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Energy Conservation

Fact of the week:
Typically at Fort Carson, the utility bill for water will more than triple from March to May due to the increased usage.

Tip of the week:
Have leaky faucets and spouts repaired immediately. Leaky faucets waste tremendous amounts of water. A small leak that fills a coffee cup in 10 minutes wastes 3,280 gallons of water per year. If it is hot water, you are wasting the fuel to heat the water as well.

Feature

March Madness hits post basketball players as they battle for the championship in the intramural basketball champions.
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Happenings

The Olympic Training Center conducts tours through the facilities and there is no charge.
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Post Weather hotline:
526-0096

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Photo by Richard Bridges

Missile Movers ...

Four soldiers from Predator Battery, 1st Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment carry a ballistic aerial target to the launch platform. 3rd ACR soldiers fired stinger missiles this week at the BATS.

Veteran receives Purple Heart after 33 years

by Sgt. 1st Class James Yocum
Noncommissioned Officer in Charge
Fort Carson Public Affairs Office

It took 33 years, but it got done. Rodolfo Trevino Lopez finally got his medal.

Wounded in Vietnam while taking part in Operation Pegasus, Lopez never received the Purple Heart he had earned. Until now.

With his wife and three children by his side, Lopez stood straight and tall in the 7th Infantry Division main conference room March 28 as Maj. Gen. Edward Soriano, commanding general, 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson, pinned the medal on his chest.

As the more than 40 Fort Carson soldiers and civilians in attendance applauded, a very long story finally got an ending.

The story started in 1968, when Lopez was a private first class assigned to Company C, 2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. Nearly 20,000 enemy soldiers had surrounded 3,500 U.S. Marines and 2,100 Army Republic of Vietnam soldiers near Khe Sanh. Lopez and his unit were part of the 2nd Brigade of the 1st Cavalry Division that air assaulted into the area and fought for several days to free the Marines and the South Vietnamese allies pinned down there.

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Fort Carson Spring cleanup starts next week

by Spc. Stacy Harris
Mountaineer staff

Members of the post community will team up to do "Spring Cleaning" next week to make Fort Carson a better place to live and work.

Fort Carson has designated Monday through April 15 as Spring Cleanup Week. This is a priority mission for all units assigned or attached to post, allowing soldiers to police and maintain their quarters and work areas.

"The weather is a little better now and it's an old tradition to do spring cleanup," said Command Sgt. Maj. Gerry C. Ragle, garrison command sergeant major. "It's time to brush off the cabin fever and get outside and have fun enjoying the beautiful Colorado weather."

Soldiers living in on-post housing will be released to the area mayors Monday at 9 a.m. for area maintenance, Ragle said. Each Major Support Command (units on post) has been assigned a village to supply the necessary equipment to assist in the beautification and cleanup. The remaining soldiers not living in on-post housing will be detailed to clean unit or billet areas and motorpools.

"I think it is important to get the MSCs to partner up with the mayors and actually get the sense that we are a community," he said, emphasizing that a project like this not only instills teamwork among neighbors but also among family members.

For extra motivation, the eight villages on Fort Carson will be competing for the top three best villages. Also, awards will be given to recognize soldiers and their families for having the best yard in each village. The housing area inspections will be taking place Tuesday, Ragle said. As a bonus for the village scoring the most points, money will be awarded to improve that area. The $10,000 budgeted will be split among the eight villages to help with improvements on Fort Carson.

"We have eight villages and I

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Commander's Corner

Mountain Post salutes military children

Soriano

"Just taking the time to let your children know you care about them goes a long way toward building strong bonds that can last a lifetime."

April is the Month of the Military Child. It is a time to salute one of the most important assets of our Mountain Post Team — our children.

Too often, when we talk about "the military family," we consider issues in adult terms: how to get the car fixed when the spouse who usually does it is deployed; what to do about payroll problems; how to sell a car with the spouse away. Less often do we consider the impact that growing up as an "Army brat" has in the day-to-day lives of our children.

There's an old saying about parenting, "The two best gifts you can give to your children are roots and wings." At first glance, it seems impossible to give your children "roots" when you move frequently, but taking advantage of support programs offered through Army Community Service can help military children to adapt to continuously changing environments. Getting information about the new duty station or perhaps even a peer sponsor can help ease the transition of leaving behind the familiar room, school, neighborhood and close friends. Always remember, moves can be stressful to children in ways adults don't even realize. Talking with your children about their needs and concerns is crucial to establishing an environment of trust and mutual respect.

Another important thing you can do to help your children grow roots is to be there for them. Military children often experience disappointments such as having mom or dad away during special events, birthdays, soccer games, proms or graduations. That's why, when you're not deployed, it's important to spend quality time with your family. Use Mountain Post Family Time on Thursday afternoons to do something special with your family. It doesn't have to cost a lot of money or require elaborate planning, just taking the time to let your children know you care about them goes a long way toward building strong bonds that can last a lifetime. When you are deployed, it's important to stay in contact with your children; regular communication -- be it phone calls, e-mail or letters -- is vital to maintaining those ties across the miles.

To give your children "wings" it is important to look out for their educational and social development. There are many agencies/programs to assist parents with this endeavor. Consider music lessons, sports, scouting, or any of the other many activities offered for children of all ages. Exposing children to enrichment activities may help them to discover how to be part of a team, choose a hobby for life or perhaps even a vocation. One note of caution: avoid over-scheduling which can be stressful to children and parents alike. Think quality, not quantity.

Sadly, April also marks Child Abuse Prevention Month. Child abuse is not unique to military families, but there are stressors on military families that other families don't experience: separations for long periods of time or transfers that may happen on short notice. Sometimes stress builds up when the adults don't want to admit they have a problem. Fortunately, there are also support systems and resources available to deal with these problems. It is much better to confront child abuse head on rather than wait until an innocent child — one of our children — becomes a victim.

The Army takes a proactive approach to helping soldiers become better parents. Besides the programs run on a regular basis, the Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program is running a special series of classes this month on becoming a better parent. Every Thursday, a different topic will be discussed, the final program being on "Humor, Play and Laughter: Stress-proofing Life With Your Kids," by Dr. Joseph Michelli, who recently returned from China on a "Fun in Medicine" tour with Dr. Patch Adams. I hope you will take the time to attend these interesting and relevant programs. They will positively affect your relationship with your child.

Because military children are special, on April 14, the Mountain Post is hosting Kinderfest from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Post Physical Fitness Center. It is a time for parents and children to come together and enjoy playing games and other activities. For the older youth, Fort Carson is hosting a Teen Summer Job Fair the same day at the Family Readiness Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Parenting is the toughest and probably the most important job you'll ever have. Military children are most special because they are ours. Raising them right means giving your children unconditional love roots to ground them in life and wings to reach their full potential.

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

Major Gen. Edward Soriano
Commanding General
7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson

ACS Family Advocacy Program presents:

- "The Balancing Act," learning how to balance your roles as partner and parent. April 12, 3:30- 5 p.m., Aspen Room, Family Readiness Center
- "Every Child is a Gift," learning how to appreciate and enjoy your spirited child. April 19, 3:30- 5 p.m., Aspen Room, Family Readiness Center
- "Humor, Play and Laughter: Stress-Proofing Life With Your Kids," with Dr. Joseph Michelli. April 16, 6:30- 8:30 p.m., Elkhorn Conference Center.

All programs are free. Limited child care is available. Call 526-4590 for reservations or more information.

Volunteer in the Spotlight

Story and photo by Spc. Stacy Harris
Mountaineer staff

As a way of serving the country, Jane Phipps volunteers her free time to support several organizations on post. She has been volunteering in the Fort Carson community since her arrival in August 1999.

Phipps is married to Sgt. 1st Class Damon Phipps, 360th Transportation Company, 68th Command Support Battalion, 43rd Area Support Group. They have two sons, Nickolas and C.J.

Together the family enjoys biking around the neighborhood, riding dirt-bikes and playing video games. Even though Phipps stressed how important family life is, she said she believes that volunteering keeps her involved in the community and allows her to interact with other adults.

"It's (volunteering) unselfish," she said. "Personally, it keeps me busy. I want to get out there and get my feet in things."

Phipps, who is prior military, spent six years in the Army before getting out about 10 years ago. She spent time on both active duty and National Guard status, where she worked in communications, personnel records and as an administrative secretary.

"Being here (as a volunteer) keeps me in touch with the military," she said.

Phipps volunteers for the Family Readiness Group, the Enlisted Spouses Charitable Organization, the Outreach Program for Army Family Team Building, and also helped set up the Family Connection, which opens April 17.

For the FRG, Phipps is the secretary, treasurer, newsletter editor and co-chairwoman. She is the president of the ESCO, and also edits the newsletter and writes flyers for the organization. While volunteering for the Outreach Program, she assists in teaching AFTB classes and has also been master trained as an AFTB instructor, training other individuals to be instructors.

In the local community, Phipps is the vice president for the Parent Teacher Organization at the Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School, in District 3, Widefield.

"The reason I volunteer is because my husband and kids are at work from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.," she said. "I choose to be here (volunteering.)

Because volunteering allows her to choose her own hours, she said she also has plenty of time for a home life.

"My whole thing is being home with my kids," she said. "It's really special to them to have Mom home when they get home."

Phipps also enjoys other hobbies such as playing softball, running, scrapbooking and stamping. Even so, she said she finds volunteering helps her learn and keep active in the Fort Carson community. From volunteering, she said she discovered that, "Being there to help is the main thing."

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News

Fourth Carson soldier sentenced in McDonald's robbery

by Spc. Stacy Harris
Mountaineer staff

A soldier from A Company, 4th Engineer Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, received a dishonorable discharge during a court-martial hearing Friday.

Private Rodrick Meadows pleaded guilty to robbery and conspiracy to commit robbery.

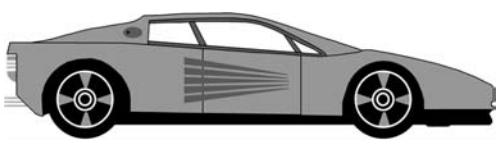
This was the fourth soldier court-smartialed of the seven soldiers involved in the McDonald's robbery in Fountain. Meadows received four-and-a-half years of confinement, total forfeiture of all pay and allowances, reduction to E-1, and a dishonorable discharge. Under the pretrial agreement, He could not receive a sentence in excess of five years and one day, and was also given credit for the 11 days in pretrial confinement.

Meadows said he was sorry for what he did and just hopes to serve his time and get back to a normal life.

"Forgive me for what I have done," he said. " I didn't join the Army to do this, I joined the Army to make this world a better place."

Road Closure

Specker Avenue will be closed for paving between Polio Boulevard and Titus Boulevard from April 16 until April 19.



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ssswant everybody to get some (money) whether they are first place or last," Ragle said. As of press time, the amount of money each village will receive has not been determined.

According to a memorandum, the housing areas will be inspected on general appearance, fences, playground areas, quarters' entrances, sidewalks, signs and yards. The housing occupants will be expected to clean their yards, rake leaves, mow and edge lawns, and support the area mayor in efforts to beautify the village. Designated inspectors will grade each village on a point basis. The village with the highest points wins, Ragle said. The Housing Area and Best Yard awards will be presented 2 p.m., April 17 at the Elkhorn Conference Center.

Also, the MSCs will be designated to pick up bulk trash in their assigned housing areas. The trash must be sorted into one of four categories, Ragle said. Those categories include: debris other than pallets and construction material; wood and unserviceable pallets; construction debris; and recyclable items such as newspapers, glass, aluminum cans and cardboard. Bulk pickup of trash by the supporting units will be held both days. Mayors must coordinate with their MSC for pickup. For questions call 526-9250.

Also, main post cleanup will take place Tuesday, he said. The post's MSCs will be tasked for specific areas on post. Range Control personnel will conduct clean up downrange Monday through Wednesday.

Any deficiencies noted by the inspectors during these set times will be completed on the "Train to Standard" day, which will be held Wednesday in the unit areas and Thursday in the main post areas, Ragle said.

With the training schedule cleared for this event, Ragle said he believes this is a good opportunity to clean up after the long winter and head right into the summer season. It also shows the community members pride in their village.

"Bottom line — make (Fort Carson) a great place to live, play and have fun at," he said.

Operation SMART

Program allows soldiers to play vital role in recruiting tommorrow's military

By Kathleen Welker
Army News Service

Recruiting for America's Army has become an all-Army occupation since a new program requests installation and major command, command sergeants major and sergeants major enter into a "recruiting partnership." Operation SMART (the Sergeant Major of the Army's Recruiting Team) will provide an opportunity for both the U.S. Army Recruiting Command and the Army's senior noncommissioned officer leadership to enhance and provide assistance to the recruiting missions for the Army.

Operation SMART is a worldwide referral program for soldiers to refer prospective applicants to the appropriate recruiting personnel. Referrals have proved to be one of the best means to gain quality enlistments.

By expanding the numbers of soldiers who are actively looking for military prospects and by making recruiting every soldier's business, the chances for success are greatly enhanced. This program enables soldiers to play a vital role in the selection process of those with whom they serve.

Each soldier who refers an applicant, resulting in an enlistment into the Army Reserve or regular Army, will receive a certificate from the Office of the Sergeant Major of the Army. Any soldier who makes enough referrals that three enlistments result will receive a coin from the Office of the SMA. At the end of each quarter, USAREC will publish the units and names of soldiers who have provided the most referrals and the most enlistments from those referrals. At the end of each fiscal year, the soldier who has provided the most referrals resulting in enlistments will be invited to the Annual Chief of Staff of the Army Recruiter of Excellence Award Ceremony for personal recognition by the Chief of Staff of the Army and the SMA.

All Army Reserve and regular Army units with a command sergeant major or sergeant major will be included in this program. The initial mailing of information will be for MACOM, installation and Regional Support Command's command sergeants major, who will redistribute to their subordinate commands.

Hero

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During the fight, Lopez was wounded by shrapnel June 29, 1968. But, in the chaos, he never received his Purple Heart.

Lopez' friend, Heros Bailes, who had worked with Lopez as a police officer, convinced him to ask the Army to give him the Purple Heart. Eventually, the Army did. The medal came in the mail in October 2000, and Lopez put it away in a desk drawer.

Bailes thought his friend deserved more than that, so he asked Fort Carson to provide a ceremony for the former 1st Cavalry Division soldier.

After a few months of coordination, it happened. Lopez finally got his chance to have the medal pinned on his chest in front of an audience of soldiers.As the medal hung freshly from his jacket, Lopez had an opportunity to tell the group what his service meant.

"It started with God and country," Lopez told the audience. "It turned into carrying a rifle and a backpack, and ended in blood and tears. Anything good is worth fighting for," said Lopez.

Lopez, a soft-spoken and private man, spoke only for a few minutes, but the impact on the audience was evident in the moist eyes of the soldiers standing at attention.

Lopez explained that the events that led to his receiving the Purple Heart were so long ago, that the memories "are like a distant trumpet" to him today. But, he said he never lost the call to serve, and has been a "front-line soldier" for more than 20 years while serving as a police officer.

Besides his Purple Heart, Lopez also received a framed display of three letters. One from Soriano thanking him for letting the 7th Infantry Division take part in the ceremony, one from the commander of the 1st Cavalry Division thanking him for his service to the "First Team," and finally one from the current commander of his former unit, the 2nd Battalion 12th Infantry at Fort Hood, Texas.

RTC photo by Mike Knapia

Maj. Gen. Edward Soriano presents the Purple Heart to Rodolfo Trevino Lopez.

"I thought it might be of interest to let you know that the soldiers of C Company, 2-12 Cavalry are still serving the nation with honor," wrote Lt. Col. Kelly F. Fisk, commander of 2nd Bn. 12th Inf.. "2-12 Cavalry is now known as the 'Thunderhorse' Battalion and C Company's current call sign is 'Predator.' Although the names have changed, I am sure you would find many of the same endearing qualities in the sons that serve today that were in C Company with you in Vietnam."

Community

Change improves customer security, convenience

DeCA to eliminate Social Security Numbers on checks

by Kevin Hennelly
Defense Commissary Agency

Starting in May, the Defense Commissary Agency will no longer require customers to put their Social Security Numbers on checks when paying for their groceries. It's another example of how the commissary is listening to customers and giving them what they want.

"Our customers are telling us they are increasingly concerned about disclosing personal information on their checks that may result in 'identity theft,' violations of personal privacy, fraud or personal financial loss. We are listening to our patrons and are taking the steps needed to reduce their exposure to these risks," said Air Force Col. Ed Jones, DeCA's comptroller.

DeCA's strategic plan directs employees to listen to customers and make it easier for them to use their commissary benefit. Commissary managers have opened stores earlier, closed them later and offered new services in response to customer suggestions. But sometimes customer concerns go beyond store hours and product selection. As national anxiety over identify theft mounted and various civilian retailers stopped asking for SSNs, military shoppers began asking DeCA to change, too. As a result, customers will have extra security and the convenience of not having to write their SSN on a check when shopping at the commissary.

DeCA is taking these positive steps even though there was little or no risk in DeCA's current requirement for SSNs on checks. "There is a very low probability of customers having their identities stolen or their Social Security Numbers misappropriated at a DeCA commissary," said Fred Stein, DeCA's security officer. "Our customers' checks are safeguarded like cash and remain under positive control of appropriate commissary personnel until they are deposited in the bank."

But just to be sure, DeCA worked hard to change its systems. This means that by May, commissary patrons will no longer be required to show a SSN on the front of their personal check. It also means that the agency is modifying its cash register system to stop printing SSNs on the back of checks. Most importantly, it means that DeCA has succeeded in developing a closed system to safely retain the SSN to comply with U.S. Treasury guidelines for collecting bad check information. The cashier will enter this information when the customer's identification is checked at the register.

"The results of this re-engineered business process will ensure transaction confidentiality and appropriate audit trails are maintained with the assurance that individual identity is protected," said John Goodman, DeCA's program manager for the cash register system.

Courtesy photo

BOSS ...

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program has many events throughout the year like the Commissary Awareness Campaign held last month. The campaign allowed single soldiers to become better acquainted with the post commissary.

Chapel

Lenten Lunch — Christians prepare for Good Friday during the season of Lent. As part of this preparation a Lenten devotion time, including a light lunch, will take place Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. All are invited.

Soldiers' Memorial Chapel will present "The Living Last Supper" dramatic event Thursday. Help is needed in many facets of the production — actors, props, set construction, makeup, costumes and general support. To join in this project please contact Bob Kwiatkowski at 392-4883.

sProtestant Lenten Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday Regular Protestant Worship Service Schedule — 11 a.m.

Holy Thursday, Maundy Thursday Service — 11 a.m. at Healer Chapel.

Liturgical Communion Service — noon at Soldiers' Chapel.

Seder Meal with Communion Thursday — 6 p.m. at Soldiers' Chapel.

Living Lord's Supper — 7:30 p.m. at Soldiers' Chapel.

Good Friday Ecumenicals Service — noon at Soldiers' Chapel.

Good Friday Service, Last Saying of Christ — noon at Healer Chapel.

Easter Sunday Ecumenical Sunrise Service — 6 to 6:40 a.m., outdoors at Soldiers' Chapel.

Continental Breakfast — 7 a.m. at Soldiers' Chapel.

Regular protestant worship schedule

Special Lenten-Easter Catholic Services

Holy Thursday Mass — noon at Healer Chapel.

Holy Thursday Mass — 7 p.m. at Provider Chapel.

Good Friday Service — noon at Healer Chapel.

Good Friday Service — 7 p.m. at Soldiers' Chapel.

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil — 8 p.m. at Soldiers' Chapel.Regular Saturday evening Mass at 5 p.m. canceled.

Easter Sunday Mass — 8 a.m. at Veterans' Chapel.

Easter Mass — 9:30 a.m. at Soldiers' Chapel.

Easter Mass — 12:15 p.m. at Provider Chapel.

Get ready for a polar bear worth of fun — summer vacation bible school -- Polar Expedition. July 9 to 14 at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. All children age 4 through sixth grade are invited to attend.

Youth of the Chapel — Activities for Protestant and Catholic middle school and high school youth take place each Sunday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. Protestant High School activities include Bible studies on Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and Tuesday 6 p.m. at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. Catholic youth classes meet at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Soldiers' Memorial Chapel.

Chapel Schedule

Day	Time	Service	Chapel	Location	Contact Person
ROMAN CATHOLIC					
M-W-F	noon	Mass	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
Tues-Thurs.	noon	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
Saturday	5 p.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Stahlc/526-5769
Sunday	8 a.m.	Mass	Veterans'	Magrath & Titus	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
Sunday	10:45 a.m.	CCD	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Ms. Feldman/526-0478
Sunday	11 a.m.	Mass	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Gagliardo/526-7386
Sunday	12:15 p.m.	Mass	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
EASTERN ORTHODOX					
Sunday	8 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Olson/526-5772
CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN					
Thursday	7 p.m.	The "ROCK" Service	Spiritual Fitness Center	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Thornton/526-1374
PROTESTANT					
Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Chap. Simmons/526-7387
Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Drake/526-4206
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Protestant	Veterans'	Magrath & Titus	Chap. Atkins/524-1822
Sunday	11 a.m.	Protestant	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Kincaid/526-8011
Sunday	11 a.m.	Prot./Gospel	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Pair/526-2811
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Dr. Scheck/526-5626
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Pair/526-2811
Sunday	6:30 p.m.	PYOC	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Ms. Scheck/524-1166
LITURGICAL PROTESTANT					
Sunday	10:45 a.m.	Protestant	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Bauer/526-5279
JEWISH					
For information and a schedule of Jewish Sabbath services, call the U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel at 333-2636.					
WICCA					
2nd and 4th Tuesday	6:30 p.m.		Spiritual Fitness Center	Barkeley & Ellis	Ms. Costantino-Mead/ (303) 428-7703

For additional information, contact the Installation Chaplain's Office, building 1550, at 526-5209. Normally, free child care is available during on-post worship services.

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

Friday — Psalms 118 & 1 Corinthians 1-3
Saturday — Psalms 119:1-8 & 1 Corinthians 4-6
Sunday — Psalms 119:9-16 & 1 Corinthians 7-9
Monday — Psalms 119:17-24 & 1 Corinthians 10-11
Tuesday — Psalms 119:25-32 & 1 Corinthians 12-14
Wednesday — Psalms 119:33-40 & 1 Corinthians 15-16
Thursday — Psalms 119:41-48 & 2 Corinthians 1-3

Chaplain's Corner

Commentary by
Chap. (Lt. Col.) John A. Wilkes,
Deputy Command Chaplain

"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him," Hebrews 11:6.

Would you be so kind to reach into your pocket, wallet, purse, etc, and produce a coin or dollar bill of U.S. currency? There is an inscription on every piece of currency that to my knowledge is not repeated by any other nation in the world. That phrase is "In God We Trust."

In God we trust: Four simple, yet powerful and profound words. These words boldly proclaim to every United States citizen, resident alien, visitor to our great nation and ultimately to the entire world — that we, the citizens of the United States of America are a nation which professes unequivocally and unashamedly, our faith and trust in almighty God.

But in the midst of a national proclamation, much of America is experiencing a tremendous "crisis of belief." What do I mean by that? The writer of Hebrews declares "without faith it is impossible to please God." We cannot know or trust in anyone for whom we do not have faith.

Have you made the thrilling discovery that God is at work all around us and is inviting you and me to join him where he is at work? God's invitation for us to join him where he is at work will inevitably leads us to a crisis of belief which requires faith and action. It will be necessary for you to make major adjustments in your life to join God in what he is doing.

We face a "Crisis of Belief" when God tells us what he wants to do through us. This is an encounter with God that requires faith. This crisis of belief is a turning point where you must make a decision. That decision will reveal what you really believe about God and your relationship to him.

The word "faith" occurs no less than 270 times throughout the scriptures.

Regarding God-sized assignments: What was the Israelite response to God's great power displayed against the Egyptians? In Exodus 14:23-31 we read "The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. During the last watch of the night the Lord looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. He made the wheels of their chariots come off so that they had difficulty driving.

And the Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites. The Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen."

Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the Lord swept them into the sea. The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen — the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.

But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. That day the Lord saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. And when the Israelites saw the great power the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

Without faith it is impossible to please God. I often wonder, why isn't the world seeing more of God? Could it be that we are not attempting anything that only God can do? I ask you and I today, what are we attempting to do that will **only** happen if God brings it to pass? How much faith do you need to please God? How much do you have? Your response may very well be "not much?"

What if I told you God honors faith even in microscopic proportions? In Matthew 17:20 Jesus replied, "Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." Give God the faith that you have and see what he does with it.

I close with these words penned by Thomas Jefferson, in 1781: "God who gave us life gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are of the gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with his wrath? Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that his justice cannot sleep forever."

Take a moment to reflect upon that very sacred inscription, "In God We Trust," the next time you have occasion to display our currency and let it be a reminder to all of us that need God more than ever in our lives.

Greenback

Ketz

by 1st Lt. Brian J. Ketz
4th Financial Battalion

Foreign Language Proficiency Pay is now authorized for all soldiers, regardless of military occupational specialties, if they demonstrated proficiency in certain critical languages. Previously, soldiers were entitled to this pay if they were serving in documented positions that were language coded or held certain exempted specialties (97E or 98G as examples).

Every soldier is eligible for certain pay based on results of the Defense Language Proficiency Test. The DLPT is the only examination utilized to verify language proficiency for all components of the Armed Forces and is only valid for 12 months. After 12 months, soldiers must retest to re-verify their proficiency. The DLPT measures proficiency in the listening and reading skills of the foreign language. Scores are listed as a rating of those two skills and in that order (2/2 indicates a Listening rating of 2 and a Reading rating of 2). Results of the DLPT are recorded and reported using DA Form 330, Language Proficiency Questionnaire. Soldiers interested in testing in a foreign language must go through their Education Center. Soldiers must attain a minimum of a 2/2 rating on the DLPT in order to qualify for this pay.

Soldiers who do not hold an exempted MOS are entitled to what is now called FLPP-II.

The maximum payment is $100 in this category. The lowest rating received on the DLPT is the determining factor in how much pay is awarded. As an example, a soldier who tests in German and attains a rating of 2/3 on the DLPT is entitled to pay of $50 per month. Pay rate is as follows:

Rating	Amount
2 / 2	$50
2+/ 2+	$75
3 / 3	$100

FLPP-II

Payments in FLPP-II are additive meaning that if a soldier is qualified in more than one language then the soldier could possibly be entitled to a maximum of $100 per month.

The other category of FLPP is FLPP-I. This pay is awarded to those personnel who are in exempted MOSs or who are serving in documented positions that are language coded. Exempted MOSs for Active Component personnel are: 97E, 98G or PMOS in CMF 18 or 37 (Enlisted personnel only); 180A, 351C, 351E or 352G (Warrant Officers only); and Branch code 18, functional area of 39, 47G or deputy or head of Foreign Language Department, or 48 (Commissioned Officers only). FLPP-I has a maximum payment of $200 per month. Pay rates for FLPP-I are as follows:

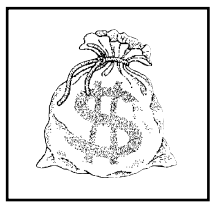
Rating	Amount
2 / 2	$100
2+/ 2+	$150
3 / 3	$200

FLPP-I

FLPP-I also has additive payments for those personnel who are qualified in more than one language. For each additional language in which proficiency is demonstrated, an additional $50 per language will be paid. The additive payment for FLPP-I is capped at $300 per month. Soldiers can only use one dialect of their primary, or control, language to attain an additive payment. As an example, a FLPP-I eligible solder who possesses a primary language of Chinese-Mandarin may also test in Chinese-Cantonese and receive an additional payment of $50 per month if proficiency is demonstrated. Any other tests in Chinese dialects cannot be used to support additive payment.

A key point for those soldiers who are eligible for FLPP-I is that they must be currently qualified in their control language. Additive payments for FLPP-I requires that soldiers must be proficient in the language and dialect required for their current assignment. In other words, if FLPP-I eligible soldiers are assigned to positions requiring Arabic as their primary language, those soldiers MUST be proficient in Arabic (2/2 minimum score on the DLPT) before they can receive any additional payments for other languages that they may possess.

Any soldiers finding themselves in this situation should contact their PAC or supporting finance office for further guidance.



Military

Soldiers prepare for NTC

by Gary L. Qualls Jr.
Fort Carson Public Affairs Office

The 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment is ready to go to war.

Although it's a training war the regiment is going to, the cavalry troopers are still bent on kicking some royal tail feathers during their upcoming National Training Center deployment. The incentives are plenty for the troopers. The NTC is their capstone exercise, they're eager to prove themselves and, perhaps most of all, they'll be going head to head for the first time with 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, setting up a good, old-fashioned regimental rivalry.

"Preparing for this deployment has not been an easy task," said Maj. Antonio Aguto, regimental logistics officer.

The main logistical challenge preparing for the deployment has been the sheer size of the movement. Units from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., Fort Sill, Okla., and Fort Hood, Texas, which will be augmenting 3rd ACR during the exercise, will all be rail loading their vehicles and equipment at their respective posts. The regiment will be shipping its full fleet of tanks, Bradley Fighting Vehicles and hundreds of wheeled vehicles. It will take nine trains to move all the units' vehicles and equipment. In addition, it will take more than 100 buses and about a dozen flights to move the regiment's personnel. Moreover, more than 100 aircraft will self deploy.

Then, once the units get all their vehicles and equipment there, they must deal with trying to get into the NTC while another unit, numbering more than 6,000 soldiers, is attempting to get out, Aguto said.

This NTC deployment will mark the first time the regiment will integrate all of its units on the ground at one place and at one time. The regiment will conduct a series of force on force missions against 11th ACR, including offensive and defensive cover, using Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System equipment, said Capt. Charles Costanza, regimental plans officer.

The regiment will also conduct live fires during the deployment, firing live ammunition at plywood targets on the training battlefield.

The 11th ACR will be doing its best to make life on the battlefield difficult for the regiment, giving the regiment many different scenarios and coming at them in a number of ways from a variety of places.

Refugees, protesters and media on the battlefield will further complicate the troopers' lives "in the box."

One of the main themes unit commanders will be emphasizing during the NTC deployment is independence. The 68th Combat Support Battalion will be supporting the regiment during the exercise, but it will be positioned further back on the battlefield. Support Squadron, 3rd ACR, will be far forward with the regiment on the battlefield. This will be the first time 68th CSB has supported the entire regiment.

"Whenever we deploy we need to be able to live and fight on our own," Aguto said.

Regimental leaders are confident about the upcoming deployment, Costanza said, noting, "After the exercise at Pinon Canyon, troop commanders all felt really comfortable about how the troops will perform (at the NTC)."

"We're the only heavy armored cavalry regiment in the U.S. Army," Aguto said. "We have a specific mission and role in the Army and we need to be ready to go anywhere and perform that mission effectively. We're ready to go out and prove that we can do just that."

Deployment tips offered

by Staff Sgt. Gary L. Qualls Jr.
Fort Carson Public Affairs Office

Family separations are a fact of life in the military and come with their fair share of challenges, but by following a few simple deployment pointers, the experience can be much easier.

The first thought to keep in mind in a deployment is to refrain from breaking up the routine.

"Deployments are just a temporary interruption to my ongoing daily life" should be the philosophy of soldiers and families toward deployments, said Chap. (Maj.) Joel Harris, regimental chaplain for 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

Families should keep paying the bills, attending weekly meetings, getting the car serviced and tending to school matters when the soldier is deployed, instead of treating the deployment as some "great, awful thing," Harris said, and there are practical matters that should be attended to before a deployment, such as preparing a will, getting power of attorney and deciding how tasks can be accomplished while the soldier is deployed.

It is also important to make arrangements beforehand with a good support network, such as a family support group or a church group to help out if the need arises, he said. Cultivating friendships always pays off in those situations, he said.

Deployments can teach families to be independent and to appreciate each other more.

"Everyone's life has got to go on no matter what happens," Harris said. "Eventually the soldier is going to deploy to Heaven."

Mountain Post MEDDAC hosts TRICARE Prime Orientation

by Capt. Megan Scull
Medical Department Activity

Fort Carson Medical Department Activity is hosting a TRICARE Prime Orientation on a monthly basis, to educate beneficiaries about how to best utilize TRICARE Prime at Fort Carson. The next date for this briefing is April 13. As an incentive to attend this program, the MEDDAC will offer a card entitling the holder to free, over-the-counter medications (without a prescription) from the EACH pharmacy. Medications such as Children's Tylenol Liquid, drops, Sudafed tablets and Robitussin are available through this program. This can be a very valuable money-saver, as many of the products cost $4 or $5 each on the market.

This briefing will not specifically address the new TRICARE for Life benefit. More information on that program will follow as details become available.

The briefings will be held in the Aspen Room at the Family Readiness Center (building 1526) from 9 to 11 a.m. on the following dates:
April 13, May 11, June 8, July 6, Aug. 10, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, and Dec. 14

You must reserve a space at one of these sessions. Please call 526-7729 to reserve your space or to ask for information.

$how me the money

by Staff Sgt. Michael Wiest
4th Personnel Services Battalion
Command Financial noncommissioned officer

One of the most important things soldiers can do to achieve financial soundness is to establish good credit.

Although the Army provides job security, it is up to the individual to establish and maintain good credit. Take a young soldier, for example, who wants to purchase a car for the first time. He or she may not have established credit and it will be difficult to find banks that take a chance on that soldier and finance that car. Very possibly the institution will require a co-signer or turn the soldier away.

Now, had that soldier established a good credit rating, the banks would have felt more comfortable financing the car.

There are several ways to establish a good credit record:

1. Apply for a credit card through your financial institution. Most banks and credit unions have a credit card to offer customers. Some require that the credit card be secured, which means you will have to maintain a certain balance in your checking or savings account. Most institutions will start with a small amount of credit, between $500 to $1000, which is good if you are on a budget. The rule of thumb here is to only charge on the card what you can manage to pay.

2. Apply for a retail credit card. There are several retail stores with a good reputation that will offer a credit card. There are some things you should be wary of, though. Only ask for a small amount of credit. These credit cards can very easily get out of control for the consumer. Also read the "fine print," making sure you are comfortable with the Annual Percentage Rate, whether or not the card has an annual fee and so on.

If you are unsure of the offer, take the credit card contract to your unit command financial noncommissioned officer for advice. Other examples of retail credit you can use to build your credit record are gasoline credit cards, Army and Air Force Exchange Service's Deferred Payment Plan and certain long distance phone credit cards.

3. Small signature loans. Most banks and credit unions have signature, unsecured loans they will offer for specific reasons. Keep these loans as small as possible and make sure you can make the re-payments within your budget and in a timely manner. If possible, have these payments taken out of your checking account electronically.

Once credit is established, that is only half the battle. Maintaining your good credit is even harder. After 60 to 90 days of making your credit payments, your credit report will show these payments. To keep your credit in a good standing, make your payments in a timely manner and do not get in the habit of making the "minimum" payment due. The sooner you pay off your credit owed, the better. You will soon see that more banks or companies will offer you credit. Be especially careful in choosing future credit sources.

It is very easy to get in "over your head" in debt. Only ask for what you need and use the credit for those purposes.

Establishing credit does take a little time, but hopefully you will see that good credit will take you a long way.

For more information on establishing credit see your unit CFs NCO.

Dining Schedule

Week of April 7 to April 13

Weekday Dining Facilities

A La Carte Facilities

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

Standard Facilities

3rd ACR Patton House (building 2161)
10th Special Forces Group (A) (building 7481)

Weekday Meal Hours

	Mon., Tue., Wed. and Fri.	Thur.
Breakfast	7:30 to 9 a.m.	5:30 to 7 a.m.
Lunch	11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.	noon to 1:30 p.m.
Dinner	5 to 6:30 p.m.	4 to 5:30 p.m.

Exceptions

- Butts Army Airfield Dining Facility serves breakfast and lunch meals only.
- 10th SFG (A) meal hours are the same Monday through Friday. No dinner meal on Fridays.
- The CAV House Dining Facility will be closed for repairs until further notice.

Weekend Dining Facilities

43rd ASG Cheyenne Mtn. Inn (building 1040)
3rd ACR Patton House (building 2161)
3rd BCT Iron Bde. (building 2061)

Saturday Meal Hours

Breakfast	8 to 10 a.m.
Lunch	11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Dinner	4 to 6 p.m.

Sunday Brunch/Supper Meal Hours

Brunch	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Supper	3:30 to 6 p.m.

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Left: Longknife Dining Facility — Small Category
3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment
Dining Facility Manager: Sgt. 1st Class Lula Sharpe

Right: Patton House Dining Facility — Large Category
3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment
Dining Facility Manager: Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Hutchins

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full coverage of the championship
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Kevin Williams, United States Army Garrison forward, looks to make a move to the basket during his team's intramura
tournament quarterfinal playoff game March 26.

on the line for his team during

All eyes were on the ball as players jockey for position under the boards during intramural tournament action.

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Sports & Leisure

4th Engineers win post basketball title

By Walt Johnson
Mountaineer staff

In what was the best intramural basketball playoff series seen here in some time, Charlie Company, 4th Engineers came out of the losers' bracket to defeat Bravo company, 52nd Engineers 63-59 to repeat as post basketball champions March 29 at McKibben Physical Fitness Center.

The two teams took very different paths to the championship game. The 52nd Engineers breezed through the playoffs undefeated and were the odds on favorite to win the title. The 4th Engineers had to fight its way out of the losers' bracket to get to the title game after dropping its first game of the tournament.

The defending champions, 4th Engineers, played the first game of the tournament when it met the 64th Field Support Branch and its outstanding player Ron Kimbrough. Kimbrough scored 13 of his game-high 18 points in the first half to help his team upset the defending champions 44-42. The loss knocked the defending champions into the loser's bracket which meant their road to defending its title would be tougher.

The 52nd Engineers first game of the tournament was also against the 64th FSB. The 52nd Engineers drew a bye in the first round of the playoffs, waiting for the winner of the FSB/4th Engineers game. The Engineers easily defeated the FSB team 57-40 behind a balanced scoring attack.

The 4th Engineers next game came against the 43rd Combat Engineering Company. The Engineers won a close contest 74-68 as Jarrod Jefferson, 18 points, and Jatavius Jackson, 16 points, led the scoring parade.

The 52nd Engineers next game in the tournament found it facing the 32nd Transportation team and it breezed to a 55-43 victory behind the 25-point effort of Sam Woodberry. The Engineers win moved it a step closer to the winners' bracket championship and all but guaranteed the team a spot in the championship game.

Meanwhile in the losers' bracket, the 4th Engineers met Bravo Company 4th Engineers in the hope of keeping it title dreams alive. The 4th's dream almost died as a determined Bravo Company team fought it down to the wire before losing the game 64-63. Bravo Company actually had the lead with less than six seconds left in the game and it took a miracle shot by the defending champions to keep its hopes alive.

After that near loss the 4th Engineers next game was against the 32nd Transportation team and not willing to take any chances of being upset again, the 4th Engineers blew out

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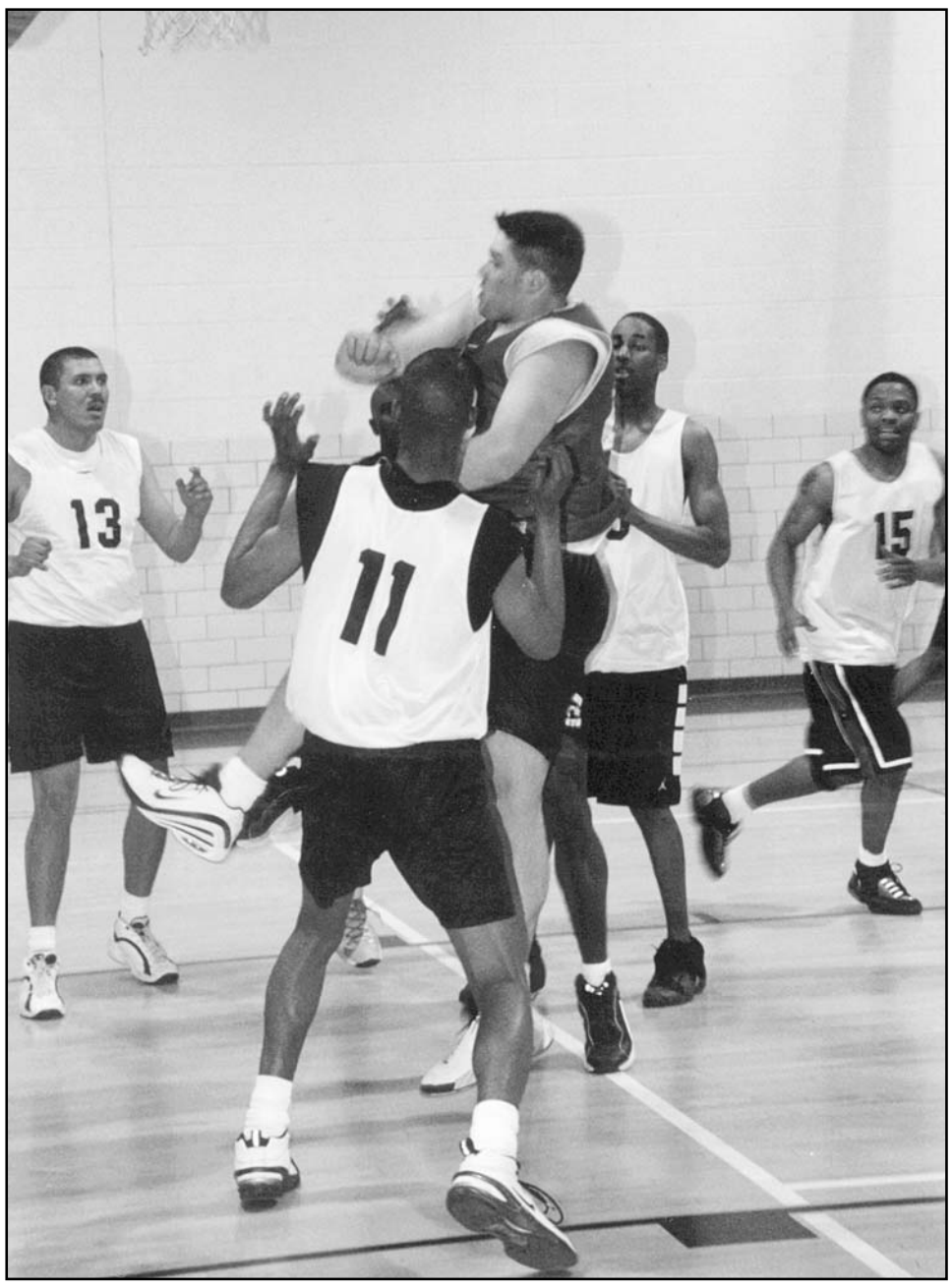
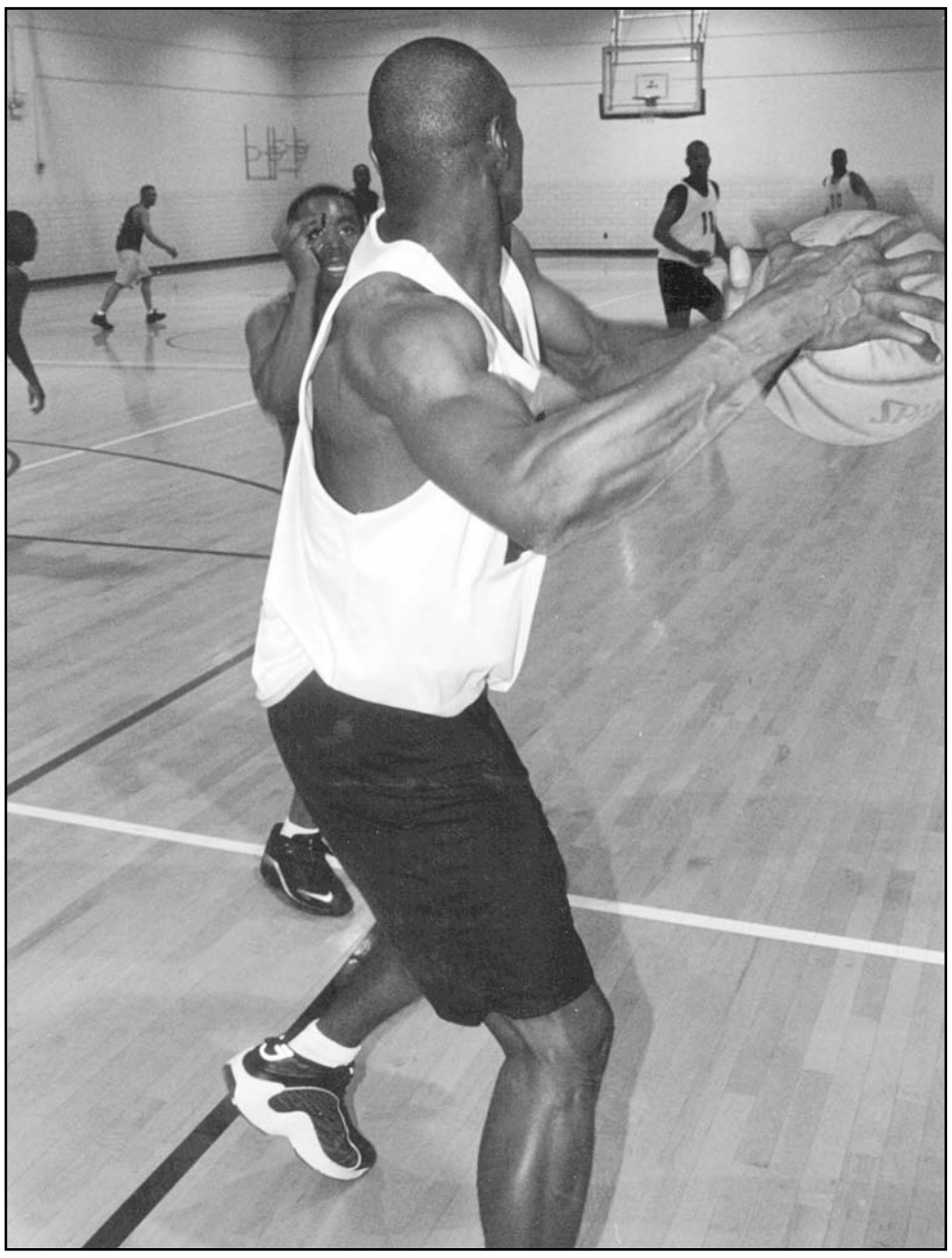
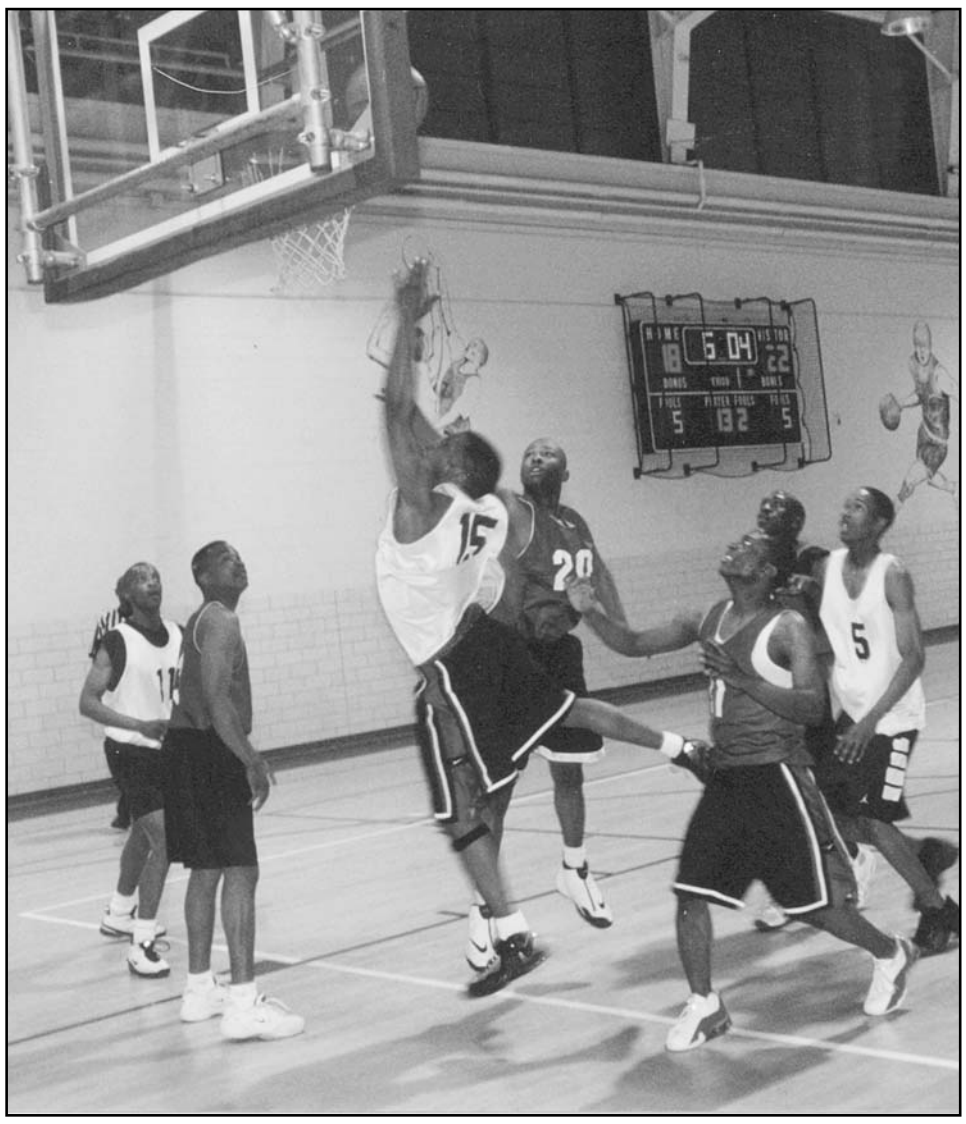


Photo by Walt Johnson
52nd Engineer and 4th Engineer players battled for rebounds all night.



4th Engineer center Willis Jones gets set to fire a pass upcourt to start a fast break for his team.



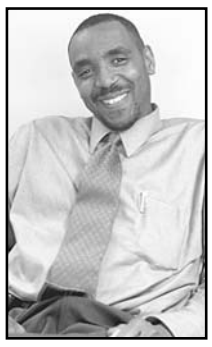
52nd Engineer guard Jatavius Jackson, No. 15 drives to the basket for a field goal.

On the Bench

News, views and general thoughts to ponder

By Walt Johnson
Mountaineer staff

Gang, this has been some kind of a week in both the post and college basketball playoff pictures.


Johnson

If you don't mind, I will now give some of my insights on both tournaments as well as some other tidbits I dug up during my time of being out and about.

Volleyball fans will want to circle April 30 on their calendar if they want to see some excellent play. The U.S. national men's volleyball team will be at the post from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. practicing, and then will play an all-star team from the post at 12:30 p.m. at the Post Physical Fitness Center. After the game, the national team will sign autographs. More on this prestigious event will be upcoming in the next two issues of the *Mountaineer.*

There will be a meeting for all units interested in playing in this year's intramural softball season Monday at 1:30 p.m. at the Post Physical Fitness Center. Josh Mitchell said he needs teams to be prepared to turn in their letter of intent with dates of their military commitments from April 16 to Aug. 16. Also, units should be prepared to give Mitchell a primary and an alternate point of contact. For more information contact Mitchell at 526-6584.

The Colorado Springs Sky Sox will begin its home season when the team host the New Orleans Zephyrs at the Stadium Thursday at 7 p.m. The Sox are the Class Triple A affiliate of the Colorado Rockies and should have a fine team this year. To place phone orders for tickets call 591-SOXX or (719) 583-1449 from Pueblo. You can also visit the Information, Ticket and Tours office on post for Sky Sox tickets.

Anyone interested in their children learning how to swim can sign up for the next post youth swimming classes beginning May 2nd. People should go to the indoor swimming pool to sign up their children one week prior to the start of classes. Classes cost $20 per child. For more information contact the indoor swimming pool at 526-3107.

It is only a month before the first KIDPOWER classes program will be held at the Post Youth Center. Kathie Rawson, youth center fitness coordinator, said the classes designed to teach youth how to use their own power to keep themselves safe from abduction, assault, emotional, physical and sexual

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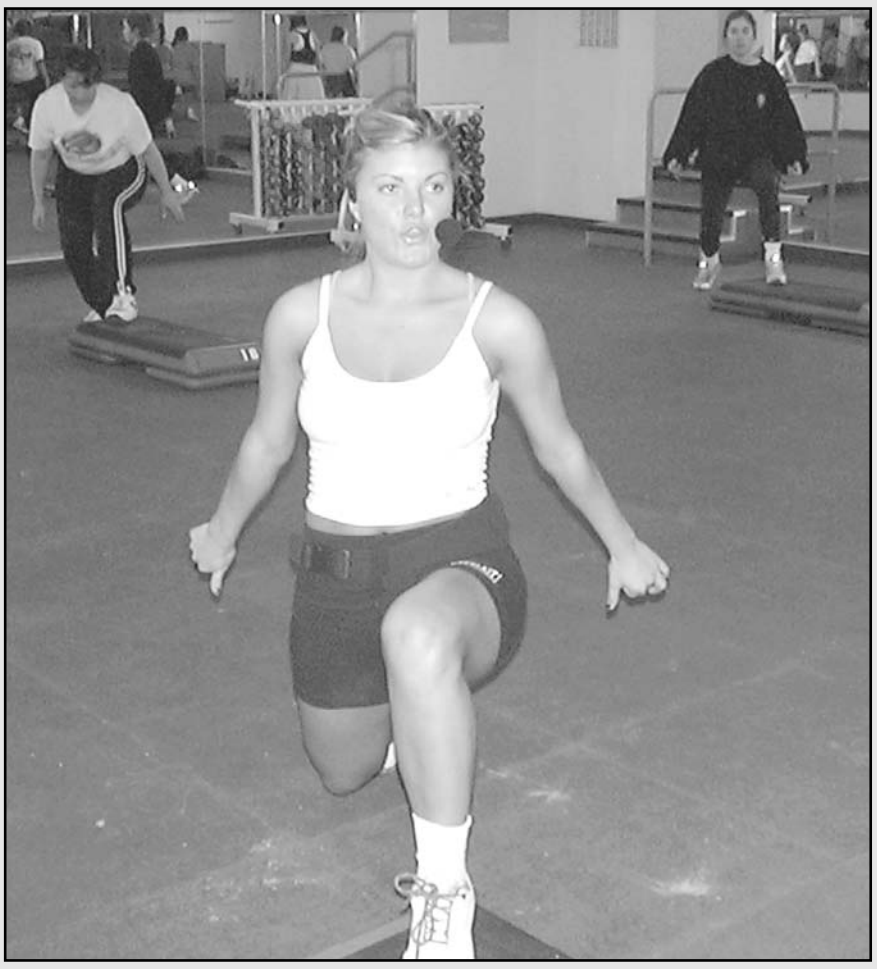
Photo by Walt Johnson

Working out with aerobics ...

Forrest Fitness Center Aerobics instructor, Bridgette Bryant, leads a class through a workout recently. Forrest offers aerobics classes six days a week. For more information on class times, call the center at 526-2706.

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abuse should be beneficial and fun for everyone.

The program will begin with two classes, May 7 and 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. and are designed for youths 10-to-12 years old. Rawson said if possible, at least one parent should accompany their child to the classes. The cost for the class is $20 per family.

Also, the first TEENPOWER class for girls ages 13-to-18 will be held June 22 at the post youth center. This program is designed to teach girls the art of self-defense. The program is open to the first 16 girls who sign up and pay the $20 registration fee.

For more information on the program, contact Rawson at 526-2680.

Lakeisha Johnson competed in the national finals of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America pentathlon in Florida April 1 and finished in fifth place. Johnson and other girls from around the country took part in the competition that measured their abilities in the standing vertical jump, lateral hops, push-ups, sit-ups, jump rope, 100-yard dash and half-mile run events.

The post youth center will hold its Nike Swoosh Club program meeting today at 7 p.m. The program's focus is on "teen leadership groups that promote physical fitness, interest in sports and the potential for athletic-related careers" according to Nike. Stephanie Meyers, assistant youth center sports coordinator, said the program is also designed to find people who want to improve themselves athletically. For more information on the program, contact Meyers or Jeannie McCormick at 526-1233.

Now, maybe it was just the-official in me, but that was not one of the striped shirted guys finest hours Monday night at the NCAA championship basketball game between Duke and Arizona.

Let's get one thing clear right off the bat. I thought the better team won the game Monday night, but I would like to see a game where you don't feel one team is being given so many calls that the other team doesn't get for the same violation.

I love CBS analyst Billy Packer but I can't believe he said Duke's Shane Battier's "block" of Arizona's Jason Gardner's shot was "all ball." Incredible.

I didn't get a chance to see it but I heard the second half of the women's national championship game Sunday night and I say "very well done, Notre Dame and Purdue; you did well."

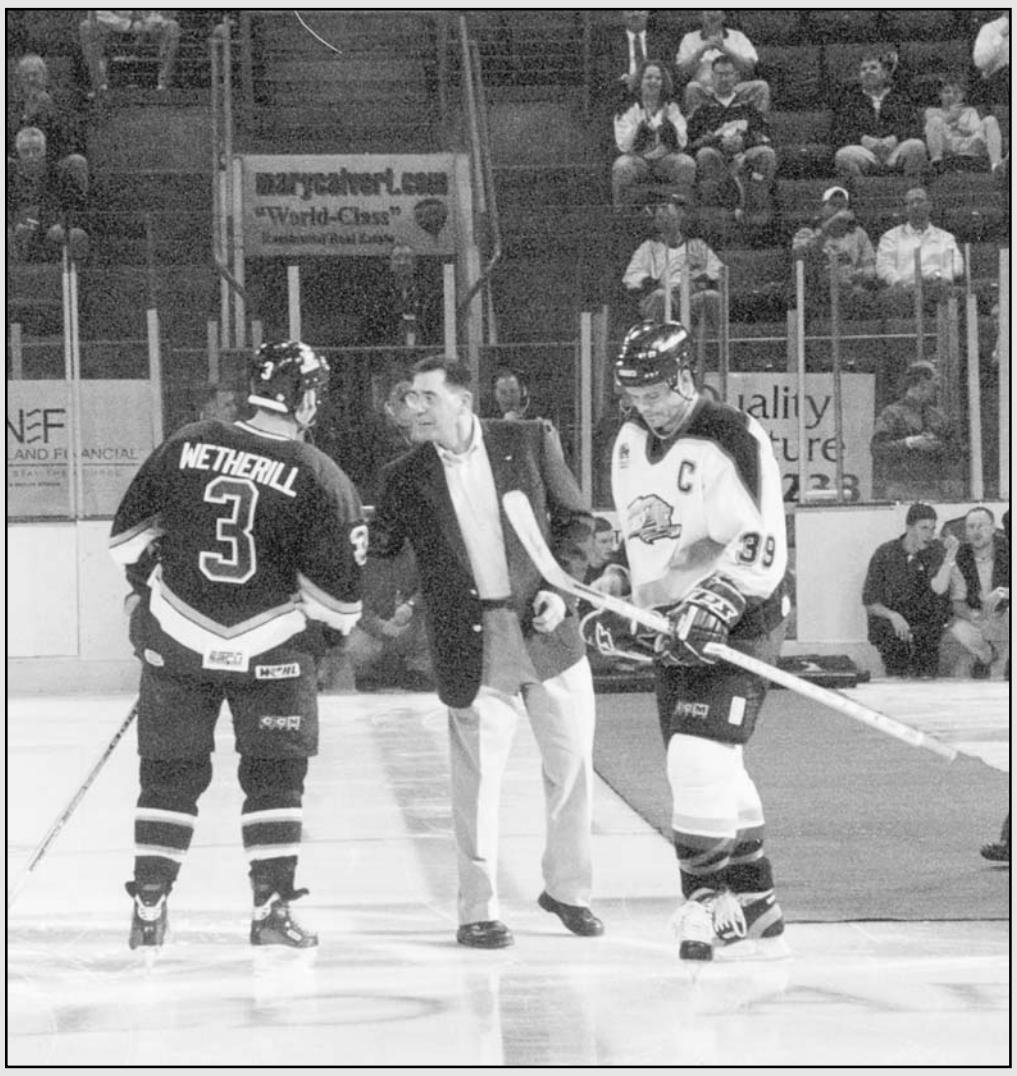

Photo by Walt Johnson

And let the game begin ...

Colonel Simeon Trombitas, center, Fort Carson garrison commander, wishes members of the Colorado Gold Kings and their opponents good luck after he dropped the ceremonial puck March 28 at Fort Carson night at the World Arena.

Playoffs

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the Transportation team 55-44.

The 52nd Engineers meanwhile played on in the winner's bracket championship game against an experienced and talented 10th Special Forces team. The Engineers got a marvelous effort from Tyrone Seamons, 17 points, James Lee and Samuel Woodberry, 13 points each, to defeat the 10th Group 59-47 and punch its ticket to the championship game.

The 4th Engineers meanwhile had to face its toughest challenge if it were going to be the 52nd Engineers opponent in the title game. The 4th Engineers would have to win two games against two extremely talented teams, Headquarters, Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment and the 10th Special Forces Group, if it was going to make it to the title game on consecutive days.

The 4th Engineers pulled off the dynamic double by defeating HHT 59-55 on March 28 and then defeating the 10th Special Forces Group March 29 54-43 to earn its ticket to the championship game.

The good news for the 4th Engineers was it would have the opportunity to defend its title. The bad news was it had to play the championship game 10 minutes after its grueling game with the 10th Special Forces Group.

The 52nd Engineers may have sensed it was in the driver's seat as the championship game began and the 4th Engineers had to feel like it was walking the last mile before an execution, having to play a tough 52nd team after a grueling game against the 10th Special Forces Group.

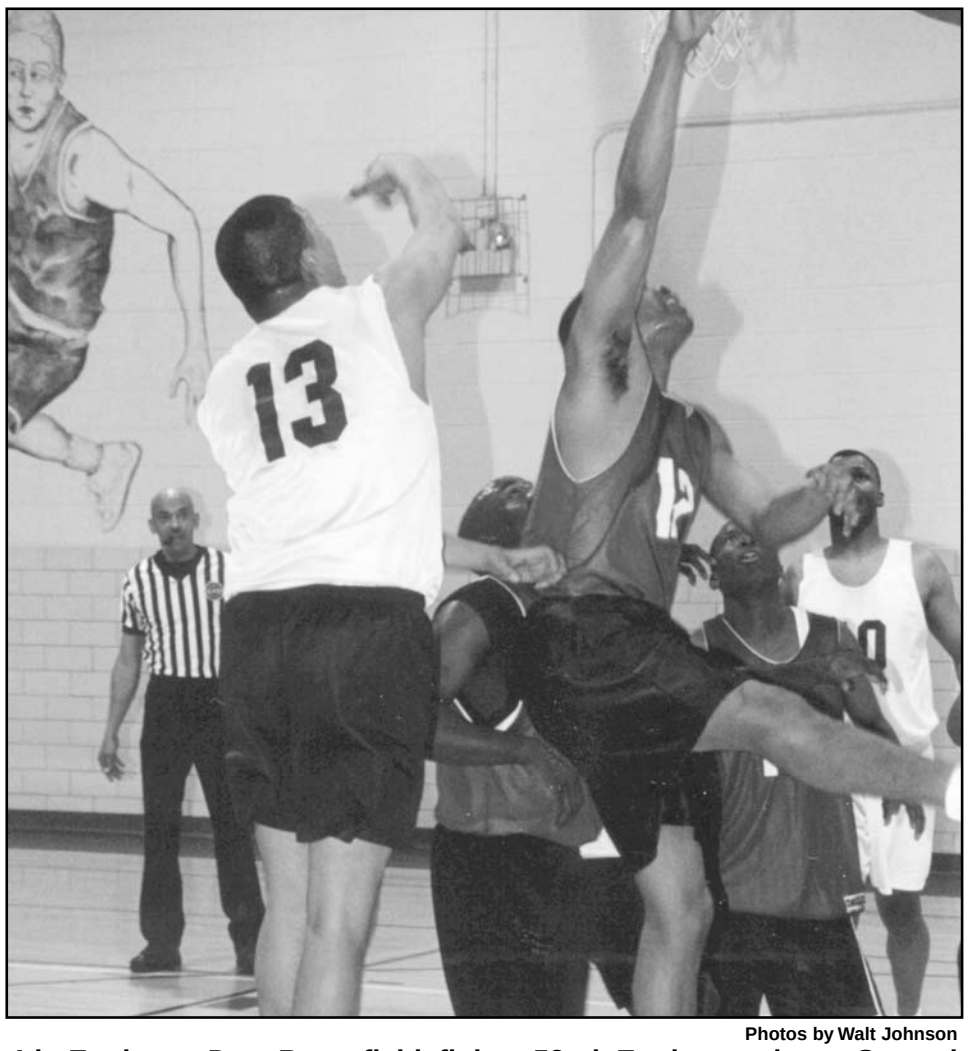
Funny thing about a man who is desperate, he will find a way to gain strength from any source he can and the 4th Engineers did just that. The 4th Engineers knew it had to get out to a fast start if it were going to defeat the 52nd team and it did — bolting to a 33-24 halftime lead on the shooting of the lone holdover from last year's team Dan Butterfield. Butterfield scored 10 first-half points to get the team off and running and it never looked back on the way to a 65-54 win.

The win set up a winner take all match with the 52nd but surely the 4th Engineers had shot its best bullets in the first game and would need a miracle of sorts to beat the 52nd. Or would it?

The 4th Engineers, a tired group of athletes heading into the game, faced a 52nd Engineers team that was relatively fresh. The 4th Engineers had to play seven games to get to this point over a five-day period while the 52nd Engineers played four games in the same amount of days. Advantage, 52nd Engineers? Not quite.

The 4th Engineers came out for its third game of the night, looking like it were the fresh team, racing to a 38-25 halftime lead. The 4th Engineers played terrific defense on the 52nd top two offensive players, Woodberry and Seamons, and got a great half from Jackson, who scored 16 first-half points.

In the second half Seamons tried to rally the 52nd team, scoring 23 of his game-high 35 points, to get his team close to the 4th Engineers but each time it looked like it could get back in the game, the 4th Engineers got a huge lift from Willis Jones, who scored 12 of his 14 points and owned the backboard, securing the team's second consecutive championship.



Photos by Walt Johnson

4th Engineer Dan Butterfield fights 52nd Engineer player Samuel Woodberry for a loose ball under the basket.

Mountaineer Sports Spotlight

Photo by Walt Johnson

Golfing is fun....

Golfers such as Andy Pai, Greg Thatcher, John Roberts and Dan Gleason, from left, took advantage of nice weather to participate in the Commanding General's Scramble event Friday at the Cheyenne Meadows Golf Course.

Olympic Training Center: visitors welcome

Story and photos by Nel Lampe Mountaineer staff

Olympic games, leaders and athletes sometimes get extra attention in Colorado Springs — after all, the Olympic Training Center is located here, as is the Olympic Committee. Twelve sports National Governing Bodies are also headquartered in Colorado Springs.

Visitors are welcome to visit the training facilities and should begin at the $8 million visitor center, which welcomes 150,000 visitors each year.

Every hour on the hour, visitors start the tour with a 15-minute video in the theater. Following the video, a tour guide takes visitors on a walking tour of the training facilities.

Guides are well-versed in details of athletic programs, are aware of which sports are currently in training, and will point out athletes who might be in training or walking past.

Visitors are taken through some of the facilities, depending on training schedules, and allowed to observe some training activities when available.

Up to 500 athletes and coaches can be housed, fed and trained in the complex facilities. The number of athletes in residence is usually about 200, depending on the sport in training.

The Olympic complex occupies 37 acres. Many "state of the art" facilities are on the grounds, including the aquatic center, which has a 25-by-50 meter pool. The pool is used for swimming, synchronized swimming and water polo, and is two meters deep at the shallow end and three meters at the deep end. The Aquatic Center is perhaps the most technologically advanced aquatic training facility in the world.

Several gyms are used for badminton, basketball, fencing, judo, wrestling and gymnastics.

The shooting center at the complex is the third largest in the world, and shooter athletes also train at Fort Carson.

Ice skaters use the ice hall just behind the World Arena.

Other first-class facilities on site include weight facilities, a sports medicine and sport science center and residence and dining facilities.

Athletes first came to Colorado Springs for training when the Olympic Training Center opened its doors, housed in facilities left over from a closed World War II base.

Located near Memorial Hospital on Boulder Street, a couple blocks west of Union, Ent Army base was established in 1943, the third military installation established in the Colorado Springs area since the beginning of World War II.

Visitors arrive at the Visitor Center. Statues of athletes are along the sculpture path.

The base was named for Maj. Gen. Uzal G. Ent, who had been involved in the Ploesti oil field raids in Romania during World War II. Ent was commander of the Army Air Force's 2nd Air Force, headquartered at Ent.

Children succumb to the temptation of trying to match the form of the athlete silhouettes depicting sports featured in the Pan American Games.

In 1951, Air Defense Command was relocated from New York City to Ent Air Force Base, and the base was later home to North American Air Defense or NORAD, during the 1960s while construction was underway for the underground headquarters under Cheyenne Mountain. The underground facility was completed in 1966.

As Ent Air Force Base was in a residential neighborhood, there was no space for a flying facility or runway, and flying operations were located at World War II's Peterson Army Air Field, east of town.

In the 1970s, many units and missions were moved to Peterson as new buildings and facilities were constructed. Peterson was upgraded to an Air Force Base in 1976 and Ent Air Force Base was closed. The property was returned to the city of Colorado Springs.

The OlympicCommittee reached an agreement with the city to lease the former base facilities and took over in 1977. In the beginning, athletes were housed, fed and trained in existing military buildings. Former offices and clubs were demolished or sometimes retrofitted to serve new purposes.

The Olympic Committee invested millions in renovation, construction and improvements. Now, the once military status of the site is barely visible — just an occasional, simply constructed wooden building of World War II vintage gives it away.

Other Olympic athlete training facilities are located elsewhere. A winter sports facility is at Lake Placid, N.Y., where the 1932 and 1980 winter Olympics were held. A third site is Chula Vista, Calif., where athletes train in rowing and soccer.

A facility in Florida trains sailing competitors and speedskaters train in Wisconsin. The equestrian team training facility is in New Jersey.

Some 20,000 athletes train at the training centers each year.

Although visitors can walk around the facilities after entering through the

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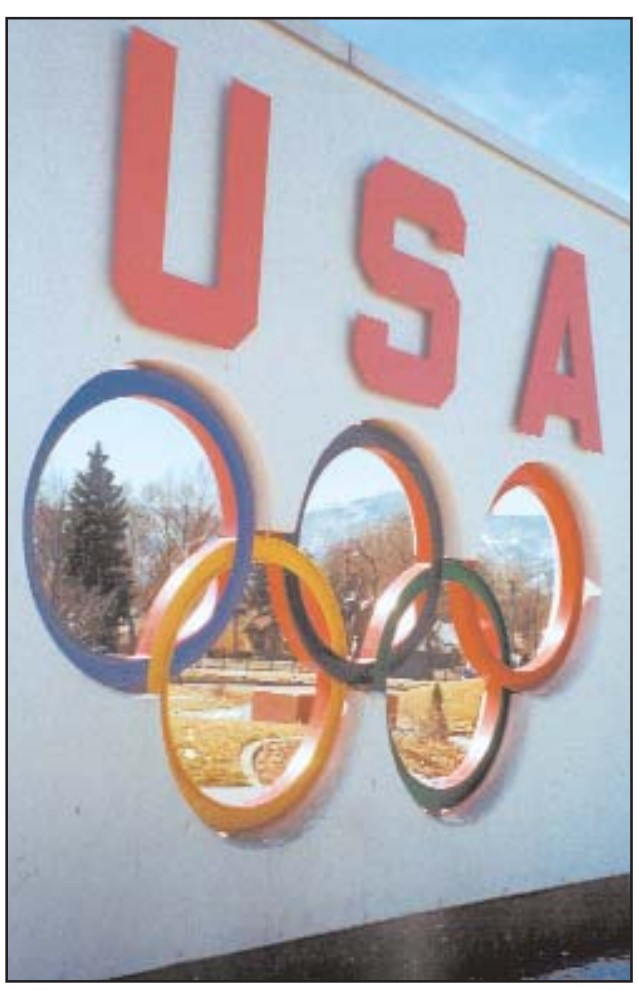

A large sign depicts the official logo of the Olympics — the Olympic rings.

Heading

A pull-out section for the Fort Carson community

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Olympic

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Visitor Center, the best option is to arrive early enough to hook up with a tour. No reservation is necessary. Just stop at the counter in the visitor center and ask about the next tour. While waiting, check on your favorite athlete or Olympic sport using the interactive consoles or visit the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame which presently has a display of photographs of American athletes in training. Before leaving the area, visit the Olympic Spirit store. The Spirit Store has a wide selection of Olympic-related athletic clothing, such as T-shirts, jackets and caps. Pins and other souvenir-type items are sold. All profits go into Olympic programs.

A snack bar is nearby, with machine snacks available.

The Olympic flame is on the roof top of the Visitor Center building, but a construction project, which has prevented visitors from taking the elevator or stairs to the rooftop, should be finished this week. Visitors will again be able to get a close look at the flame, and an overall view of the complex.

Silhouettes of athletes participating in sports of the Pan American Games are scattered along the Olympic path, behind the Visitor Center.

Sports silhouettes portray competitive sports in displays along Olympic path.

Olympic memorabilia and statuary are located throughout the complex.

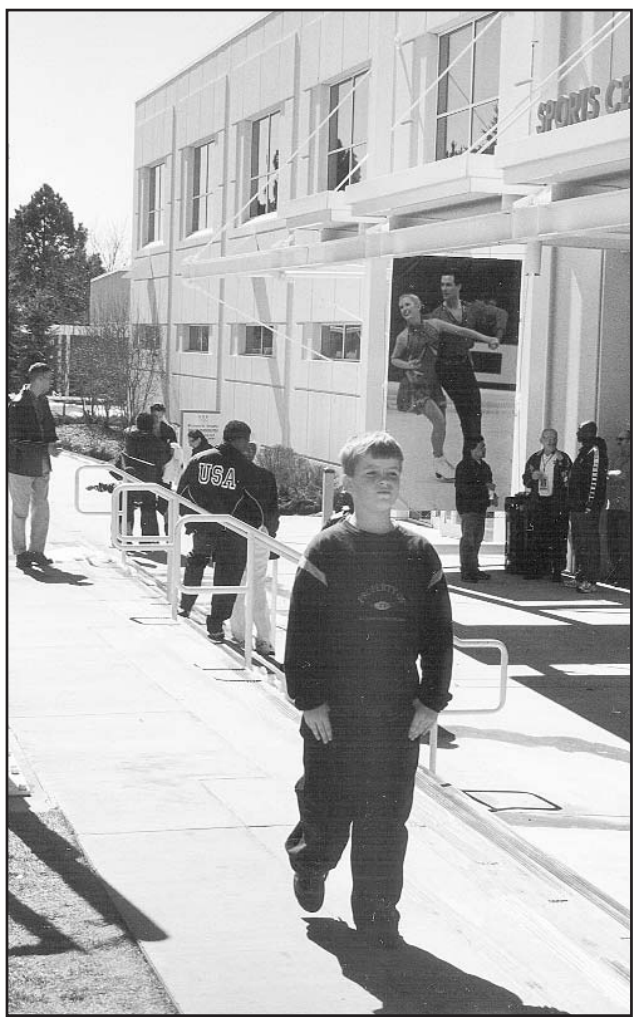
Tours are conducted Monday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m., on the hour, year around.

There is no admission charge. Reservations are only necessary for groups of 10 or more. A stroller would be helpful if small children are along on the tour.

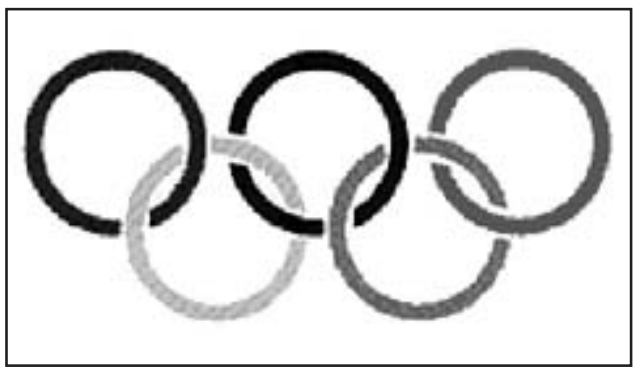
A recorded tour and event hotline is at 578-4644, which will give an idea of which sporting events are in training. Many athletic events at the training center are open to the public.

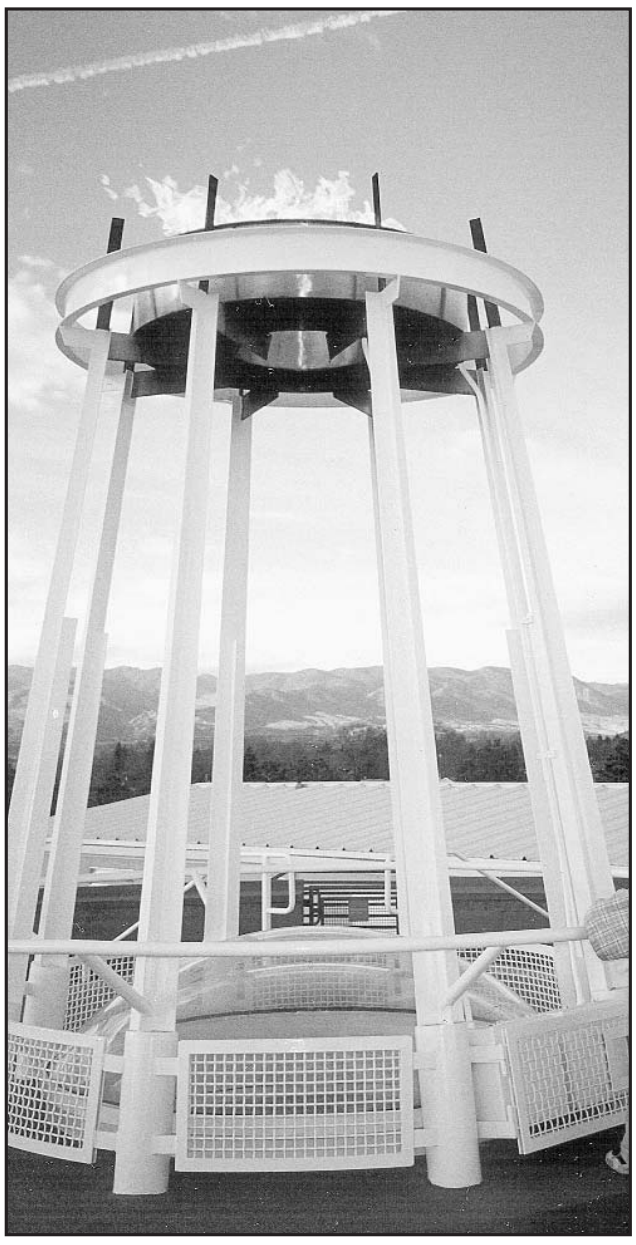
The Olympic Complex is located just west of Union and Boulder and is entered at One Olympic Plaza. A guard is on duty, and will direct you to a parking lot and the nearby Visitor Center. The Visitor Center may be reached at 578-4618.

From Fort Carson, take Highway 115 north to Nevada Ave., then go east on Boulder to One Olympic Plaza.



Visitors mingle with athletes at the Olympic Training Center.





The Olympic flame is on the roof of the Visitor Center.

Facilities used by Olympic athletes at the Olympic Training Center are first rate.

Just the Facts

- **Travel time** 20 minutes
- **For ages** all
- **Type** Olympic complex
- **Fun factor** ★★★★ (Out of 5 stars)
- **Wallet damage** **free**

$ = Less than $20

$$ = $21 to $40

$$$ = $41 to $80

(Based on a family of four)

Community Events

Family Readiness Center

The Family Member Employment Assistance Program conducts workshops on aspects of employment, such as resume writing and interview techniques. For registration and information, call 526-0452.

The Financial Readiness Debt Management Program is available to help active duty, family members, retirees and Department of Defense civilians with debt problems. For information, call 526-0449.

The Financial Readiness Program presents a class on Check Book Management today through Monday at 11:30 a.m. This class teaches check writing and checkbook balancing skills. Contact Patricia Randle at 526-4590.

Army Family Team Building is a readiness program that provides dependents and soldiers with an understanding of the Army. It combines the skills and resources needed to become more self-reliant and have a better sense of belonging to the Army family. Some of the topics covered are benefits, entitlements, military terms, customs and courtesies, child care and education. For questions regarding the AFTB classes taught in Spanish or English, call 526-0461.

Come join us for special classes offered in April. Thursday, "The Balancing Act," teaches people to balance roles as partner and parent. April 19, "Every Child is a Gift," is about appreciating and enjoying your spirited child. Classes are Thursdays 3:30 to 5 p.m., Aspen Room, Family Readiness Center, building 1526. Limited child care is available, for reservations, call 526-4590.

Miscellaneous

Care and Share Food Bank, located in Colorado Springs, needs volunteers to help in many capacities. Care and Share collects and distributes food to 300 member agencies, which give it to the hungry people of southern Colorado. Last year more than 4 million pounds of food were distributed by Care and Share. For information call the Care and Share volunteer coordinator, Jordan Israel at 528-1247, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The American Red Cross Orientations are Tuesday, and April 24 in room 2513, Cochrane Hall, second floor, Evans Army Community Hospital. For information, call 526-7144.

The American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor Course — Class 2 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 7 to 11 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays Wednesday to April 28. For information, call 526-3107 (indoor pool).

Volunteers are needed for unloading products for the Household Chemical Waste Collection Program, Penrose Stadium and Equestrian Center, 1045 West Rio Grande St., April 27, 1 to 4 p.m. and April 28, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Lunch is provided Friday at noon, breakfast, lunch, snacks and volunteer gifts provided Saturday. Contact John Fisher or Kathy Claes at 575-8450.

Fort Carson invites the public to learn about environmental restoration projects on post at a quarterly Restoration Advisory Board meetings. RAB meetings offer informative presentations on a variety of ongoing cleanup projects. The next meeting is Thursday, 6:30 p.m., at Colorado Springs Police Department, Gold Hills Division, 705 S. Nevada. For information or to join, contact Jim Henderson at 526-8001.

The Enlisted Spouses Charitable Organization now has quarterly meetings only. Meetings will be conducted in April, August and December. There will be a party April 18 at 7 p.m. at the Friendship House. Please bring a wrapped gift from home. No money necessary. Any questions, contact Jane Phipps at 393-0065.

Recall: Burger King Corporation and the Alcone Marketing Group, in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, are voluntarily recalling Rattling, Paddling, Riverboat toddler toys. The recall affects those Burger King restaurants owned and operated by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. The toy is a plastic boat with a paddle wheel. The recall was initiated over a concern that metal pins with plastic caps that attach the paddle wheel can come out and pose a choking hazard. The U.S. Product Safety Commission has stated there have been no reported injuries connected to this toy. AAFES Burger King customers are being instructed to **not** return the Rattling, Paddling, Riverboat Toddler Toy to Burger King restaurants. Instead, a consumer hotline has been set up to receive calls and to provide instructions on how to return the toy and receive a replacement toy. The contact number is (800) 661-9173.

Directorate of Public Works announces that a water tank is being erected on the hill northwest of Titus and Harr. Construction will be continuing through August. Due to this area being a construction site, please do not enter on foot or vehicle unless official government business is being conducted. For information contact Kandy McBrite at 526-9239.

The annual recognition for American Red Cross volunteers will be held Thursday at the Elkhorn Conference Center. Festivities will begin at 11:30 a.m. If you would like to attend, call 526-2311 to RSVP. There is no charge for Red Cross volunteers, the cost for guest is $10 per person. If you would like to sponsor your Red Cross volunteer, call 526-2311 for information.

Fort Carson's Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department is excited to announce Kinderfest 2001 and the Summer Fun and Travel Show. Kinderfest will take place, April 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Post Physical Fitness Center. This program is a traditional springtime celebration, held in conjunction with the Department of the Army's "Month of the Military Child." Children of all ages, not only the young, but the young at heart, are invited to attend. For information call 524-1316.

School District 11 Community Education is offering a great program during the spring semester at a variety of locations throughout the city. Classes in computer instruction, foreign languages, floral arranging, dance, yoga, gardening, watercolor, baby sitting, English as a second language and more are being offered. All courses are open to the public and students do not have to be District 11 residents. For information, call 520-2384.

New business start-up workshop April 25, 8 a.m. to noon, at building 1118, Ellis Street and Wetzel, room 109. The fee is $15, The seminar is designed for entrepreneurs planning to start or operate their own business. It is open to all military personnel, their dependents, DOD civilians or anyone with a valid DOD identification care. To make reservations call Alice Knapp or William Barnson at 526-1002.

Chili Cook-Off. Celebrate the grand opening of the Fort Carson "Family Connection," Tuesday, April 17, at the Family Connection, building 1354. All Fort Carson organizations and units will be eligible to participate, prizes will be given. For information or to fill out an entry form, stop by the Family Readiness Center, building 1526 or call ACS at 526-4590.

The Budweiser/Bud Light Open Karaoke Competition is at these DCA facilities; Decades Niteclub, Thunder Alley and Fatz Pool/Darts. Win cash, prizes and a trip to Jamaica; call 526-9977 for details.

"**Humor, Play, and Laughter: Stress-Proofing Life With Your Kids"** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., April 26 at the Elkhorn Conference Center, guest speaker is Dr. Joseph Michelli. Limited child care is available. For reservations, call 526-4590.

Army Community Service is looking for volunteers to serve as mayors for Cherokee and Sioux Villages. The Fort Carson Mayor Program has numerous benefits for volunteer mayors which include swimming or golf pass, bowling passes, quarters cleaning upon PCS/ETS, valuable training, parking pass, free child care while conducting mayoral duties and the use of a computer. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, call Nancy Montville at 526-4590 or stop by the Army Community Service Family Readiness building 1526 and ask the Mayors' Program Coordinator for information.

Fort Carson yard sales are held the first Saturday of each month at the Beacon School parking lot. If the weather is inclement, then the yard sale falls to Sunday or the following Saturday. Yard sale dates are: Saturday, May 5, June 2, July 7, Aug. 5, Sept. 1, Oct. 6, Nov. 3 and Dec. 1.

A Town Meeting will be held April 18 at 6 p.m., at Elkhorn Conference Center, building 7300. The quarterly Fort Carson Community Town Meeting provides the opportunity for community members to have a one-on-one question and answer session with Fort Carson leaders such as: the commanding general, garrison commander, Medical Activity, Dental Activity, Directorate of Public Works, Directorate of Community Activities, etc. Some target subjects for the upcoming meeting are the Kit Carson Community Festival, Hay Day, Child Abuse Prevention Month, Red Ribbon Week, upcoming AAFES/Commissary events and post construction projects. Free on-site child care is available. AAFES gift certificates will be given away throughout the meeting. For information, call Becky Rudder at 524-1388.

The Fort Carson Community Thrift Shop will be holding a 10 cent sale Wednesday, April 18 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. We still have $200 Continuing Education Grants for Spouses and Dependents to be given out. All that is necessary is proof of being in school and a front and back copy of your ID card. We are also in dire need of volunteers. Any questions, call 526-9420 Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Micronesia Meeting is Thursday 5 p.m. at Grant Library. All Micronesians interested in representing their state with a display table, traditional dances or island hand crafts, please contact Staff Sgt. Tulensa at 526-5648, Rhonda Tulensa at 526-7030 or Helen at 526-2462.

Annual leave donors are needed for Dawn Marcella Ann Orr, an employee of Medical Department Activity. The leave is needed to cover her absence due to the exhaustion of her available paid leave. For more information, call 526-7246.

Annual leave donors are needed for Judith L. Dutt, an employee of the Fort Carson Public Affairs Office. The leave is needed to cover her absence due to the exhaustion of her available paid leave following surgery. For more information, call 526-8399.

Annual leave donors are needed for Linda S. Cellars, an employee of Medical Department Activity. The leave is needed to cover her absence due to the exhaustion of her available paid leave. For more information, call 526-7246.

Annual leave donors are needed for Stacey L. Pipken, an employee of Medical Department Activity. The leave is needed to cover her absence due to the exhaustion of her available paid leave. For more information, call 526-7246.

Annual leave donors are needed for George Bobo, an employee of Department of Environmental Compliance and Management. The leave is needed to cover his absence due to the exhaustion of his available paid leave. For more information, call 526-1684.

Annual leave donors are needed for Dolores Jean Ontiveros, an employee of Medical Department Activity. The leave is needed to cover her absence due to the exhaustion of her available paid leave. For more information, call Ruben Espinoza at 526-7246.

Volunteer Recognition

The installation's annual volunteer recognition picnic and awards ceremony will be Saturday, June 2, from noon to 3 p.m. at Iron Horse Park. Agencies need to submit nomination packets for volunteers who meet the criteria. Nomination packets must be submitted by today to the Installation Volunteer Coordinator, 1500 Wetzel, building 1526. This is to ensure that awards can be processed through the Mountain Post, FORSCOM, and Department of Army in time for presentation at the June event. All volunteer hours for the year 2000 should have been submitted to the IVC yesterday. Please contact the IVC, Gwendolyn Ragle at 526-8303 for assistance.

Youth

Kidpower and Teenpower are coming to Fort Carson Youth Services in May and June. Kidpower/Teenpower is a nonprofit organization that teaches young people how to keep themselves safe from abduction, assault, emotional, physical and sexual abuse. Educators, mental health professionals and law enforcement experts recommend Kidpower/Teenpower. It is a safe, age appropriate, positive and affordable organization. For information call Kathie Rawson at Youth Services 526-2680.

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Military Briefs

CG's Newcomers Briefing will be next Friday at the McMahon Theater. It is mandatory for all newly assigned officers and soldiers to attend. Family members are welcome. Free child care is available by calling 524-0151.

Army Emergency Relief Campaign is ongoing until May 5. For more information, contact your Unit AER Representative or Becky Rudder at 524-1388.

Green to Gold Briefing. Army ROTC conducts a Green to Gold briefing every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in room 124 of the Education Center. If eligible, you may get a bachelor's degree and become a second lieutenant. If you have any questions contact Capt. Cindi Basenspiler at 262-3236. No appointment is necessary to attend the briefings.

Special Forces briefings are held Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. at Grant Library. You can apply for SF training as a private first class, but cannot begin training until you are an E-4. For more information, call 524-1461 or 524-1462.

Directorate of Public Works announces the following road will be affected by construction but not closed: Fort (Harr to Mountainside School) until April 13. For more information call Danny Moyer at 526-5115 or 526-9222.

Road Closure: Specker Road will be closed for paving between Polio and Titus Boulevards from April 16 to 19.

Central Issue Facility hours of operation — Regular business hours: Monday through Friday 7:30 to 10:30 a.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., closed Thursdays at 11 a.m. In Processing/Initial Issue/Partial Issue: Monday to Friday 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Cash Sales/Statement of Charges: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Direct Exchange: Monday through Friday 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 1 to 3 p.m. Partial Turn Ins (walk in) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Full Turn-Ins by appointment: 524-2006 or 524-2007.

The Army Career and Alumni Program Center now has set times for clearing. Monday through Wednesday, 7:30 to 9 a.m. and 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Thursday 9 to 10 a.m. and 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Friday 7:30 to 9 a.m. and 1 to 2:30 p.m. If you have questions, call 526-1002 or 526-0640, or visit the Web site www.carson.army.mil/ACAP/acap.html .

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers

BOSS Executive Council meets the first Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. at the BOSS Office, building 1217, room 227. The Post BOSS meeting, for BOSS Representatives, meets the second Thursday of each month at Christopher's from 1 to 3 p.m.

The BOSS Program is putting together three five-man teams for the National Trivia Network Competition for the month of April. We will be competing with several other Army installations. If you are interest in participating, call the BOSS office at 524-2677. For more information on the NTN competition visit www.ft.carson.com .

Legal Notice

With deepest regrets to the family of Staff Sgt. Richard N. Boudreau, 764th Explosive Ordnance Detachment, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to the Boudreau estate should contact 2nd Lt. Eric Carlson, 59th Military Police Company, 759th Military Police Battalion at 526-4773.

The Used Car Sales Lot is in the Mini Mall parking lot. Parking is restricted to motorcycles, cars and pickup trucks with approved Fort Carson permits. Permits are issued at a cost of $10 for a 30-day period. For more information call 524-1146.

The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club event calendar is as follows:

All meetings are held monthly on the third Wednesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. at the Mountain Post Wellness Center on the second floor conference room in the Family Readiness Center.

Induction ceremonies and rehearsals are held at McMahon Theater. All other events are conducted in the main conference room of building 1430. For more information, call 526-2409 or 526-3887.

Reminder to all outprocessing soldiers: All personnel are required to begin outprocessing the installation 10 days prior to the date on the orders, regardless of marital status or unit obligations. The Fort Carson Outprocessing Center is located on the second floor of the Welcome Center, building 1218. For more information, call 526-4454.

ETS/Transition — Soldiers transitioning should keep in mind that ETS/Transition brief is mandatory for personnel transitioning. Soldiers will pick up their orders and make their finance pre-separation appointment at the meeting. Soldiers will not receive ETS orders unless they attend the briefing. For more information call Staff Sgt. Gonda at 526-0475 or 526-8473 or Sgt. 1st Class Frank Heath, NCOIC, Transitions, at 526-4298.

The Fort Carson Waiting Families Program is here for spouses of soldiers on unaccompanied hardship tours and extended deployments. Call Barbara McYoung at 526-4590 for more information.

The Jazz Ambassadors of the United States Army Field Band schedule: April 25 at Lamar; April 26 at Rocky Ford; April 27 at Loveland; April 28 at Greeley (University of Northern Colorado Jazz Festival); April 29 at Denver; May 2 at Steamboat Springs.

The next Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board meeting is next Friday at 1 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Fort Carson Military Police Station, building. 2700, on Christie Street. All voting board members are requested to be present at the meeting. Notification by telephone will be made prior to the meeting to determine if there are any issues to be brought before the board and to serve as a reminder of date and time of the board. Point of contact is Sgt. 1st Class Troy Lennen at 526-0091.

The Rocky Mountain Chapter, 82nd Airborne Division Association will be holding its April business meeting Saturday, at 11 a.m. at VFW Post 101. All members, spouses and individuals desiring to know more about the organization are invited to attend. The chapter is known as "The All Airborne Chapter" because the paratroopers in the organization range from those who served in the airborne during WW II to those currently on active duty and in active reserve units. The chapter participates in parades, dinners, picnics and other camaraderie sharing activities throughout the year and is open to anyone that has ever been in military parachute units. For reservation or information, call Harry King at 392-4791.

The Mountain Post Chapter of the Noncommissioned Officers Association requests the pleasure of your company for the Chapter's Annual Awards Banquet, April 20 at Christopher's. Social hour is at 6 p.m., roast pig buffet dinner at 7 p.m. Cost is $15 per person, casual dress, RSVP by cash or check not later than Thursday, Command Sgt. Major Gerry Ragle at 526-5516, Staff Sgt. Romero Penaranda at 526-7983 or Command Sgt. Major (Ret.) Edmund Wegner at 527-0072. Tickets are also available from your commander or sergeant major.

Installation NCO/Cook of the Quarter Competition. The Department of Logistics, Installation Food Service Sergeant Major, conducted its NCO/Cook of the Second Quarter, fiscal 2001 competition March 28. Food Service personnel from several units were representing the finest at Fort Carson. The winners were: Senior Chef Category: Sgt. Jennifer Knoble, Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 52nd Engineers Area Support Group; runner-up: Sergeant Darrick Garner, Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment, 64th Forward Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team. In the Chef Category the winner was Spc. Germaine Clarke, 534th Signal Company, 3rd Brigade Combat Team; runner-up: Spc. Shane J. Cornette, 2nd Transportation Company, 43rd Area Support Group. The winners will receive a Certificate of Achievement, engraved trophy, $50 post exchange coupons and $100 U.S. Savings bonds from Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 101, and gifts from The Minute Maid Company, presented by the 7th Infantry Division commanding general.

On Sunday AAFES/Sprint introduced an additional option to the Barracks Telephone Program. In addition to the current three choices, a fourth option has been added, the popular Nickel Night Program. Customers who sign up for this program will pay 5 cents a minute for all dialed state-to-state calls every night from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. At all other times, customers will pay 10 cents a minute. In-state rates may vary. The monthly fee for this option is $5.95. As with all of the other Barracks Telephone programs, all soldiers will be provided with free call-waiting. In addition, with advance notification, customers will not be charged when on temporary duty for 30 or more days. In addition, room and building changes are at no expense to the soldiers or the U.S. Army. Sign up for any of these programs at the Barracks Telephone Office, building 1851.

Special Forces Association: Chapter 4/24 Special Forces Association is looking for new and old SFers in the Pikes Peak Region. Meet once a month to renew old relationships and create new ones, we also support many civic programs. Currently we have four generations of members, from Korea to present. If you are interested, please contact Jim Howard at 540-8097. For the location of our Safe House and meeting times.

The Fort Carson Provost Marshal Office, Vehicle Registration Section has an additional location at Evans Army Community Hospital. Vehicle registration will be set up in the lobby of the post exchange, the entrance of the commissary or adjacent to the pharmacy in Evans on the following days and times: Mondays, Evans Army Hospital, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Tuesdays, PX 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesdays, Evans Army Community Hospital, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Thursdays, commissary 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Saturdays, PX 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The main Vehicle Registration Office located in the Welcome Center will continue normal customer hours during the following times in order to bring continued service to the Community. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday: 9 to 11:30 a.m., 1 to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday: 9 to 11:30 a.m. (only In and Out Processing) 1 to 3 p.m. For information, call the Provost Marshal Operations at 526-2053.

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

Sports & Leisure

Attention softball coaches and players: The 13th Annual "Weekend Bash" softball tournament will be held June 23 to 24 in Tucson, Ariz. The champions will have their choice of new gloves or bats. The top four teams will receive awards. Take your intramural squad to this tournament, for information contact Greg Manning at (520) 228-5478.

Fort Carson Youth Sports needs volunteer coaches for several upcoming sports seasons. No experience is necessary, as all leagues are developmental. For more information, or to volunteer, call 526-1233.

Forrest Fitness Center is now offering "Cycle Reebok" to all ID card holders. Classes are held six days a week, Mondays at 5 p.m., Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 5:40 a.m. and 5 p.m., Thursdays at 3:30 p.m., Fridays at 4 p.m. and Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. Classes are 50 minutes long, and first-timers should arrive 15 minutes early. For more information, call 526-9120.

3rd Annual Garden of the Gods Five's May 5. Take your pick of a five-mile or five-kilometer run through the Garden of the Gods. This is the second leg of the Colorado Springs Grand Prix of Running. Races start at 8 a.m., registration is at 7 a.m. or pre-register at Runners Roost, 107 E. Bijou, or online at CSGrandprix.com . Free parking at MCI/Worldcom (about three miles west of Interstate 25 on Garden of the Gods Road. Shuttle buses to race site are courtesy of Colorado Springs Grand Prix. Prizes three deep in all age categories, winners listed on our Web page. For information call 635-8803.

This year's 18th annual Federal Cup five-kilometer (three.1 mile) race for runners and racewalkers is set for 8:15 a.m., May 19 at the Denver Federal Center in Lakewood. Reggie Rivers, former Denver Bronco and local radio and TV personality, will serve as official race starter and master of ceremonies.

The race also features a one kilometer (.6 mile) Fun Run for children, refreshments, medals and trophies for individuals and team winners and a prize drawing for all five-kilometer participants. Commemorative T-shirts will be available for $7 on a first-come, first-served basis. Team categories include men, women, co-ed, masters and seniors. The pre-registration entry fee is $5 ($10 race day).

More specific Federal Cup information, including race entry forms and past race results, are available at the Federal Cup Home Page on the Web at: http://fedcup.homestead.com .

The Federal Cup is a unique opportunity for federal employees and their families to participate in competitive events and socialize outdoors. No Federal contract employees may enter.

Get Out!

Classic films

Silent Films are in the Fine Arts Center theater Tuesday; when **"The Bully of Bingo Gulch"** is shown, along with **"The Kids Nap,"** which was shot entirely in Colorado Springs in 1914. Only a few silent films are around, and the opportunity to see one is rare. The admission is $3 at the door, at the Fine Arts Center theater, 30 W. Dale St.

Travel film

"The Last Great Road Trip, Alaskan RV Adventure," is Sunday and Monday at 2 p.m. at the Fine Arts Center theater, 30 W. Dale St. John Holod travels the great Alaskan Highway from Dawson Creek to Delta Junction, and on the Richardson Highway through Fairbanks to Prudhoe Bay. The film is narrated by Holod and tickets are $6.

Grease

The Repertory Theatre Company of the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center opens its production of **"Grease"** May 4, running through May 20. Performances are on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Call the box office for tickets, 634-5583.

Auto show

The Southern Colorado Auto Dealers' Association hosts the **2001 Auto Show** in the Colorado Springs World Arena today and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday's hours are 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Parking is free and the $1 admission is for charity.

Symphony

The Colorado Springs Symphony Pops concert is today and Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Pikes Peak Center. The pops concert features cowboys Don Edwards and Waddie Mitchell. Call 520-7469 for tickets.

The next **symphony performance** is April 20 through 22, featuring former conductor Christopher Wilkins. Call 520-7469 for tickets.

Easter Sunrise services

The Royal Gorge Bridge hosts its annual **Easter Sunrise service** April 15. Gates to the park open at 6 a.m. and there is no admission charge. This year's interdenominational service features the sounds of bagpipes by Pipe Major Sam Swancutt. The service will be officiated by Pastor Don Farr, and begins at 6:30 a.m. Guests are asked to bring non-perishable food donations. The service will be in the upper parking lot on the south rim of Royal Gorge. Complimentary coffee, hot chocolate and pastries will be provided. Royal Gorge Bridge is located about 12 miles west of Canon City, south of U.S. Highway 50. Take Highway 115 south to Penrose, then U.S. 50 west.

The nation's oldest, continuous **Easter Sunrise service is in the Garden of the Gods** April 15. The music service begins at 6 a.m., followed by the sermon at 6:30 a.m. The hour-long nondenominational service is sponsored by Pierce Chapel, with the sermon delivered by Jason Burden. The service is at the entrance of the Garden of the Gods, but only cars with handicapped stickers will be allowed in the park. Everyone else attending must park in the Agilent or Worldcom MCI parking lots on Garden of the Gods Road or at Coronado High School on West Fillmore. Ride the free shuttle buses to and from the park. Buses begin running at 4:30 a.m.

Concert

The Statler Brothers, along with Tara Lynn, are in concert at the Pikes Peak Center 7:30 p.m. April 25; call 520-7469 for tickets or go online at www.pikespeakcenter.org .

"Chicago," the musical, is at the Air Force Academy's Arnold Hall Theater April 20, at 8 p.m. Tickets are $15 to $35, and are available at 333-4497.

Denver concerts

"David Clayton-Thomas" and "Blood, Sweat & Tears" are on stage May 12, at 7:30 p.m. at Magness Theater at the University of Denver. Tickets are available at TicketMaster, 520-9090.

"The Irish Tenors" are in the University of Denver's Magness Center June 13; tickets start at $48 through TicketMaster, 520-9090.

The **"Black Crowes"** hook up with **"Oasis"** at Fiddler's Green Amphitheatre May 17. Tickets start at $27 through TicketMaster, 520-9090.

"Willie Nelson" and the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band is set for 7:30 p.m., July 14, at Red Rocks Amphitheatre in the Denver area. Call TicketMaster, 520-9090 for tickets.

"Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers" are in concert May 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Red Rocks Amphitheatre near Denver. Call 520-9090 for ticket information.

Buffalo Bill exhibit

The Colorado History Museum in Denver has a special exhibit on **Buffalo Bill**, which runs through May 28. The extensive exhibit includes many personal possessions and artifacts used by Buffalo Bill and cast members in this Wild West show. "Buffalo Bill's Wild West" is included in the museum's admission, which is $5 for adults and $3.50 for children. The museum is at 1300 Broadway in Denver. Parking is streetside or in fee-based parking lots nearby.

Denver museum exhibit

The Denver Museum of Nature and Science has opened its new exhibit "**Vikings: The North Atlantic Saga,"** which runs through May 28. The exhibit tells the story of the Vikings and their discovery of North America 1,000 years ago. Admission is $9.50, for children and $12 for adults, which includes admission to the museum.

New IMAX movies

The Cinemark IMAX Theater on Colorado Springs' east side is showing a new IMAX film, **"Mysteries of Egypt."** The National Geographic film stars Omar Sharif and unlocks some of Egypt's mysteries, such as the pyramids and the location of King Tut's tomb. The theater complex is at the corner of Constitution and Academy.

"Cosmic Voyage," also an IMAX film, opened this week. The Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum film explores science, mixed with computer animation to give a mind-boggling view of the universe. The film can presently be seen only at two showings: 3:45 and 6 p.m. Other viewings are reserved for educational groups only. There may be other showings added; check with the theater at 596-3212 or online at www.cinemark.com .

Denver theater

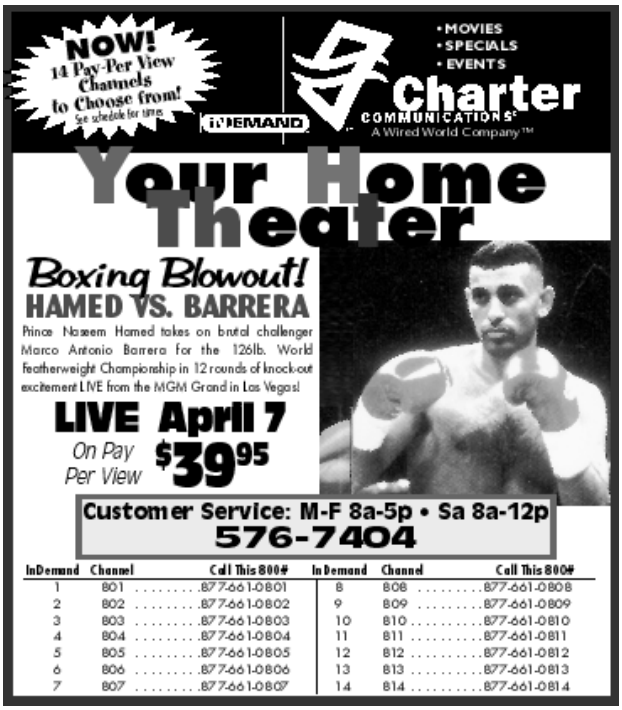
"Barney's Musical Castle" is in Denver's Magness Showcase Theatre, at the University of Denver campus, April 20 through April 22; tickets start at $14.50. Call TicketMaster at 520-9090 or logon www.ticketmaster.com .

Heron Homecoming

The annual **Heron Homecoming** at Fountain Creek Nature Center is Saturday, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The herons return to their nesting sites in the cottonwoods along Fountain Creek every year. Naturalist Dan Kerr presents a slide show at 9 a.m, 10 a.m., 11 a.m. 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Park naturalists will lead visitors on hikes to see the heron rookery. Reservations are required for slide shows; call 520-6745. The Fountain Creek Nature Center is just off Highway 85/87 at Highway 16 near Gate 20.

Family Day

Family Day at the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center is April 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Activities for the day include working with clay and ceramic demonstrations. A musical performance by the Da Vinci Quartet is also on the program. Entrance is free; the center is at 30 W. Dale St.



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Program Schedule for Fort Carson cable Channel 10, today to April 13.

Mountain Post Magazine: Stories on and about Fort Carson soldiers, civilians and family members. Following MPM, a short videotape from the Installation Chaplain's Office will air in preparation for the National Day of Prayer. The program airs at 7 a.m., 10 a.m., noon, 3 p.m., 7 p.m. and midnight.

Army Newswatch: includes stories on Army World Class Biathletes, Desert Storm veterans and the oldest Army veterans dies (repeat). The program airs at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

Air Force News: includes stories on Ecstasy use in the Air Force, casualty care consolidation and a handicapped violinist (repeat). The program airs at 8 a.m., 1 p.m., 8 p.m. and 1 a.m.

Navy/Marine Corps News: includes stories on the USS Winston S. Churchill, Gulf War 10th Anniversary and the USS John Young drug bust. The program airs at 8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m.

Channel 9 daily broadcasts SCOLA, foreign language news broadcasts. Access the schedule at the Fort Carson Web site.

If you have comments on Channel 10 programming or wish to coordinate a broadcast on Channel 10, please contact Douglas Rule at 526-1241 or via e-mail at:

Douglas.Rule@carson.army.mil .

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

If you have story ideas for Mountain Post Magazine, contact Richard Bridges or 1st Lt. Nadia Calderolli at 526-1265, 526-1253 or 526-2941, or e-mail Richard.Bridges@carson.army.mil or Nadia.Calderolli@carson.army.mil .

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

For additions to the Community Calendar, please submit a clean, typewritten copy of the information to the Public Affairs Office, room 2180, building 1550, Fort Carson, CO 80913 or fax it to 526-1021 no later than the Friday before airing time.

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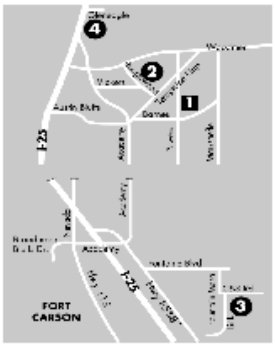

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