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Photo by Pfc. Clint Stein

## Triage ...

Members of the Fort Carson and Colorado Springs fire and rescue teams separate casualties by order of severity at a triage at Ironhorse Park Wednesday as part of a force protection exercise. Firefighters and medical rescuers were reacting to a call that an explosion in the park had injured several people. The two-day training exercise tested several aspects of Fort Carson's reaction to a possible terrorist threat. Observers from Fort Carson and Peterson Air Force Base attended the exercise in order to help conduct and evaluate the rescue mission.

## Post Soldier involved in Iraq drowning waives hearing

Courtesy 4th Infantry Division  
Public Affairs Office

A Fort Carson lieutenant facing multiple charges connected to his involvement with the alleged drowning of one Iraqi detainee in the vicinity of Samarra, Iraq, has unconditionally waived his right to an Article 32 hearing.

1st Lt. Jack M. Saville, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, in consultation with his civilian and military attorneys, elected Tuesday not to proceed with the pre-trial hearing scheduled for Wednesday morning.

The appointing authority, Col. Brian Jones, commander, 3rd BCT, will now forward his recommendations on the disposition of the charges against Saville to the convening authority, Maj. Gen. James D. Thurman, commanding general, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Charges against Saville include two counts of conspiracy, making a false statement, obstruction of justice, involuntary manslaughter and two counts of aggravated assault. The charges include an additional specification for aggravated assault, preferred against Saville on Thursday, after more evidence became available. The new charge stems from an alleged incident in the vicinity of Balad, Iraq, in December 2003.

Two other Fort Carson Soldiers, Sgt. Reggie Martinez and Spc. Terry Bowman, both assigned to 3rd BCT, received non-judicial punishment Tuesday, under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, for their roles in the incident in Samarra.

The case of a third Soldier, Sgt. 1st Class Tracy Perkins, also 3rd BCT, is awaiting disposition by the appointing authority, Jones.

If convicted, Saville and Perkins could face punishment consisting of up to 26 and a half years confinement, dishonorable discharge, total forfeiture of all pay and allowances. In addition, Perkins could be reduced to private E-1.

## Post BNCOC students graduate

by Sgt. Jon Wiley  
Mountaineer staff

If Fort Carson units don't have the time and resources to send all Soldiers to the schoolhouse who need to go, why not bring the schoolhouse to them?

That's the reasoning that led to a first-of-its-kind and Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course taught at the Mountain Post for 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment and 3rd Brigade Combat Team scouts and tankers.

Forty-three Soldiers graduated

from phase 2 of a joint 19K and 19D BNCOC at McMahon Theater Sept. 1. To make this happen, staff from the Noncommissioned Officer Academy at Fort Knox, Ky., came to Fort Carson to teach the course, and the 168th Regiment Regional Training Institute, Colorado National Guard provided classroom space.

"This was the first time this was done in CONUS (the continental United States)," said Sgt. 1st Class Norman Martin, noncommissioned officer education system quota manager for Fort Carson. "It gave the

Soldiers the opportunity to do their training at home station, which meant they got to spend time with their families, and it cut the course by a good three weeks."

Command Sergeant Major George DeSario Jr., commandant NCO Academy, Fort Knox and Fort Knox command sergeant major, said that this is not "necessarily the way we want to do things in the future, but for our op tempo it makes sense."

He also said that the academy will

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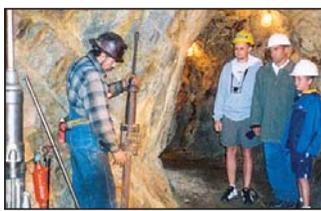
### Feature



1st Battalion, 68th Armor tests Army's new tank gunnery.

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### Happenings



One of the area's best attractions is the Molly Kathleen Mine near Cripple Creek.

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## Hispanic Heritage Day Observance

The Fort Carson Hispanic Heritage Day observance will take place Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Special Events Center.

Post Weather hotline:

526-0096

# Hispanic heritage celebration Thursday

by Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Clausen  
Equal Opportunity Advisor  
43rd Area Support Group

Did you ever wonder why Hispanic Heritage Month runs from Sept. 15 through Oct. 15? It is the only observance that includes two different months.

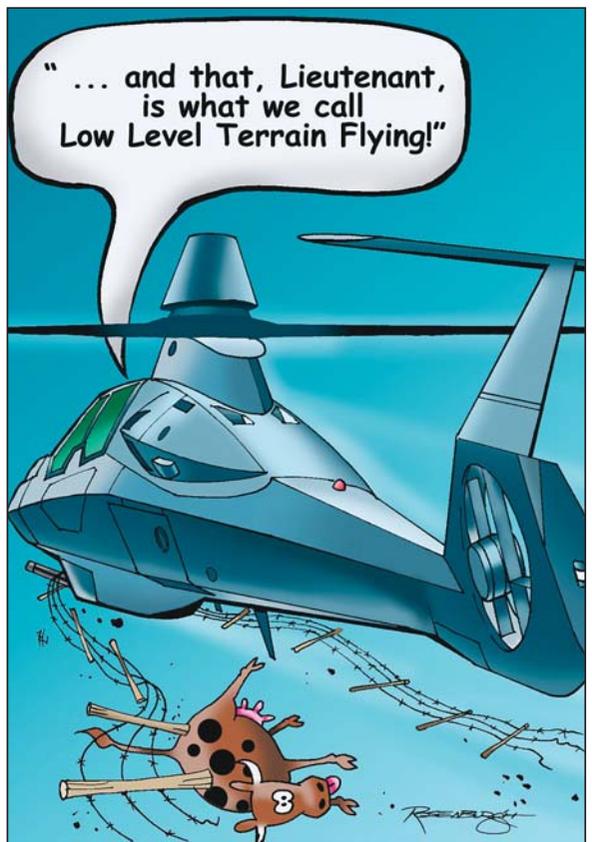
First, a little history how it became a month long. President Lyndon Johnson recognized Hispanic Heritage Day in 1967 as Sept. 16. Next, President Gerald Ford declared that the week of Sept. 10 to 16 be proclaimed Hispanic Heritage Week by signing it into law Public Law 90-498 in 1974. And finally, with the help of Air Force Col. Gil Coronado, the signing of Public Law 100-42 Aug. 17, 1988 authorized the designation of the National Hispanic Heritage Month.

So, why the split of months? Those dates coincide with the independence days of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Mexico, Chile and Belize. It also encompasses Columbus Day, which commemorates the arrival of Christopher Columbus to the New World of the Americas.

It is important to celebrate all the contributions that Hispanic-Americans have done for this country. Hispanic-Americans have fought for this country's freedom in every war. There are 27 Hispanic Medal of Honor awardees. They have had a significant influence on all aspects of life in the United States. In science, there are great Hispanic men and women such as: Antonia Novello,

the first Hispanic woman Surgeon General of the United States; Ellen Ochoa, the first Hispanic woman astronaut; Luis W. Alvarez, a Nobel Prize winner in physics for work with subatomic particles; and Severo Ochoa, another Noble Prize winner for work in medicine and physiology for laboratory synthesis of DNA and RNA, a single strand of DNA. In the entertainment world there are great names such as: Anthony Quinn, Raquel Welch, Erik Estrada, Rita Moreno — the first Hispanic actress to win an Oscar — Daisy Fuentes and Rick Trevino. There were many scholars/writers who have also contributed to the United States such as: Oscar Hijuelos, Pulitzer Prize winning author of "The Mambo King Plays Songs of Love," and cultural Cuban writer Lydia Cabrera. In politics there are many great contributors such as: Henry Bonilla, Congressman of Texas; Jerry Apodaca, former governor of New Mexico; and of course the mayor of Colorado Springs, Lionel Rivera.

This year Fort Carson will be celebrating the Hispanic Heritage Month Observance at the Special Events Center Thursday. Everyone from Fort Carson and the Mountain Post community is invited to attend this event. The observance will begin at 11:30 a.m. and run until 1:30 p.m. Rivera will be the guest speaker. The program will consist of cultural dances, music, displays and free food sampling. Come out for 15 minutes or stay for an hour, but either way, you'll have a great time.



Courtesy Bob Rosenburgh, 4th ROTC Region, Wash.

## Comanche Louie



What benefit do you see in the unit of action transformation?



"It builds better cohesion with your teams so that you know each other."

Spc. Josh Shew,  
Air Defense Artillery  
Battery, 1st Squadron,  
3rd Armored Cavalry  
Regiment



"You can stay in one place longer and not move around as much."

Spc. David Wilbourn,  
Air Defense Artillery  
Battery, 1st Squadron,  
3rd Armored Cavalry  
Regiment



"A task force is able to deploy as a complete task force instead of with attachments."

Sgt. Scott Abbott,  
Headquarters and  
Headquarters Company,  
1st Battalion, 8th Infantry



"You can spend more time at one duty station and stabilization for families."

Sgt. Donald Walters,  
Headquarters and  
Headquarters Company,  
1st Battalion, 8th Infantry

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# News

## Plasma donation open to Carson troops

by Spc. Stephen Kretsinger  
Mountaineer staff

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are looking for people who have been vaccinated against anthrax to donate plasma in a program to make a new kind of medication to fight anthrax infections.

The Anthrax Plasma Donation Project is under the charge of the CDC and it is hoped the project is able to make anthrax immune globulin or AIG. If AIG passes a Food and Drug Administration review, it will be stored in the Strategic National Stockpile for emergency use to treat patients with severe anthrax infection. Donors will be compensated \$60 per donation and may only donate once a week for 10 weeks in a row maximum.

Plasma donors must be in good health. They must pass a brief physical examination, medical history screening, and test for syphilis, HIV and hepatitis.

Donors must have received four or more doses of anthrax vaccine. Plasma may be donated 10 to 21 days after an anthrax vaccination. This gives the body time to make anthrax antibodies. Starting donations after the 21st day would not allow time for enough later donations. People may not start the anthrax vaccination series to become plasma donors. Only people who have already received four or more anthrax vaccinations will be eligible for this project.

People who recently received yellow fever, varicella (chickenpox), or measles-mumps-rubella vaccines need to wait two weeks before donation. People who recently received a smallpox vaccination need to wait about two

months.

The main group of people not eligible to donate for this project are those who have spent long periods of time in countries where "mad cow disease" has occurred rarely. This includes people who have lived on military installations where beef from the United Kingdom may have been distributed during certain intervals. Contact the plasma center regarding which countries and military installations would make a person ineligible for donation.

Donors do not have to be in the service to donate. Anyone is welcome to donate plasma for this project, granted they meet the other requirements for donation. Final determination of eligibility is made at the plasma center. Donor eligibility rules are intended to protect donors, as well as any patients who receive products made from the plasma.

The first visit to the plasma center is called the "qualifying visit," which usually takes one to two hours. During this visit, the donor will answer questions about any medical history. Next, donors will have a brief examination. After the examination, blood and urine will be tested to make sure the potential donor is in good health. After that, the donor's clinic's electronic immunization records will be checked. Bringing a printout of the donor's immunization record to the plasma center may allow the donor to donate plasma on the first visit.

If all these tests are passed, the donor will be asked to sign an informed consent form for plasma donation, giving permission for the plasma center to collect the

donor's plasma and use it for this CDC program.

Plasma donation is similar to blood donation. Blood is removed through the use of a sterile needle placed in the vein and extracted through a sterile IV tube. The blood goes into a spinning centrifuge, which separates the plasma from the blood cells. The blood cells are then returned to the donor through the same tube and needle.

A sterile saline solution may be given to the donor after the donation to help the body replace fluid removed during donation. If saline solution is not given, the body will still replace the fluids naturally within 48 hours.

Side effects that may occur are similar to those relating to blood donation. Some donors may feel light-headed or faint during or right after donating plasma. This usually occurs if the donor did not eat or drink enough before donating.

Some donors may have a metallic taste or tingling in their tongue or feet. This is caused by blood thinner used to keep the blood from clotting. If this happens, slowing or stopping the plasma donation will stop the feeling.

Allergic reactions could occur but are rare. People with allergic reactions might have a rash, hives, itching, shortness of breath or wheezing.

Aviation personnel are typically exempted from flying duties 72 hours after plasma donation, or according to instructions of their flight surgeon.

To take part in this project, visit International BioResources, LLC, 402 W. Bijou Street, Colorado Springs. For more information, call the IBR at 955-0800 or (877) 438-8222.

**BNCOC**

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continue “to bend over backward to help Fort Carson and the Soldiers of the 3rd ACR and 3rd BCT get trained up” in light of their ongoing commitments in support of the global War on Terror.

Still fresh from its redeployment to Fort Carson after a year spent in Iraq, the 3rd ACR is expected to go back to Iraq in spring for another one-year deployment.

Martin said this course “knocked out a big burden for these guys for promotion,” since they weren’t able to leave Iraq to go to school during the last deployment, and they won’t be able to do so in the upcoming deployment.

Besides being good for the Soldier, the course was also good for their families, Martin said.

“Soldiers were trained to the same Army standard they would have been if they went to a schoolhouse, but they still got to go home to (be) mommy or daddy every night, (and) it didn’t put a burden

on their families financially,” said Martin.

Martin also said that the course saved the Army money.

“Where we spent \$38,000 to bring the unit here to train Soldiers ... we would have spent about \$50,000 to \$60,000 to send 40 students TDY (temporary duty),” he said.

In addition to pioneering a cost-effective, family-friendly way to train Soldiers, the course broke other ground as well.

“What’s unique about this graduating class is that we have sergeants who have only been sergeants for four months ... They’re not promotable to staff sergeant yet, but now they’re BNCOC graduates,” said Command Sergeant Major Terrance McWilliams, command sergeant major, Fort Carson and the 7th Infantry Division.

McWilliams said these Soldiers were put ahead of the curve to set them up for success before their deployment.

Other Soldiers who are interested in attending BNCOC without leaving Fort



Photo by Sgt. Jon Wiley

**Sgt. 1st Class Jimmy Ladd, 19K branch chief, right, congratulates Sgt. Christopher Hickman, Troop E, 2nd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, at the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course graduation at McMahan Theater Sept. 1.**

Carson should be aware that phase 1 of the course is now offered here regularly, Martin said.

“They’ll still have to go somewhere else for phase 2, but now anyone who wants to knock out phase 1 can do it

here,” said Martin.

The next BNCOC phase 1 class cycle will begin Sept. 17. After that, cycles will begin Oct. 12 and Nov. 29.

For more information, contact Martin at 526-6762.

# Military

## 52nd Engineer Soldiers receive awards

by **Spc. Stephen Kretsinger**  
**Mountaineer staff**

Maj. Gen. Robert Wilson presented a Purple Heart, two Bronze Star Medals and a Certificate of Achievement to Soldiers from the 52nd Engineer Battalion in a ceremony held at the 52nd Engineer Battalion Motor Pool Aug. 31.

Sgt. Matthew Thompson, team leader, Soils and Surveys Section, 52nd Engineer Battalion, was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received as the result of hostile actions in Iraq. Thompson was the track commander for one of the vehicles providing security for the battalion commander during a convoy from Mosul Airfield en route to Irbil, when the convoy was ambushed by an improvised explosive device. Thompson moved the vehicle to the side of the road and performed first aid on the Soldiers in his vehicle who were injured. He sustained wounds to his face and suffered a concussion.

Capt. Tricia L. Machtemes, platoon leader, Vertical Platoon, 52nd

Engineer Battalion, and Staff Sgt. John S. Miller, platoon sergeant, Earth Movers Platoon, 52nd Engineer Battalion, were both awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service during combat operations in Iraq.

Machtemes provided technical engineer expertise on all civil military construction operations; conducted a number of engineer assessments to include the Mosul Airfield terminal, the Assault Command Post location and a large prison. Due to her efforts, she was well-known to several of the 326th Engineer and 101st Airborne (Air Assault) staff, who often requested her by name when they needed assistance with projects.

Miller was selected above his peers to serve as the platoon sergeant for the Earth Movers Platoon. He played an integral role in helping to organize and execute the initial breach and berm closure mission along the Kuwaiti-Iraqi border. He also personally directed more than 150 kilometers of route upgrades along route Alternate Supply Route Boston, ensuring the safe move-



Photo by Spc. Stephen Kretsinger

**Maj. Gen. Robert Wilson, commanding general, 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson, pins the Bronze Star Medal on Capt. Tricia L. Machtemes, platoon leader, Vertical Platoon, 52nd Engineer Battalion, in a ceremony Aug. 31 at the 52nd Engineer Battalion Motor Pool.**

ment of countless convoys for several units moving north to resupply and support forward deployed units.

"I'm honored and privileged to have been able to take part in the operations we took part in," said Miller. "I owe it all to my troops. Without them I

couldn't have earned what I earned."

Miller re-enlisted in the Army in a quick ceremony held before the award presentation.

Wilson pinned the awards on the

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# Military Briefs

## Misc.

**Enlistment bonus** — If you were deployed in Iraq, Kuwait or Afghanistan, you may be entitled to a lump sum re-enlistment bonus of \$5,000. Effective April 13, the Army announced a retroactive bonus to qualified Soldiers that re-enlisted from March 18, 2003, to Sept. 18, 2003.

Also effective May 18, the Army announced a new listing of Selective Re-enlistment Bonus and Targeted SRB Program. Under this new message, qualified Soldiers may be eligible for a lump sum bonus of up to \$10,000.

To see if you were qualified, please see your local Career Counselor:

3rd ACR — 526-3417

3rd BCT — 526-4549

43rd ASG — 526-9366

Division troops — 526-3983.

**Warrant officer recruiting** — The U.S. Army is looking for highly motivated Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and Airman to fill its warrant officer ranks.

Positions are open in all 45 specialties if you qualify.

Applicants with less than 12 years active federal service are encouraged to apply.

For more information, contact the Warrant Officer Recruiting Team at [www.usarec.army.mil/warrant](http://www.usarec.army.mil/warrant) or call (502) 626-0484.

**U.S. Military Academy positions available** — The U.S. Military Academy at West Point is looking for branch-qualified company grade officers and noncommissioned officers in the rank of sergeant first class interested in an assignment to the USMA.

NCOs should have drill sergeant or platoon sergeant experience with 12 to 15 years of service to be assigned to the staff and faculty as instructors and company tactical NCOs.

Selected officers will normally attend advanced civil schooling for up to two years followed by a three-year tour at West Point.

For application information, go to <http://www.usma.army.mil/adjutantgeneral> or write to Management Operations Branch, AG Division, West Point, N.Y. 10996-1926.

**Special Forces briefings** — Special Forces briefings will be conducted weekly at the Grant Library. The briefing times are Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

The Army's Special Forces is a strategic, multi-purpose force capable of rapid response to various contingencies around the world. Called "Green Berets," these highly-skilled Soldiers are trained in unconventional warfare, foreign internal defense, direct action, special reconnaissance, combating terrorism, information operations and counter proliferation.

Special Forces candidates must be mature and self-motivated; open and humble; and better conditioned physically and emotionally than the average Soldier. All interested male Soldiers, privates first class to staff sergeants, and second and first lieutenants are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class Bill Roepe at 524-1461.

## CIF Hours

**Central Issue Facility hours of operation:**

### Regular business hours

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 3 p.m. and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

### Initial/partial issues

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

### Direct exchange

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

### Partial turn-ins

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

### Full turn-ins

Appointments are scheduled Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, call 526-3321.

Effective immediately: Replacement

will be scheduled Monday, Thursday 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 a supply sergeant.

**Active-duty units** — Permanent Change of Station/End of Time in Service/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.

Appointments can be made with Kristine Harald at 526-3321. POC for this information is Frank Howard, CIF supervisor at 526-6477.

## Laundry Service

**Post Laundry Service** — The post laundry service provides free laundry 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. 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. Turn around for service is 72 hours.

No appointment is necessary. The post laundry will not clean personal items like Battle Dress Uniforms, 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.

## Briefings

**eArmyU** — eArmyU program briefings are conducted at the Mountain Post Training and Education Center, building 1117, Tuesdays at 9 and 11:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.

**The Army Career and Alumni Center briefing** is required for all departing servicemembers. The current ACAP policy is to register personnel ETSing one year out and retirees two years out. Briefings are held Mondays,

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Call 526-1002 or 526-0640 to schedule a briefing.

**Are you end of time in service?** 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.

**The Commanding General's Newcomers' Brief** is the third Wednesday of each month, 1 to 3 p.m. at McMahon Theater.

## Hours of operation

**Education Center hours of operation** — The Mountain Post Training and Education Center's hours for certain programs and services are as follows:

**Counselor Support Center** — Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Army Learning Center and Basic Skill Classes** — Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

**Defense Activity for Non-Tradition Education Support and Advanced Personnel Testing** — Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**eArmyU Testing** — Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. through 4:30 p.m.

**eArmyU Office** — Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Military Occupational Specialty Library** — Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and 12:45 to 4:30 p.m.

**Claims Division hours** — The Claims Division office hours are 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.

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



**BOSS meeting** — The post BOSS meeting, for BOSS representatives, meets the third Thursday of each month at Xtremes from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information, call 524-BOSS.

# Dining Schedule

Sept. 11 to 17

## Wolf Inn (building 1444)

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

## Striker Inn (building 2061)

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

## Patton Inn (building 2161)

	Weekdays	Weekends
Breakfast	7 to 9 a.m.	7:30 to 9 a.m.
Lunch	11:30 to 1 p.m.	11:30 to 1 p.m.
Dinner	5:00 to 7 p.m.	4:30 to 6 p.m.

## Exceptions

- Open Sept 11 and 12 Wolf Inn, Striker Inn and Cav Inn.
- Open Sept 18 and 19 Patton Inn and Wolf Inn.



## Cav Inn (building 2461)

	Weekdays	Weekends
Breakfast	7 to 9:00 a.m.	7:30 to 9 a.m.
Lunch	11:30 to 1 p.m.	11:30 to 1 p.m.
Dinner	5 to 7 p.m.	4:30 to 6 p.m.

## La Rochelle Inn (building 7481)

	Weekdays	Weekends
Breakfast	7 to 9 a.m.	Closed
Lunch	11:30 to 1:00 p.m.	
Dinner	5 to 6:30 p.m.	

## Long Knife Inn (building 9612)

	Weekdays	Weekends
Breakfast	7 to 8:30 a.m.	Closed
Lunch	11:30 to 1 p.m.	
Dinner	Closed	

# Support brigade trains Soldiers in urban environment

by Staff Sgt. Catherine Pauley

**2nd Brigade, 91st Division Public Affairs Office**

**FORT BLISS, Texas** — Urban-environment training is nothing new for the U.S. Army, but trainers from Fort Carson's 2nd Brigade, 91st Division (Training Support) had to shake the dust of the urban-warfare manuals as they prepared for the 116th Brigade Combat Team that will be deploying to the Middle East later in the year.

The 2nd Brigade (known as the Dagger Brigade) has taken advantage of the Fort Bliss and Biggs Army Airfield environment to get the 116th BCT "out of the conventional mind-set of the enemy on the hilltop and put them into an urban-guerrilla warfare mentality," said Capt. Eric M. Noe, Company B commander of the Fort Carson-based 1st Battalion, 361st Engineers, which is part of 2nd Brigade, 91st Division (TS).

Noe's training group arrived about a month prior to the 116th BCT Soldiers, building two villages in the Biggs training area. The larger village has about 54 single-story buildings that include a hospital and mosque and the smaller village has about 30 buildings. There also is a practice village with 24 build-

ings located in the community area of Biggs. The villages are "as close an urban environment we can possibly get given the limitations we have here at Fort Bliss," Noe said. "Nothing we have quite matches Baghdad — the heavy traffic, the millions of people or the cultural difference they have to face in real-world Iraq.

"We don't have quite the amount of people to simulate the 25 million Iraqis versus the 140,000 U.S. Soldiers in the country," Noe said. "We don't have enough traffic either, but there is some inherent training safety factors, so we are kind of happy we don't have all the traffic to deal with. But Iraq is a challenging country and our building sets are not as second- and third-story as we would like them to be to simulate the environment."

With the built-up community area (barracks, post exchange, etc.) at Fort Bliss, the Dagger Brigade trainers can teach this "three-dimensional battlefield concept they are going to have to deal with in urban-guerrilla warfare," Noe said.

"We're trying to rapidly bring these guys up to all considerations of what urban warfare means," Noe said. "Your enemy can be as close as 15 to 20

feet away and you may not have seen him and he has all kinds of advantages of using that terrain to challenge you. Looking at the next 10 to 20 years, 75 percent of the world's population will be in an urban environment.

"The enemy can't beat us on a conventional battlefield and they can't beat us in the open. Instead they are going to use these urban environments to protect themselves and try to fade in and stay hidden. They will try and take advantage of mistakes we make either by hurting innocent people who are involved as bystanders or mistakenly destroying critical infrastructure or collateral damage that might happen out there based on our operations," Noe said. "I try to explain to these guys that collateral damage to innocent people could now create more enemies than you've eliminated even if you managed to kill the one sniper or the one insurgent that happens to be hiding within the population."

With the support of Fort Bliss, the Dagger Brigade has managed to put together a significant training block that challenges the 116th BCT to the

# ID thieves abound in Colorado Springs area

by Spc. Zach Mott  
Mountaineer staff

Thieves are out to get you. Identity theft can strike at any moment. Paranoia is at an all-time high.

This may seem like an overreaction, but with the large numbers of identity theft being reported in the Fort Carson and Colorado Springs area, caution may help protect your identity.

There were 3,698 reported cases of identity theft in Colorado in 2003 compared to 214,905 nationally.

Many have heard about identity theft, but how many people how to truly protect their identity?

Common sense tells us to never give out a Social Security number, bank account numbers or personal identification number. But, other security tips include never giving out your date of birth, providing blank checks or full name to anyone making unsolicited phone calls or e-mails.

Most get rich quick scams, false pleas for assistance and bogus charities use these means to scam people out of their hard-earned cash.

"If it sounds too good to be true, it's too good to be true," said Master Sgt. Rodney Carson, Fort Carson Provost Marshal's Office sergeant major.

Another common sense practice to protect from identity theft is to shred any documents that contain any of the above information.

Carson said a scheme that is popular with many

identity thieves is one in which an e-mail is sent notifying the recipient they may be in entitled to a large sum of money if they send their name and bank information to confirm. Once the recipient provides that information, the scammer depletes the bank account and continues on. The person who is scammed may never recover.

Should a Soldier, or anyone, lose their wallet and pertinent personal information, there are ways to minimize possible identity theft. One way is to alert your credit card companies that your card has been stolen.

"Make sure you make a report with the police department," Carson said. "That way there is something immediately on record of when your wallet was stolen."

If you lose your military identification card, call the military police immediately to get your new card. If your Social Security number is compromised, contact the Social Security office.

Contact the local better business bureau at 636-1155 to voice your concern or visit [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org) if you suspect a business is not legitimate. You can also contact the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce at 635-1551 to report an identity scam.

If you have questions about your credit report — which is attainable by visiting any credit reporting agency Web site — you should contact the agencies directly. Call the Equifax Credit Bureau at 800-685-1111 to report an instance of identity theft.



Photo by Pfc. Clint Stein

## Help ...

**Sgt. Heather Ullman, 1st Mobilization Brig., screams for rescuers to help her friend who is injured after an explosion as part of a force protection exercise Wednesday.**

## Traffic disruption ...

# Roundabout construction in progress

### Courtesy Directorate of Public Works

Construction of the Harr Avenue and Nelson Boulevard roundabout (traffic circle) began Tuesday and will take about 120 days to complete.

The project will include a single-lane roundabout with truck apron and a raised landscaped center island. Raised islands will also separate the traffic from the pedestrian walkways.

Construction will disrupt traffic at Gate 1, but the Gate 1 facilities and Visitor Control Center will remain open while the roundabout is under construction. A temporary bypass road will be constructed to

move traffic from the gate apron to Harr Avenue, similar to the temporary road that routed traffic around the original Gate 1 construction area, except that this detour road will be paved. The detour will cross the ditch just east of the new Gatehouse and intersect with Harr Avenue south of Coleman Street.

There will be congestion because of the limited/restricted nature of the bypass road — one lane in each direction. Alternate routes are advised. All other gates will be open: Gates 3, 4 and 20 are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Gate 2 is open from 5:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Monday through

Friday. Gate 5 is open from 5:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Monday to Sunday.

Remember, this is a construction zone, and the maximum speed limit through the roundabout construction area will be 20 mph. Fort Carson Police will issue speeding tickets, and fines will be double for speeding as it is in many off-post construction zones. Colorado traffic laws are enforceable on post.

A driving tip for using the new roundabout: vehicles entering the circle yield to the vehicles already in the circle. Follow the new traffic control signs that will be in place once the roundabout is complete.

## Awards

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Soldiers' battle dress uniforms and then addressed the Soldiers and family members in attendance.

"When you talk about the Mountain Post Team, no one can describe it better than the 52nd Engineers," said Wilson to the Soldiers of the 52nd Engineer Battalion during the ceremony. "Your training, your deployment, your performance in the theater of war, and your redeployment exemplified competence, professionalism and good Soldier skills. I just want to tell you, I could not be more proud

of an organization than I am of the 52nd Engineers."

The battalion conducted a plethora of missions while in Iraq, said Lt. Col. Michael J. Teague, commander, 52nd Engineer Battalion.

"The stuff that our battalion did across the board during the deployment was just amazing," said Teague. "Where some battalions focused on one particular area, our guys did every single mission that, by doctrine, a combat heavy battalion could do; every single one. Nobody else in the Army can say that."

Teague gave credit to the Soldiers for much of the battalion's successes.

"It wasn't necessarily because of the leaders," said Teague. "It was because of these guys. It's amazing to just hang out with them."

A Certificate of Achievement was also awarded during the ceremony to Company A, 52nd Engineer Battalion. Accepting the award for the company were 1st Lt. Sara Appur, platoon leader, 2nd Platoon, Company A, 52nd Engineer Battalion; and 2nd Lt. Leona Kutsko, platoon leader, Horizontal Platoon, Company A, 52nd Engineer Battalion.

During Company A, 52nd Engineer Battalion's mission at Piñon Canyon, the Soldiers helped complete

six ranges by installing electrical systems for the targets, towers and light poles. They also completed countless earthmoving tasks to include building firing line berms, protective back-berms and emplacing dirt around the targets on the ranges.

In addition, Company A, 52nd Engineer Battalion, Soldiers built a seven-mile firebreak, fixed two sections of road and cleared two areas for the emplacement of buildings in order to complete an urban training area. They also constructed and emplaced 11 guard towers for forward operating base security.

## Training

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point that they realize what they need to work on to set a good foundation for patrolling on foot.

"And they will get a pretty good idea of challenges they will face over in Iraq before they deploy," Noe said. "They can take this training and their previous two rotations and go through the final two rotations and put it all together. Next they go to the Fort Polk, La., Joint Readiness Training Center and get a validation exercise before they advance to Kuwait." (Validation is the process of ensuring that deploying units demonstrate proficiency in the specific tasks. As units show competence in each task, they become "validated.")

The Dagger Brigade trainers are trying to show the Soldiers it isn't the Soviet Union doctrine or conventional warfare anymore.

"This is the new breed of warfare we are going to face time and time again," Noe said. "And we need to get these guys from at least the squad-level up to speed. The squad leader may have two to three seconds to make a decision — and hopefully it's the right one."

This decision-making process could make a difference when talking to Iraqi civilians in different sectors.

"We've got to talk to the civilians; we've got to find out what they need in order to get it to a level of stability and security," Noe said. "Then we can pass it to the Iraqi people and eventually close our

mission out over there. If nothing else, our Soldiers want to turn over a better sector to the next unit coming in.

"These Iraqis have gone for 30 years and they don't know what democracy is. They have a good idea of what capitalism is but it hasn't taken hold yet. A lot of Iraqis are disenfranchised when we moved Saddam Hussein out," Noe said. "A small minority of people probably benefited from him being there while the vast majority suffered for it. The minority have issues because they had a better quality of life before Saddam left. You've got to explain to these people in Iraq what the future of the country is and what their role is in it.

"If you do that, you have the ability to show them a better way. And of course the insurgents are very scared that we'll succeed at turning the Iraqi people around. So they are going to continue to fight and now they are changing their tactics and they are starting to attack the Iraqi people supporting the United States," Noe said. "So we are being effective to a large degree."

Dealing with Iraqi women also is challenging. "Trying to explain the cultural divide between the Iraqi people and us is not easy in the first place much less getting the Soldier to understand it," Noe said. "The Iraqi women don't have all the freedoms that our women have. You can't look at them as uni-sex. There is a difference. When you do a search in a village, you have to address the head of the household and almost try your best to ignore the women."

When conducting a search with Iraqi women

present, female Soldiers should be used whenever possible. In the United States, our expectations are that a female officer will search a woman in cases such as prisons, traffic stops, etc. The U.S. courts protect women from being searched by men. If a man violates that ethic, he can be held accountable. In the Middle East, many believe that women can be held accountable even if she has no control over the situation. "There are sects that believe if a female is searched or touched by a man they can perceive that she is now unclean. In some cases, families will even go to extreme measures to punish or kill her," Noe said. "You need to do the search with the proper and appropriate oversight to give the Iraqis the best that you can in terms of protecting their sanctity."

The training is working, however, because company commanders coming through are now starting to plan for situations involving Iraqi women, he said. They are requesting female Soldiers go with them on the missions during training, so they have that opportunity to protect the Iraqi females' dignity. Noe emphasized, too, that many believe it's an eye for an eye and if you hurt their family it will become their life mission to hurt the Soldier.

"It's the hardest mission I think we've asked of the U.S. Army National Guard and Reserve system — hence our focus here on the training," Noe said.

"It's good that the active component and Reserve component of the Dagger Brigade are here to do the training to get the 116th BCT up to the right speed," Noe said. "Otherwise it would be extremely difficult for them to go over to Iraq prepared."

# Community

*Smart Soldiers ...*

## Military education benefits abound

by Sgt. Jon Wiley  
Mountaineer staff

For many Soldiers, one reason to join the Army was for the education benefits; however, many Soldiers are not taking full advantage of the education benefits available to them.

Soldiers who want to get a college education on Uncle Sam's dime, get certified in a specialized or technical field, raise their Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery score or just improve basic reading and math skills, can do it with help from Fort Carson's Education Center.

The first step to taking full advantage education benefits is making an appointment to see an education counselor, said Anita Bender, acting education services officer.

"Counseling is key because (counselors) help Soldiers determine whether they want to make the military a career and help them progress, or they're going to help them determine what career they want to have as civilians and help them with whatever they need to go these routes," said Virginia Frazier, college programs manager.

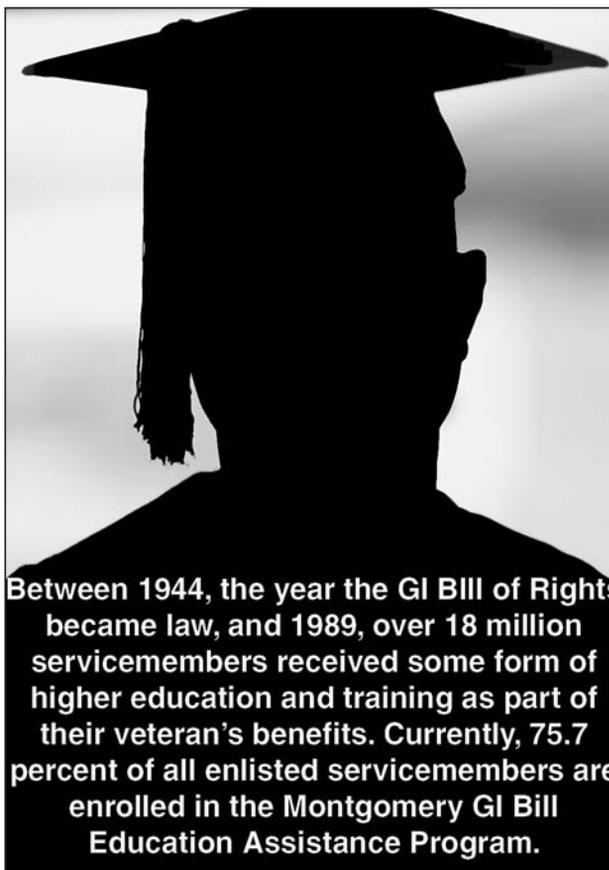
Soldiers who want to get college degrees don't need to wait until they are out of the Army; in fact, Bender said she recommends they start working toward that goal at their first duty station.

While on active duty, enlisted Soldiers can get 100 percent of the tuition fees for college courses they take paid for by the Army. This program is separate from the Montgomery G.I. Bill and will not deduct funds from a Soldier's G.I. Bill benefits.

To be eligible for tuition assistance, "you have to be on active duty, must be pursuing a degree or certificate program at a level you do not already have and no higher than a master's degree," said Frazier.

However, Frazier said to keep in mind that there are caps on the tuition assistance program of \$250 per semester hour and \$4,500 per fiscal year — meaning the Army will pay up to \$250 for each semester credit and \$4,500 per year.

Soldiers enrolled in colleges or universities that charge more than these limits will have to pay the difference out of their own pockets unless they are eligible for the MGIB's tuition assistance "top-up"



**Between 1944, the year the GI Bill of Rights became law, and 1989, over 18 million servicemembers received some form of higher education and training as part of their veteran's benefits. Currently, 75.7 percent of all enlisted servicemembers are enrolled in the Montgomery GI Bill Education Assistance Program.**

program. Under this program, Soldiers who are eligible for the MGIB can elect to receive MGIB benefits for all or a part of the remaining expenses to make up the difference.

That takes care of paying for college, but what colleges can Fort Carson Soldiers attend?

"There are tons of schools servicing the Colorado Springs area," but perhaps the most convenient are those that offer programs to Soldiers on post, which are "Pikes Peak Community College, Colorado State University/Pueblo, Tri-State University and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical College," said Bender.

The advantage of choosing one of these schools is "number one, they offer their courses on post, most if not all. Number two, we negotiate the semester-hour cost, so we can get

the colleges to stay within our caps so the Soldier has 100 percent tuition (paid for). And better customer service because we have agreements that cover that. We can control the quality of the class because we survey the students every so often to see that the students are satisfied with the delivery," said Frazier.

On-post courses also have what's called accelerated delivery, meaning they have shorter academic terms, said Frazier.

Soldiers who need to take core 100 and 200-level college classes for an associate's or bachelor's degree can do so through the Soldier Enrichment Program.

"The Soldier Enrichment Program is a program we've negotiated with Pikes Peak Community College. It's held during the day for the Soldiers, and there is absolutely

no cost to them — not even for books," said Frazier.

Through this program, Soldiers can complete the first two years of college without spending a dime.

Fort Carson Soldiers can also take advantage of the eArmyU program, which enables them to take college courses on-line. Soldiers who agree to stay in the Army for three years can get a free laptop and Internet access as part of this program.

Frazier said those who are interested in this program should attend an eArmyU briefing. Briefings are held at the Education Center, building 1118, Tuesdays at 9 and 11:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.

Besides helping Soldiers get a college degree, the Education Center also offers testing services.

The Education Center offers high school completion tests, college admission tests, graduate admissions tests, college credit-by-examination tests, praxis tests (which are required by most states to obtain teacher certification), professional licensure certification tests, Army personnel tests and more.

"Most of these tests are free, but there are some types of certification tests that Soldiers are going to have to pay for," Bender said.

Additionally, the Education Center has a Basic Skills Education Program, which provides instruction in reading and math skills, and it maintains a learning center.

"The materials we have in the learning center can help Soldiers brush up on their basic skills so they can go to college, improve their GT score (on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test) or other things," Frazier said. "The learning center can take you from basic skills all the way up to preparation for a graduate test," she added.

The bottom line is that no matter who you are, chances are the Education Center can help you. For more information about how the center can help you take full advantage of your Army education benefits, call the counseling center at 526-4121 and make an appointment.

Or, you can attend the upcoming Education Fair at the Fort Carson Special Events Center, building 1829, Sept. 22, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

# Community Briefs

## Miscellaneous

**New requirements for pet travel to Europe** — Beginning Oct. 1, the requirements for Soldiers making a permanent change of station to Europe with their pets will change. Pets will be required to have a specific type of microchip. The microchips must be ISO compatible, which is not a type of chip generally administered in the United States. So, even if your dog has a microchip, unless it is ISO compatible, it will not be adequate for travel into Europe.

If you will be PCSing to Europe, come to the Fort Carson Veterinary Treatment Facility in building 6001, Nelson Blvd., just inside Gate 1.

**Fort Carson OSC charitable funds** — Each year, the Fort Carson Officers' Spouses' Club distributes charitable funds to assist and support nonprofit organizations. The FCOSC is currently accepting applications for distribution of these funds. The funds will be disbursed in late November 2004 following a review and selection process of all applications by the FCOSC. To request an application, contact Bambi Brimmer, FCOSC Welfare Chairperson via e-mail at [fortcarson\\_officersspousesclub@yahoo.com](mailto:fortcarson_officersspousesclub@yahoo.com) or P.O. Box 12886, Fort Carson, CO 80913. All applications must be postmarked by Sept. 30.

**Family Readiness Group Leader forum** — The Forces Command Family Readiness Group brigade assistants invite all FRG advisors and leaders to attend their first FRG leader forum Sept. 24 at the Elkhorn Conference Center from 9 to 11 a.m.

Explore ways to recruit volunteers, get ideas for fun, social activities, network with other FRG leaders and learn new ideas for fundraising.

Registration is required; limited child-care is available. Call Connie Roy at 524-1278 or Shirley Rudd at 526-3581 for more information.

**Volunteer Dental Assistant Program** — The American Red Cross is accepting applications for the Volunteer Dental Assistant Program. Applications may be picked up at the Red Cross office, building 1526, room 272, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Deadline for applications is Sept. 20. For more information, call 526-2311.

The American Red Cross is seeking individuals who are interested in volunteer leadership positions, public speaking at pre-deployment/deployment briefings and other public speaking engagements. Child-care funds are available. For information, call 526-2311.

**Seven Habits of Highly Effective Military Families** — Building a strong, healthy and successful family is challenging under the best of circumstances. Military families have their own special set of challenges that only they can understand. Fort Carson's Family Advocacy Program is happy to bring to the community a new program specifically designed to address the concerns that matter most to military families. In "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Military Families," they'll discuss more than basic family issues, they'll cover topics such as finances, relocation, deployment and many other issues that affect military families. This three-session class will meet on the following dates:

Thursdays: Oct. 6, 13 and 20 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the ACS Family University, building 1161 (off of Berkeley Avenue and Ellis Street).

- Free child-care is available.
- Refreshments, books and other learning materials will be provided.
- This class is free and open to all military families.

Register now, call ACS at 526-4590.  
Visit us at [www.carson.army.mil](http://www.carson.army.mil) (Click on

"Army Community Service").

**Food safety month** — Military food inspectors will be handing out food safety pamphlets, talking to the public about food safety and answering questions at the front entrance to the commissary Sept. 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in recognition of September as National Food Safety Month.

**Active-duty servicewomen are invited to participate in a women in the military self-diagnosis study** — If you are an active-duty female and have symptoms of a vaginal infection (vaginal discharge that looks or smells abnormal; itching, burning, pain inside or outside your vagina) or a urinary tract infection (pain or burning upon urination; frequent urination; or greater than normal urge to urinate), you are invited to participate in a research study to test military women's ability to use a newly developed self-diagnosis kit to determine the cause of their vaginal/urinary symptoms.

If you are not on your period and are not pregnant, call DiRaimondo Troop Medical Clinic, 524-2047 or 524-2051 to schedule an appointment with Lynn Money, research nurse practitioner. When you call for an appointment, you must mention that you want to participate in the research study.

**Youth sponsorship training** — Army life means having to leave your home, school and friends to move to a new installation. Youth sponsorship offers you the opportunity to make new friends and help someone adjust to his or her new home.

Classes are offered one Saturday per month at the Family Connection Center in building 1354, from 2 to 4 p.m. Upcoming classes are Saturday, Sept. 18 and Oct. 16. For more information, call 526-1070.

**Yard Sale** — Fort Carson Mayors' yard sales are twice a month on the first and third Saturday of the month between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.; dates are Saturday, and Sept. 18, Oct. 2 and 16, and Nov. 6 and 20.

Both on- and off-post residents can participate. Housing residents can set up yard sales in front of their houses; barracks and off-post residents can set up in the Beacon Elementary School parking lot.

All residents and sellers must comply with the following guidelines:

- Residents are responsible for conducting their yard sale.
- Individual occupants are responsible for trash control and removal, which must be completed by 5 p.m. the day of the sale or citations will be issued.
- Commercial organizations and individuals will comply with regulations about solicitation.
- All sellers are prohibited from offering for sale items such as drugs, guns, food or anything that does not conform to the rules and regulations of Fort Carson or the state of Colorado.

For more information, contact your village mayor or the program coordinator at 526-1082 or 526-1049.

**ESCO Scrapbook fundraiser** — Come and catch up on all those photos you've set aside Sept. 11, 2 to 7:30 p.m. at Waa-Nibe House, building 1007.

The cost is \$25 to register in advance and \$30 at the door. Cost includes dinner. If you're new to scrapbooking and want to see what it's all about, bring six to 10 photos for a product presentation and demonstration. Bring someone new and receive a \$25 credit on your Memory Keepers Card. There will also be a raffle for a 12 by 12 inch album, and 15 percent of product purchase will be donated to ESCO.

If you are unable to attend but would like to sign up and would like your purchase go toward ESCO, call Jessica Masisak at 597-1710.

**Soldiers' Memorial Chapel fall religious education program** — Protestant Religious Education at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel: Registration is under way at for Protestant Sunday School from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Sunday Children's Church from 11 a.m. and AWANA, Thursdays from 5 to 7 p.m.

Sunday School includes combined classes for



Army Community Service  
Family Readiness Center  
719-526-4590

Atencion a las familias HISPANAS de Fort Carson

Estamos anunciando la primera clase de AFTB nivel 1 en español de este trimestre.



*El entrenamiento es para proveer una forma de vida que equipa a todos los que pertenecen a "AMERICA'S ARMY" con el mayor funcionamiento en todo momento y con independencia.*

Lunes, Septiembre 13, 2004 de 9:15 a 2:00  
Miércoles, Septiembre 15, 2004 de 9:15 a 12:30  
La clase se llevara a cabo en el edificio 1526 ACS.



children and four adult Bible studies with special studies for young couples and single Soldiers.

Registration may be completed during business hours and on Sunday morning.

Volunteer teachers and musicians are needed. For information, contact Dr. Dennis Scheck at 526-5626

**Catholic Family Religious Education:** Registration is currently under way for all Catholic Family Religious Education programs. Please complete the registration forms at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel during duties hours and on Sunday morning. Space is limited so register today. For information, contact Pat Treacy at 524-2458.

**Catholic Women of Fort Carson** — Please join us as we kick off a new year. Our First Friday gathering will meet Sept. 10 beginning with Rosary and Mass at 5 p.m. A welcome program and light supper will follow. New this year is our Second Thursday gathering starting Sept. 9. The program will include Rosary and Bible study starting at 9:30 a.m. followed by the noon Mass. Our Bible study will include selected books by Scott Hahn. The first selection will be Swear to God: The promise and Power of the Sacraments. Child-care is free for the first Friday and second Thursday; call Melanie Sorenson at 392-2983 three days prior to the gathering. Copies of the 2004-2005 Catholic Women of Fort Carson flier are available at the entrance to Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. Call Dominique Haftmann at 559-6680 for more information.

**Claims against the estate:** With deepest regrets to the family of Sgt. Darryl Morgan, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 1st Lt. Travis Edwards at 526-1776.

**Claims against the estate:** With deepest regrets to the family of Sgt. 1st Class Andre V. McDaniel, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact Capt. Stephen P. Midkiff at 524-1832.

*Mere talk leads to poverty ...*

# All hard work brings profit

**Commentary by Chap. (Col.) Lowell P. Moore  
Command Chaplain**

During my last assignment, I was on temporary duty in New York and staying in the guesthouse on Fort Hamilton. As often happens on my trips, when I unpacked my suitcase I realized that I forgot to pack a few essential items.

I would be able to avoid such predicaments if I could only convince my wife it is her job to do my packing. So far she has not accepted this as part of "for better or for worse." Instead, she sees this as my problem and not our problem. So, it looks like I will continue to live with this affliction until I come up with a packing list, and my wife seems to think the packing list problem is mine also.

After much thought and deliberation, I came up with a brilliant solution to my dilemma. I would walk two blocks to the Fort Hamilton Post Exchange, purchase the needed supplies and return. Brilliant!

Congratulating myself on my intelligence and resourcefulness, I went to the PX, picked up the forgotten items and got into a checkout line to pay for them before heading back to the guesthouse. While standing in line waiting my turn at the register, I overheard one PX employee say to another employee who was leaving for the day, "Don't work too hard — just look like it." With that, the two PX employees spent the next few minutes talking and laughing about working, loafing and getting paid. They concluded that the ultimate employee would be able to

do nothing and do it so well that his boss would thank him and give him a promotion.

As I listened to them elaborate on this self-centered philosophy of work, I was disgusted. I am glad they don't work at the Fort Carson PX.

First of all, anyone with half a brain knows that this philosophy won't work. Usually, the boss spots the unproductive hours; recognizes the waste of time; and rewards it appropriately — not with a promotion.

Wondering what kind of guy would openly proclaim the merits of such a shameful work ethic, I turned around to see the man who made the initial statement. When I saw him, I was even more than disgusted and sorely offended. He was actually promoting slothfulness while wearing a huge gold cross on a fancy necklace. I wanted to ask him how he reconciled his work ethic with passages like, "Work hard and cheerfully at whatever you do, just as though you were working for the Lord..." (Colossians 3:23), or "All hard work brings profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty." (Proverbs 14:23) etc. But he was much bigger than me and I like my face the way it is, so I kept my mouth shut.

On the way back to the guesthouse, I couldn't stop thinking about the discussion I'd overheard and how the discussion was in direct opposition with the work ethic represented by the cross. As my thoughts on this subject expanded, I wondered if there were any religions that would accept this philosophy of work.

Since I was in New York, I decided to ask one of my Hindu buddies, Hari, who lives in New York, if the PX employee would make a good Hindu. Hari emphatically assured me that such philosophy had no place in Hindu thought. In fact, the exact opposite would be true.

Later, I asked a fellow chaplain who is Muslim the same question. He confirmed my suspicion that the Muslim's work ethic is as noble as the Christian's.

I spent three years in Japan, while there I made friends who were Buddhist and Shinto. Over the three years, we have discussed religion often enough to let me know that these religious groups would not endorse the PX employee's philosophy of work.

And of course, since I have spent seven years in college and seminary studying the Judeo-Christian faith, and I know such a belief is not welcome there.

During this month that contains Labor Day, a holiday dedicated to labor, maybe we should pause and evaluate our philosophy of work and re-examine our personal work ethic. The circumstances that gave rise to this article have caused me to think about work; and I conclude that religious people, people of faith, should be the hardest working and most dependable Soldiers and employees the Army has.

However, if you find yourself aligned with those who believe in doing as little as possible and getting all you can for it; I have a personal request. Please don't wear a cross — or any other religious symbol. It is offensive to the people of faith.

## Chapel

**AWANA: Because children matter to God** — The Fort Carson AWANA Club will kick off its 2004/2005 season today at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. The group meets Thursdays from 5 to 7 p.m.

AWANA is an international, nondenominational organization; its goal is to reach young people with the Gospel of Christ, and train them to serve him. For more than 50 years, AWANA clubs have been reaching this goal through meetings that include fast paced and exciting games, scripture memorization and Bible-based lessons.

The Fort Carson club has spaces available for children from 3 years of age to 8th grade. We are also looking for committed individuals with a heart for teaching children God's word to be on our leadership team.

AWANA is a safe place children can go to feel accepted and get clear guidelines for living in a world full of conflicting messages. To register your children or for more information, contact Stacy Chapman at 382-3970.

**Native American services** — The He Skia Kicita Inipi, is located on Fort Carson. All native and non-native people, military personnel, family members and Department of Defense personnel are welcome. Anyone interested in attending and praying in this manner can contact Michael Dunning at 382-5331, (c) 330-9537, or (e-mail) [micheal.dunning@carson.army.mil](mailto:micheal.dunning@carson.army.mil), or Charles Erwin at 382-8177, (e-mail) [erwin106@juno.com](mailto:erwin106@juno.com), or Zoe Goodblanket at 442-0929 for more information and directions.

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. Amano/526-5769
Saturday	5 p.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Amano/526-5769
Sunday	8 a.m.	Mass	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Amano/526-5769
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Amano/526-5769
Sunday	10:45 a.m.	CRE	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Pat Treacy/524-2458
Sunday	11 a.m.	Mass	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Battiato/649-5260
Sunday	12:15 p.m.	Mass	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Amano/526-5769
Tuesday	7 p.m.	RCIA	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Pat Treacy/524-2458
Saturday	4 p.m.	Reconciliation	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Amano/526-5769
<b>PROTESTANT</b>					
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. Deppmeir/526-8011
Sunday	11 a.m.	Prot./Gospel	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Bowman/526-5513
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Bowman/526-5513
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Dr. Scheck/526-5626
Tuesday	9 a.m.	PWOC	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Kennedy/526-8011
Sunday	11 a.m.	Contemporary	Veterans'	Magrath & Titus	Chap. Martinez/526-8890
Sunday	6 p.m.	PYOC	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Kennedy/526-8011
<b>LITURGICAL</b>					
Sunday	10:45 a.m.	Lutheran/Anglican	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Mitchel/526-3888
<b>JEWISH</b>					
For information and a schedule of Jewish Sabbath services, call the U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel at 333-2636.					
<b>WICCA</b>					
Monday	6:30 p.m.		Family University	Building 1161	Melissa Dalugdug/330-7873
<b>MORMON</b>					
Sunday	2 p.m.	LDS	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Jones/526-3718
<b>NATIVE AMERICAN SWEATLODGE</b>					

Native American Sweatlodge ceremonies (He Skia Kicita Inipi) are offered to military dependents and Department of Defense personnel for traditional prayer and purification. Fasting before the ceremony is recommended and refreshments are offered following the ceremony. Please call the following for information and directions: Michael Dunning 382-5331 or 330-9537, or Zoe Goodblanket 442-0929.

**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 94 & Proverbs 17-19
- Saturday** — Psalms 95 & Proverbs 20-22
- Sunday** — Psalms 96 & Proverbs 23-25
- Monday** — Psalms 97 & Proverbs 26-28
- Tuesday** — Psalms 98 & Proverbs 29-31
- Wednesday** — Psalms 99 & Ecclesiastes 1-3
- Thursday** — Psalms 100 & Ecclesiastes 4-6

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.

The Army Cycle of Prayer. Please pray this week for the following:

Unit: For the Soldiers and leaders of the U.S. Army Reserve, 81st Regional Readiness Command, located in Birmingham, Ala.

Army: For Lt. Gen. Robert B. Flowers, chief of Engineers and commander of the Army Corps of Engineers and the military personnel and civilian staff who work in the Office of the Chief of Engineers.

State: For all the Soldiers and families from the state of Maine. Pray also for Gov. John Baldacci, the state legislators and local officials of the "Pine Tree State."

Nation: For the U.S. Trade Representative, Ambassador Robert B. Zoellick. Pray for the mission of this agency to implement world trade policy, create new business opportunities for American businesses, workers and agricultural producers.

Religious: For Jewish soldiers and families as they celebrate Rosh Hashanah (Thursday).

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).

# Push from top urging Soldiers to vote

## Army News Service

**WASHINGTON** — This week is Armed Forces Voters Week and it is being viewed by Army officials as yet another chance to register Soldiers to vote and receive absentee ballots.

"We're just making sure that each Soldier has the opportunity to register to vote," said Jim Davis, the Army's voting action officer.

Davis estimates that 97 percent of all Soldiers have already been offered the opportunity to register, because it was part of last month's Personnel Asset Inventory in which all Soldiers were required to participate.

### 100-percent contact

The goal of Armed Forces Voters Week, though, is for voting assistance officers to attain 100-percent contact with service members and personally

hand them the Federal Post Card Application to register, the Standard Form-76.

DOD voting officials said this week is the "last really safe week" to submit an SF-76 application to register and request an absentee ballot.

In fact, the Army's original goal was to help Soldiers register by Aug. 15. But Davis said that date was recommended by postal officials to absolutely ensure that the applications could be delivered to precincts in time for the absentee ballots to be mailed overseas, completed by Soldiers and returned. He said Soldiers who register this week or next should still be able to receive their ballots in time to vote, as the postal service is making a big effort to speed their delivery.

**Next push: Oct. 11 mailing**

Once absentee ballots are received, the Army recommends Soldiers complete them and place them back in the mail by Oct. 11 in order to reach their home states by election day, Nov. 2, said Davis.

If Soldiers located outside the United States send in their request for an absentee ballot in sufficient time and don't receive their ballot, they can use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (SF 186), Davis said, which allows them to write in their votes and send it. In some cases, ballots can also be faxed to local voting officials.

All but three states require absentee ballots by close of business the day of the election. Louisiana requires the ballots to be in by midnight before the election. New York absentee ballots need to be postmarked the day before

the election. North Carolina requires the ballots to be in by 5 p.m. the day before the election.

### "Vote for your future!"

Armed Forces Voting Week will also be used by some officials to conduct voting workshops and registration drives, not only for servicemembers, but for their families as well. Voting assistance officers at some installations are asking for support from organizations such as wives clubs, family services, Boy/Girl Scouts and other groups to help get out the vote and coordinate voter outreach events. The slogan this year is: "It's your future, vote for it!"

For more information on federal voting policies, go to the Federal Voting Assistance Program's Web site at <http://www.fvap.gov/>.

## Do's, don'ts from Voting Assistance Program

### Courtesy Fort Carson Voting Office

During an election year, many active duty military members may wish to get involved in campaigning for their favorite candidate. What are the limits to their participation? Department of Defense Directive 1344.10, which covers political activities by members of the Armed Forces on active duty reads that an

active-duty member of the Armed Forces:

### Do's

- May register, vote, and express his or her personal opinion on political candidates and issues, but not as a representative of the Armed Forces.
- May promote and encourage other military members to exercise their voting franchise, if such

promotion does not constitute an attempt to influence or interfere with the outcome of an election.

- May join a political club and attend its meetings when not in uniform.
- May serve as an election official if such service

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Photo by Sgt. Jon Wiley

## *Showtime . . .*

Sgt. Andrew Penman, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, broke in the stage at Fort Carson's new fine arts center, with a performance for a small audience of Mountain Post community members Aug. 24. The community members gathered to decide on a name for the center, which is set to open later this month. Al Gambala, the center's program director, said the theater will feature a variety of musical acts, fine arts performances and displays, theatrical productions and more. For more information about attending or performing in upcoming productions, call Gambala at 526-1867.



Photos by Sgt. Chris Smith

An M1-A1 Abrams tank returns from a qualification run on Range 143, Table VIII. This tank was from 1st Battalion, 68th Armor and was testing new changes to the gunnery.



Sgt. Jason Knight, Company A, 1st Battalion, 68th Armor, performs a radio check.



A Soldier ground guides a tank into position for a qualification run.



Observer controllers from Troop K, 3rd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment supervised the 1st Battalion, 68th Armor's training.



Spc. Joseph Barnes, Company A, 1st Battalion, 68th Armor, starts the engine of his tank.

# 1st Battalion, 68th Armor tests new Army tank table

by Sgt. Chris Smith  
Mountaineer staff

For years, Army tank gunneries have been focused on medium- to long-range engagements. The gunneries are now changing to more close-range targets based on lessons learned in Iraq.

The new Tank Table VIII gunnery, which is still being fine-tuned, is being tested for the first time with 1st Battalion, 68th Armor.

The Soldiers were excited to partake in the gunnery due to the chance to try something new and because they had not conducted a gunnery since before they went to Iraq more than a year ago.

"The excitement is not only for the new table, but to be out doing their bread and butter tasks," said Lt. Col. Aubrey Garner, 1st Bn., 68th Armor commander.

According to Charles Wooten, doctrine development writer from Fort Knox, Ky., the changes are based on the challenges of working in an urban environment. The changes now also involve more of the crew in the qualification effort.

"The company commander down to the private have got a mission," said Wooten.

The loader, who previously was solely required to reload the main gun after firing, now has to reload and engage targets with the M-240 within 75 seconds. The changes are new and will require more testing and fine-tuning before they are implemented Armywide, said Wooten.

"It's more challenging, more of a crew-level fight," said Capt. Kenneth Braeger, Co. A, 1st Bn., 68th Armor commander. "It's starting to replicate a little more like Iraq."

The Soldiers who went to Iraq are pleased to see the changes.

"It's somewhat what we went through in Iraq," said Sgt. Jason Knight, Co. A, 1st Bn., 68th Armor. "It definitely is (closer to modern engagements) especially with the world going to a more urban environment."

The new table requires more small arms engagements incorporated with long range engagements. According to Wooten, nothing is being taken away from the table, only added to it.

One of the small arms engagements requires the crew to engage targets in the windows of a building.

The window engagements are taken from frequent similar situations in Iraq, according to Wooten.

"The changes in the table are being pulled from lessons learned from current operations (Iraq and Afghanistan) and anticipate future operations," Wooten said. "There are a lot more infantry targets, snipers in buildings. It's simulating a more complex battlefield to train the Soldiers to be more ready and able to deal."

Most of the leadership in 1st Bn., 68th Armor, sees the changes as important for their newer Soldiers. Half of the noncommissioned officers in the unit were in Iraq but less than half of the lower enlisted were, according to Sgt. 1st Class David Gonzalez, Co. A, 1st Bn., 68th Armor. He said the changes would help show the newer Soldiers what to really expect when they deploy to Iraq.

With the completion of the gunnery the unit not only got a refresher for its Soldiers, but also helped the Army test a new gunnery for the first time.

"I think we're moving in the right direction (with the new changes)," said Garner. "It's a confidence builder, it will prepare and train the crews."



# Out & About

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## Voting do's, don'ts

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is not as a representative of a partisan political party, does not interfere with military duties, is performed while not in uniform and with prior approval of the secretary concerned.

- May sign a petition for specific legislative action or a petition to place a candidate's name on an official election ballot, if the signing does not obligate the member to engage in partisan political activity and is done as a private citizen and not as a representative of the Armed Forces.

- May write a letter to the editor of a newspaper expressing the member's personal views on public issues or political candidates, if such action is not part of an organized letter-writing campaign or concerted solicitation of votes for or against a political party or partisan cause or candidate.

- May make monetary contributions to a political organization, party or committee favoring a particular candidate or slate of candidates.

- May display a political sticker on the member's private vehicle.

The same Defense Directive 1344.10, reads that active-duty members of the Armed Forces may not engage in certain activities.

### Don'ts

Members of the Armed Forces:

- May not use official authority or influence to interfere with an election, affect the course or outcome of an election, solicit votes for a particular candidate or issue or require or solicit political contributions from others.

- May not be a candidate for civil office in federal, state or local government, or engage in public or organized soliciting of others to become partisan can-

didates for nomination or election to civil office.

- May not participate in partisan political management or campaigns, or make public speeches in the course thereof.

- May not solicit or receive a campaign contribution from another member of the Armed Forces or from a civilian officer or employee of the United States for promoting a political objective or cause.

- May not speak before a partisan political gathering of any kind for promoting a partisan political party or candidate.

- May not use contemptuous words against officeholders described in 10 USC 888.

- May not perform clerical or other duties for a partisan political committee during a campaign or on an election day.

- May not solicit or otherwise engage in fundraising activities in federal offices or facilities, including military reservations, for a partisan political cause or candidate.

- May not sell tickets for, or otherwise actively promote, political dinners and similar fundraising events.

- May not allow or cause to be published partisan political articles signed or written by the member that solicit votes for or against a partisan political party or candidate.

- May not serve in any official capacity or sponsor a partisan political club.

- May not participate in any media or group discussions as a partisan advocate.

- May not conduct a political opinion survey.

- May not march or ride in a partisan political parade.

- May not display a large political sign, banner, or poster on a private vehicle (bumper stickers are allowed).

- May not participate in any partisan effort to



This is the poster being used by the Department of Defense to help urge service-members to vote in this November's general elections.

provide voters with transportation to the polls.

- May not attend partisan political events as an official representative of the Armed Forces or while in uniform.

This list is only meant as a guide. If you have specific questions consult DOD Directive 1344.10 or your legal or Staff Judge Advocate officer.

Contact Paul Damon at 526-8419 for specific questions regarding voting.

# Learn about gold

## first-hand; take a tour of the Mollie Kathleen Mine

Story and photos by Nel Lampe Mountaineer staff

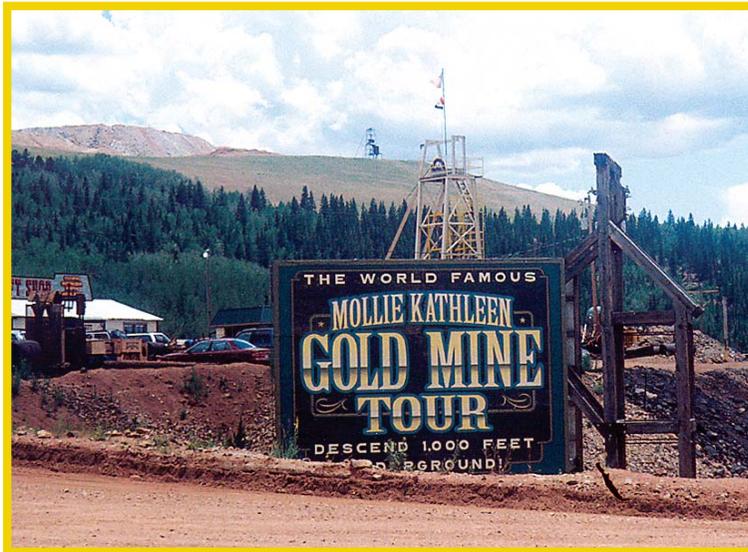


When gold was found at Cripple Creek in the 1890s, thousands of prospectors, adventurers and business people

descended on the district in search of riches. Cripple Creek prospered and the population multiplied.

Cripple Creek is again a small town with many century old buildings, antique shops, a lot of history and limited stakes gambling in its casinos. Tourists are drawn to the town because of its history, casinos, scenery and spectacular fall color when the leaves change.

To really learn the Cripple Creek story, visit the museums in Cripple Creek and the Mollie Kathleen



The Mollie Kathleen Gold Mine is one of the oldest mines in the Cripple Creek gold mining district. Mine frames from the 1891 gold strike are throughout the area.

Mine just before entering the town.

The Mollie Kathleen Mine is the only vertical shaft gold mine tour available in the United States, according to Dennis Laning, owner of the mine.

Some people say the Mollie Kathleen Mine is the best tourist attraction in the Pikes Peak region.

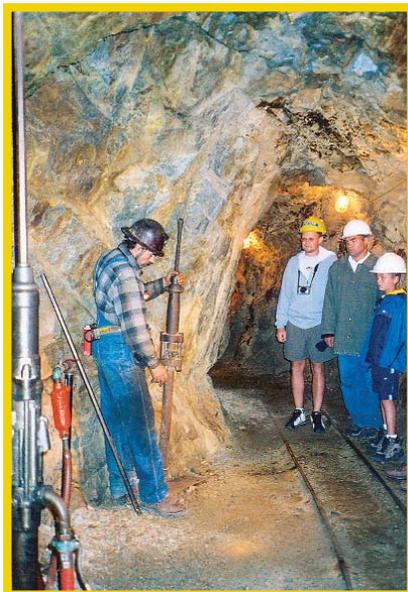
It's a popular tour; thousands of tourists visit the mine each year. Cars as well as tour buses are in the parking lot.

As tours are limited by the number of people who'll fit in the two man-skips (elevator-like contraptions), tours max out at 18 people.

Buy your tickets first, then visit the gift shop, watch the hoist operate or examine old mining equipment while waiting for your tour's start.

Although visitors have been taking tours of the Mollie Kathleen Mine for more than 50 years, mine tours are now better than ever.

Previously only a small part of the underground mine was used for tours. Some of the crosscuts and drifts were narrow, crowded and confining. Mollie Kathleen Mine management knew changes and improvements needed to be made to the mine to enrich the experience for visitors. After six years of gathering



Cleatus Young demonstrates mining equipment on the 10th level of the Molly Kathleen Mine near Cripple Creek.

needed equipment and parts, the project was completed during the winters of 2000 and 2001. The man-skips carried miners rather than tourists and the sounds of drilling and blasting could be heard rather than conversation. Several hundred feet of drifts and crosscuts were enlarged on the 10th level where tours are conducted. Rails were laid and tons of rock brought to the surface.

As a result, visitors have more elbow room; there's more to see and visitors now have the experience of a five-minute ride on the tram, 1,000 feet below the surface.

The Mollie Kathleen Gold Mine



Visitors enter the man-skip at the Mollie Kathleen Mine for the ride to the the underground working level.

# Happening's



Places to see in the Pikes Peak area.

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Mine

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is one of the earliest mines in the district, opening in 1891 at the beginning of the gold rush. It's been a working mine ever since.

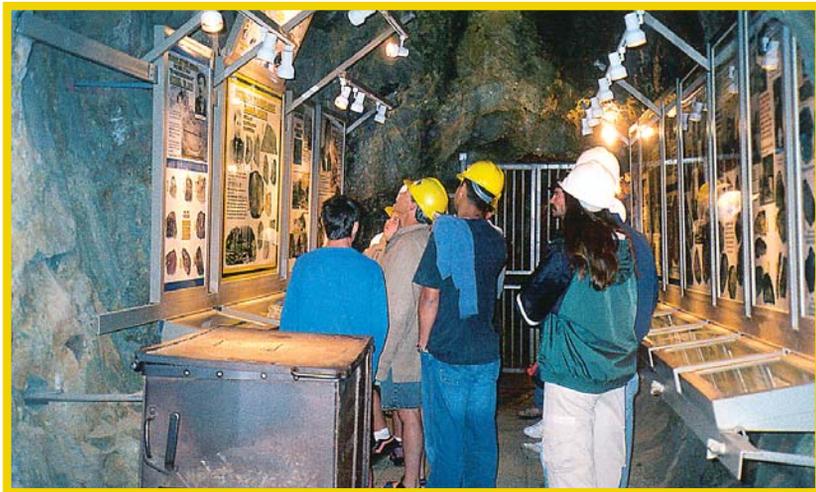
The Molly Kathleen Mine wasn't claimed by a prospector or investor as many mines were. This mine was owned by a woman who discovered gold in an unusual way and named the mine for herself.

Henry and Mollie Kathleen Gortner lived in Colorado Springs and their son Perry was employed in Cripple Creek. Perry was a surveyor and earned his living mapping mine claims. Mollie went to spend a few days visiting her son and while walking through the area noticed an odd rock outcropping. Mollie used a large rock to break off the outcropping and saw wire gold in the piece of quartz. Molly hid the piece of quartz in her clothing to keep the find secret from the other prospectors in the area when she returned to her son's tent. Perry realized his mother had found a good place to look for gold and promptly staked a claim at the site of Molly's discovery. When Molly went to register the claim she was told that women couldn't file a claim. Mollie quickly grabbed the filing papers and signed them, thus becoming the first woman to own a mine in the Cripple Creek District.

Miners were superstitious about having women in the mines under any circumstances, and Molly had a hard time hiring workers. She finally turned the mine operations over to her son so he could keep the mine staffed. But every time Molly visited her mine, the miners all came to the surface and didn't go back to work until she left.

The Mollie Kathleen Mine was a successful mine, producing more than \$5 million in gold.

According to owner Laning, people were always asking to see how the mine operated, and



Information about the gold strike, mining operations and Cripple Creek are displayed on the 1,000 foot below ground level of the Mollie Kathleen Mine.

sometimes miners complied with the request. The tours became so popular that mining work was disrupted. The owner decided that tours could be conducted at one level while mining continued at the 1,000-foot level. Dynamite blasting was done at night so as not to disturb the tourists.

As tour demand continued, daytime hours were devoted to tours and mining was done at night. This scenario continued until the last gold ore mill in the area closed in 1961, when ore production in the mine was discontinued.

Many miners believe that millions of dollars in gold is still in the mines, but the costs of mining and shipping the ore to far away processing plants is more expensive than the gold yield.

Although gold mining ceased, the Mollie Kathleen didn't close but continued its tours.

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 contraption. Two nine-man skips are used, one on top of the other, to lower a tour group of 18 people at once.

The man-skip is hoisted by a one-inch steel cable with a snap test of 65 tons.

The man-skips are lowered at a rate of 500 feet per minute, compared to modern elevators which move at 800 feet per minute.

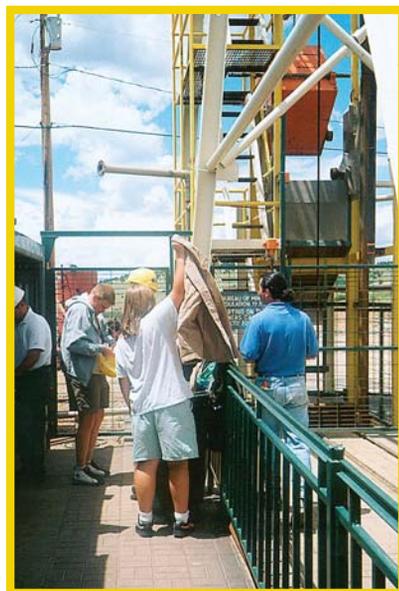
The hoist is powered by a 75-horsepower drive, backed by a gasoline Chrysler engine.

After donning a miner's jacket and a hardhat, visitors ride the man-skip 1,000 feet straight down into the cool underground of the mine. A miner/guide shares the life of a working miner with visitors. Mining equipment is brought to life so that visitors experience the noise level a hard-rock miner endured.

The tourists who visit the mine take away the knowledge and feel of how an underground mine works as well as a small piece of gold-laden ore.

The mine is open for tours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through October, then on weekends after that. For tour information, call (719) 689-2466.

The gold mine tour is \$15 for any-



Hard hats are required for the tour and miners' jackets are recommended for the cool temperatures of the mine at 1,000 feet underground.

one older than 15, younger visitors pay \$7.

A gift shop sells a large collection of gold jewelry as well as Colorado and mining souvenirs.

To reach the Molly Kathleen Mine, take Highway 24 west, through Woodland Park to Divide, turning south on Highway 67. It's about 18 miles south to the mine, about a mile before reaching Cripple Creek.



Nine members of a tour group crowd into the mine skip for the trip to the working level.

**Just the Facts**

- **Travel time** one hour
- **For ages** families
- **Type** gold mine
- **Fun factor** ★★★★★  
(Out of 5 stars)
- **Wallet damage** \$\$\$
  - \$ = Less than \$20
  - \$\$ = \$21 to \$40
  - \$\$\$ = \$41 to \$60
  - \$\$\$\$ = \$61 to \$80

(Based on a family of four)

# Happenings



## Whose line is it?

Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood, who appear in "Whose Line is it Anyway?" are at the Pikes Peak Center Sept. 24, 190 S. Cascade Ave. Tickets start at \$34.50; 520-9090.

## Scottish/Irish Highland Festival The 28th Longs Peak Scottish/Irish

Highland Festival continues Saturday and Sunday in Estes Park, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with lots of activities, pipes and drums, drill teams, bands, concerts and more. For information call (800) 44-Estes or go online at [www.estes18.com](http://www.estes18.com).

## Air Force Academy football

The next Division I-A football game at Air Force Academy Falcon Stadium is Saturday against Eastern Washington at noon. The Falcons host Navy Sept. 30 at 5:45 p.m., in a game televised on ESPN. New Mexico is scheduled for Oct. 9 and BYU is Oct. 23. The final two games are Nov. 13, against San Diego State and Nov. 20, Colorado State University is on the field. Call 472-1895 for ticket information.

## World Arena venue

The Colorado Springs World Arena is selling tickets to the Denver Nuggets/Milwaukee Bucks game Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. Tickets are also on sale for the TJ Maxx Tour of Gymnastics Champions, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. Randy Travis

and Andy Griggs are in the arena Oct. 17. Visit the box office or call 576-2626.

## Bent's Fort

Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with guided tours at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children ages 6 to 12. Children under 5 are free. Admission is free Sept. 18. Bent's Old Fort is eight miles east of La Junta.

## Culture Fest

A Culture Fest, promoting diversity and community through arts, entertainment and food. The free event is noon to 4 p.m. at Meadows Park Community Center, 1943 S. El Paso Ave.

## Corn Maze

The annual corn maze at JoyRides Family Fun Center is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission for the maze is \$5 for anyone 12 and older and for \$3 for children 11 and under. JoyRides is at 5150 Edison Ave., two mile east of Academy Boulevard on Platte Avenue.

## Air Force Academy concerts

The Academy Concert season is now on sale. The schedule includes Emerson Drive, Sept. 17, Paul Rodriguez, Sept. 18 and Capitol Steps, Oct. 9. In 2005, "Crazy for You" is Jan. 22, "Steel Magnolias" is Feb. 25, "Broadway Rhythm" is March 5, "Da Noise, Da Funk" is March 12, "Contact" is March 30 and "Passing Zone" is April 23; call 333-4497.

## New exhibits

A new exhibit has opened in the Fine Arts Center, 30 W. Dale St. "Ansel Adams and Edwin

Land: Art, Science and Invention," a display of photographs. The exhibit is in place through Oct. 24. Museum admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students with identification and children ages 6 to 16 cost \$2. Children under 5 are free.

## Travel film series

The World Horizons Travel Film Series in the Fine Arts Center Theater Sunday features "Ireland: Celtic Myths and Splendors" and "Egypt: of Pharaohs and Fables." The films are at 2 and 4:45 p.m.; tickets are \$7 at the door.

## Special Egyptian Exhibit

"The Quest for Immortality: Treasure of Ancient Egypt" opens Sept. 10 at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. The largest collection of sacred Egyptian artifacts ever displayed outside Egypt. There is an additional charge to see this exhibit which opens today. The museum is in City Park, off Colorado Boulevard. Go online at [www.dmns.org](http://www.dmns.org) or call 303) 322-7009.

## Folk Art Fest

The annual folk art festival at Rock Ledge Ranch is Sept. 17, 18 and 19. Vendors from several states fill large tents with Christmas and holiday crafts; antiques; gifts, decorations and much more. Food vendors are on site for this popular fest. Entrance is \$5. The ranch on 30th Street, by Garden of the Gods.

## Turkey Creek Ranch

Turkey Creek Ranch has an end of season sale on trail rides. Through Oct. 13, trail rides are \$5 off regular price. Call 526-3905 for reservations, information and varieties of trail rides available. The ranch is 10 miles south of the main gate.



Photo by Nel Lampe

## Country store ...

A country store is open at Turkey Creek Ranch Wednesdays through Sundays, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The store sells hot dogs, bratwurst, soft drinks, water, popcorn, chips, candy and snow cones. Visitors to the ranch can have an impromptu picnic or refreshments. The general store also sells hats, T-shirts, arrowheads, saddle blankets and a few camping supplies.

# ch10

Program Schedule for Fort Carson cable Channel 10, today to Sept. 17. Army Newswatch: stories on the Iraqi National Guard training, Bulwark Exercise 2004 and Blue-to-Green program. Airls at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

Navy/Marine Corps News: stories on Marine SCaMP platoons, the 4th Marine Regiment in Iraq and the recovery of a 1962 plane crash in Greenland. Airls at 8 a.m., 1 p.m., 8 p.m. and 1 a.m.

Air Force News: stories on the supply pipeline for Iraq, the Predator and the continuing search for those missing in action in Southwest Asia. Airls at 8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m.

The Mountain Post Community Town Meeting, held monthly, airs at 9 a.m.

and 5:30 p.m.

The Pentagon Channel plays on Channel 9. In addition to standard programs like Army Newswatch, the channel will feature other Army-related programs, including briefings and other Army news.

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

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

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

# Sports & Leisure

## FITLINXX...

### Competition brings feeling of togetherness

by **Walt Johnson**  
Mountaineer staff

The FITLINXX program at the Mountain Post's Garcia Physical Fitness Center concluded a tournament that promises to get people more interested in the program in the future, said Robert Nieto, Garcia PFC staff.

The facility featured its first ever FITLINXX Biathlon/Strongest Team tournament in July and August with two teams battling for supremacy in three categories, running, biking and weightlifting.

"We wanted to come up with another way to promote the benefits of the FITLINXX program so the Directorate of Community Activities staff came up with this idea. The people at Forrest Fitness Center have already had a competition like this and it was successful. We feel our program was just as successful," Lisa Johnson, Garcia PFC staff member and competitor said.

"We knew this was a good competition because we felt it would help us promote FITLINXX among our customers. We would look around the facility and we would see people participating in the program doing their own separate program. The idea of this competition was to get people who worked out individually to come together as a team and compete against another team. Also, we now see that

people who didn't know each other before now help and support each other as they continue doing their individual programs," Johnson said.

The program is in its infancy stage now, but Johnson said the goal of the DCA staff is to get teams competing in the friendly competition at each of the post's facilities.

The winner of the competition at Garcia for this program was team number one which consisted of Nieto, Daniel Brown (who has an amazing story of courage that will be published in next week's *Mountaineer*), Alejandro Martinez and Dennis Thompson. Team two, which was very close in points, consisted of Ernestine Washington, Carlo Ryles, Lara Hugo, Kristy DeOrnellas and Johnson.

Team one's winning numbers for the event were 48 miles in nine hours and 18 minutes in the run; 120 miles in four hours and 45 minutes in the bike; and a weightlifting total of 907,685 pounds.

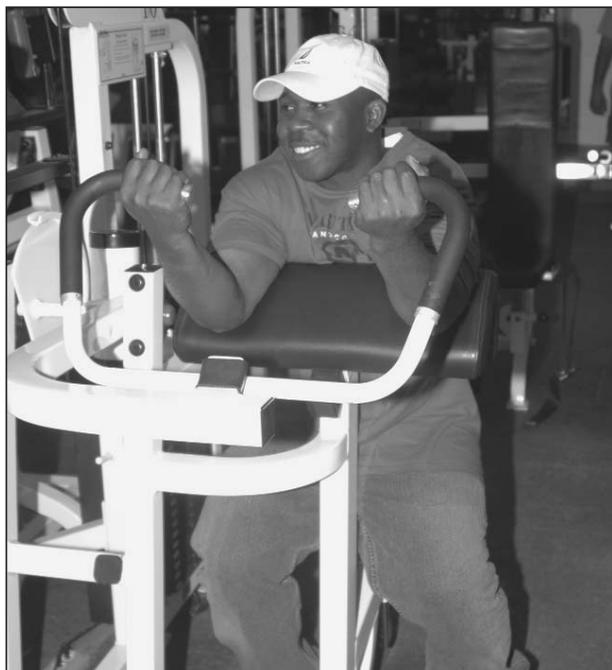
Team two's numbers were impressive in a second-place effort. In the run, the team's numbers were 48 miles in seven hours and 33 minutes; 120 miles in four hours and 18 minutes in the bike and a weightlifting total of 967,440 pounds.

In individual results, Nieto was first in the run and bike competition and Thompson was the top weightlifter.



Photos by Walt Johnson

Kristy DeOrnellas works out on Garcia Physical Fitness Center's lateral raise machine.



Carlos Ryles gets in some curling repetitions during a workout session at Garcia Physical Fitness Center.



Ernestine Washington, left, and Dennis Thompson, right, share a light moment while working on leg conditioning.

# Pigskin Picks

## College/NFL Week 1



Boyce Harrington  
HHC, 4th Engineers



Dave Kleiber  
Theater Special  
Operations (Korea)



Asma Kurns  
Family member



John Plover  
I Troop, 3/3 ACR

Florida State at Miami	Florida State	Miami	Miami	Miami
Michigan at Notre Dame	Michigan	Michigan	Notre Dame	Michigan
Texas at Arkansas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas
Colorado at Washington State	Colorado	Washington State	Washington State	Colorado
Auburn at Mississippi State	Mississippi State	Mississippi State	Auburn	Auburn
Oakland at Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Oakland	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh
Baltimore at Cleveland	Baltimore	Baltimore	Cleveland	Cleveland
Cincinnati at N.Y. Jets	N.Y. Jets	N.Y. Jets	N.Y. Jets	N.Y. Jets
Jacksonville at Buffalo	Buffalo	Jacksonville	Buffalo	Jacksonville
Seattle at New Orleans	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle
Tampa Bay at Washington	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Washington
Tennessee at Miami	Tennessee	Tennessee	Miami	Tennessee
Dallas at Minnesota	Dallas	Minnesota	Dallas	Minnesota
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia	Philadelphia	N.Y. Giants	N.Y. Giants	Philadelphia
Kansas City at Denver	Kansas City	Kansas City	Denver	Denver
Green Bay at Carolina	Green Bay	Carolina	Green Bay	Carolina

## Mountaineer Intramural Sports



Photo by Walt Johnson

### *Champs practice for perfection ...*

Who says when you reach the top you have to be content? That is not the attitude of the defending post intramural champions from the 10th Combat Support Hospital. When the team got a forfeit win Sept. 1 at Pershing Field, it stayed and practiced on some offensive plays because "we are going to stay the champions of this post," Offensive Captain Anthony Burris said. The 10th CSH team has guaranteed it will be the next champion and according to defensive captain Ryan Allen "any team that thinks it can beat us should just step and play."



Photo by Walt Johnson

An overflow crowd of poker players descended upon Xtremes Entertainment and Sports Bar Tuesday as the month-long poker tournament got under way.

## On the Bench

# All-Army team begins quest for the gold at Peterson Wednesday

by Walt Johnson  
Mountaineer staff

The 2004 women's interservice softball championships will be played at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs Wednesday through Friday.

After having unprecedented success in the tournament in the '90s and early 2000s, the Army will look to get back to winning gold medals. The Air Force has won the past two tournaments after stopping the Army's 13-year run.

Players representing the Army this year are: Maria Rodriguez, Neina Selchow, Christy Maxwell, Michelle Mulga, Phyllis Jernigan, Sarah Wuestney, Janet Wilson, Jen McAfee, Vivian Colbert and Rachel Smith. Coaching the Army team will be Rob Bailey, assisted by Shirley Wickery. The team trainer is Angie Deibal and the officer-in-charge is Chris Gagne.

Here is the schedule for the women's softball interservice games at the PAFB softball complex:

**Wednesday** — 9 a.m., Air Force vs. Marines and Army vs. Navy; 2 p.m., Navy vs. AF and Marines vs.

Army; 7 p.m., Navy vs. Marines and Army vs. AF.

**Thursday** — 9 a.m., Army vs. Navy and AF vs. Marines; 1 p.m., Army vs. Marines and AF vs. Navy; 6 p.m., Navy vs. Marines and Army vs. AF.

**Friday** — 9 a.m., Air Force vs. Marines and Army vs. Navy; 2 p.m., Navy vs. AF and Marines vs. Army; 7 p.m., Navy vs. Marines and Army vs. AF.

**The Fountain-Fort Carson Trojans lost a heart breaker to Canon City 7-0 Friday.**

Tonight, the Trojans make its first visit to enemy territory when it meets Pine Creek High School at Pine Creek at 7 p.m.

**The post softball complex will be the host for the Independent Softball Association Armed Forces/Corporate World Tournament Saturday and Sunday.**

The Fort Carson Aces and the team that will represent the post at the Hispanic World Military Games in Denver Friday will be among the fea-

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tured teams in the tournament. Action will begin at 9 a.m.

**The Fort Carson Youth Center tackle football team will begin its season Sept. 18 at Memorial Park in Colorado Springs.**

The team, consisting of children 9 to 10 years old, will play in the Colorado Springs youth league each Saturday in September and October. Games begin at 8:30 a.m. and are scheduled to be played on field number four.

**Anyone interested in being a basketball official should make plans to attend an upcoming clinic in Fountain.**

On Sept. 18, there will be a fundamentals of basketball officiating clinic at the Fountain Community Center YMCA on Ohio Street. The clinic will go over uniform wear, pre-game responsibilities, court coverage, floor mechanics, throw-in administration, foul calling and reporting, free throw administration, and other handy officiating tips.

For more information on the clinic, contact John Wyatt at 382-0199 or e-mail him at [tophoopref@adelphia.net](mailto:tophoopref@adelphia.net).

**It's been awhile and (sniff,**

**sniff) I just can't help but get a little misty.**

Please forgive my humble servant for taking a few minutes to get away from the local sports scene and talk about the best weekend (arguably) of the sports season.

The college football season is really getting geared up right now and of course Sunday the NFL is back. No need to remind anyone who my favorite team is, then again in case anyone forgot, it's whoever is playing the Dallas Cowboys, hereafter known as "that team from the middle of Texas."

It's going to be some season this year. I'm not sure who will be in this year's Super Bowl. There are teams that have good chances and teams that have no chance. But isn't that why we watch the best televised sport in the business?

Having said that, here are my picks to win the divisions this year (and I reserve the right to come back in a month to update this).

**NFC East:** Philadelphia Eagles

**NFC North:** Minnesota

Vikings

**NFC South:** Carolina Panthers

**NFC West:** Seattle Seahawks

**AFC East:** New England

Patriots

**AFC North:** Baltimore Ravens

**AFC South:** Indianapolis Colts

**AFC West:** Denver Broncos.



Photo by Tony Claiborne

## Take that ...

Anitra Smith, back, shoots the ball during a practice session over Constance Byrd, center, and Kristina Wright at the post special events center. The women are among the people trying out for the post varsity women's basketball team. Practices are held by coach Stephanie Timmons Monday and Wednesday at 6 p.m. for anyone interested in trying out for the team.