's Fort near La Junta hosts an evening of storytelling Oct. 11. the fort is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. except major holidays. Guided tours are at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. The fort is staffed by re-enactors in authentic costume. The fee is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children ages 6 to 12. Those under 6 get in free. Bent's Fort is eight miles east of La Junta on Highway 194.

### Exhibit in Money Museum

The works of famed 19th century sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens, sometimes referred to as the American Michelangelo, is jointly presented by the Money Museum, 818 N. Cascade Ave., and the Fine Arts Center, 30 W. Dale St. The exhibit is in place until Oct. 26 at the Money Museum and the Fine Arts Center. The Money Museum is free and open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from noon until 4 p.m. Some pieces are in the Fine Arts Museum, which is free on Saturdays. Other days, the admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children ages 6 to 16.

### Slavic Fest

A Slavic Fest is Oct. 11 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Oct. 12 from noon until 6 p.m. at St. Mary's Orthodox Church near Calhan. The fest features traditional foods, dancers and music, and baked goods, pierogi, halupki and kolbasi. Take Highway 24 east to Calhan. Go through Calhan and take Yoder north to the church at 19485 N. Calhan Highway.

## Happenings



Photo by Nel Lampe

### *Aspen season ...*

Aspens in the high country turn to gold during late September and early October. Mueller State Park, on Highway 67, three miles off Highway 24 West, is usually a good place to find golden aspens.

Program Schedule for Fort Carson cable Channel 10, today to Oct. 3.

Army Newswatch: includes stories on operations in Iraq, Combat Equipment Group Europe and truck rodeo. Airs at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

Navy/Marine Corps News: stories on the USNS Sirius, Admiral Elmo Zumwalt and the commissioning of the USS Mustin (repeat). Airs at 8 a.m., 1 p.m., 8 p.m. and 1 a.m.

Air Force News: includes stories on Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the Combat Controller School and The Nightingales (repeat). Airs 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.

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