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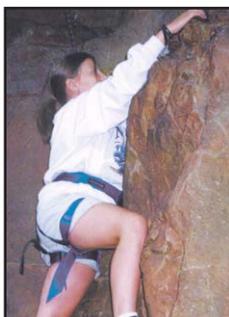
Fort Carson physical training fields close for reseeding. The fields will reopen for PT next spring.

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Children from Youth Services aim for the top as they climb the climbing wall at the Outdoor Recreation Center.

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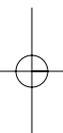
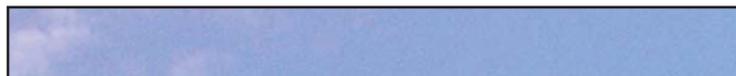
Military

Uniform changes go into effect Oct.



Private Timothy Kendrick, 60th Ordnance Company, provides

Soldiers prep artillery comp



Commanders



Riggs

“As you can see, the barracks building and renovation program is in high gear ...”

Army barracks living standards have changed radically through the years, from squad bays and gang latrines to a new standard called 1 + 1. This new standard provides each soldier with a private sleeping area with a shared bathroom. Additionally, new or modernized 1 + 1 barracks provide lockable closets and semi-private kitchenettes which include microwaves and refrigerators. Fort Carson's initial new 1 + 1 barracks construction will be completed by Nov. 1, 1998 and will house an estimated 475 single soldiers, mostly from the 43rd Area Support Group. We also have two additional new barracks construction projects on the books which will add an additional 1148 1 + 1 spaces in the next few years. More than \$85 million is committed to these new construc-

tion of barracks.

Since new construction will not completely solve our barracks quality of life problems, the Army has also dedicated funds to upgrade our Benham Blair barracks to the new 1 + 1 standards. The Benham Blair barracks are constructed of yellow brick and are the barracks you see on the southern half of the Banana Belt. The concept for the renovation of the Benham Blair barracks was developed by a group of Fort Carson engineers, Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers and the command representatives. The design included all of the 1 + 1 features plus enclosed stairwells and semi-private entrances. While this is an eight year, \$60 million program, we have already received \$5.8 million in 1998 to begin the renovations. Building 2251, a 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment barracks building, is currently under construction and the conversion of 2151 and 2252, barracks buildings from the 3rd Brigade Combat Team and 3rd ACR, will be completed within a year. Additionally, we are projected to receive \$6 million in 1999 to continue renovations and bring buildings 2253, 2155 and 2254, additional 3rd BCT and 3rd ACR barracks, up to the 1 + 1 stan-

dard.

As you can see, the barracks building and renovation program is in high gear but with such a massive effort it will take many years to get all our barracks rooms to the new 1 + 1 standards. This is why we have invested \$4.5 million in 1997 and \$2 million in 1998 to improve the quality of life for those soldiers who will not get to move into a new or upgraded 1 + 1 barracks in the next few years. The improvements to the Rolling Pin barracks on the north end of the Banana Belt include the addition of six dryers and four washers per building, additional showers, individual heating controls and modern fire alarms. While not the 1 + 1 standards, this is still a significant improvement in the quality of life and safety for our single soldiers.

New barracks construction, the Benham Blair barracks upgrades and the renovations in the Rolling Pins barracks together represent a \$150 investment toward improving the quality of life and living standards for our single soldiers. Taking care of soldiers and their families remains one of my top priorities, and I can assure you I will do everything possible to ensure that these programs remain funded and on track. You can help me by taking care

Sound Off!

What improvements would you like to see made to the barracks at Fort Carson?



Spc. Pedro Mendoza
3rd ACR
They need bigger rooms.



Staff Sgt. Tony
Laney
3rd ACR
DoD should pay every soldier in the barracks BAQ and



Private Michael
Johnson
3rd ACR
They need air conditioning, new plumbing and



Sgt. 1st Class
Randal Smith
3rd ACR
When construction begins soldiers should be moved out and then moved back in when repairs

Mountain Post Team MVP



Williamson

Private First Class Howard Williamson
3rd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment

This week's MVP is Pfc. Howard Williamson, Headquarters, Headquarters Troop, 3rd Sqdn., 3rd ACR who helped save a patron's life at the Post Exchange.

The soldier helped a civilian patron during a medical emergency at the Fort Carson Post Exchange June 2.

Williamson was having lunch

when he saw the patron go into a seizure. Once he reacted to the incident, Williamson quickly assisted the patron by making sure he didn't hurt himself or those around him.

He also assured him, and his family, everything would be all right. Williamson waited with the patron until the paramedics arrived and gave the

This feature in the Mountaineer will spotlight a soldier, Department of the Army civilian, retiree, family member or volunteer each week for an outstanding act or performance. We need nominations to run this feature every week. Each week, the MVP will be selected from nominations from the Fort Carson community. Nominations should include the person's full name, rank or title, what they did that resulted in the nomination and a phone number where they can be reached. The deadline for nominations is 3 p.m. Thursday for the following week's Mountaineer. Nominations can be faxed to 526-1021 or mailed to:

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Public Affairs Policies and statements reflected in

'Cool' change affects post residents

Fort Carson Public Affairs Office
Post residents now have the opportunity to cool it. Effective immediately, the use of personal, resident-owned window air conditioning units is authorized in post housing, but certain guidelines must be followed, according to Col. Mike Kazmierski, garrison commander.

Residents may install their own personal window-mounted air-conditioning units at no cost to the government. Air-conditioning units must fit existing windows and be compatible with electrical wiring of the housing unit.

Residents may install no more than two air-conditioning units per house. The air-conditioning units must be 110/120 volt.

If the air-conditioning unit requires a grounded circuit to operate safely, then the resident must ascertain the housing unit has grounded electrical circuits, as not all dwelling units do.

All air-conditioning units must be high efficiency units. According to Deborah Meredith, chief, Engineering and Maintenance, Housing Division, Department of Public Works, the air-conditioning unit should have an energy efficient rating or EER of nine to 11.

The unit will probably have a power saver switch, which works on the principle of a thermostat, Meredith said.

The power saver switch might cost extra,

but the energy it saves makes it worthwhile, she said.

Residents are expected to make every effort to minimize the additional utility costs associated with the use of air conditioners.

Air conditioners may be used from June 1 to Sept. 15, and from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m. only on days when temperatures exceed 80 degrees.

Air-conditioning units must be removed during the heating season, from October through April.

If it is not practical to remove the air-conditioning units, residents are required to cover the unit to prevent drafts and heat loss, not later than Oct. 1.

The Housing Division Engineering Office reminds post residents that the use of air conditioners in family housing is considered a privilege that can be withdrawn if a resident fails to follow the prescribed guidelines.

According to Steve Snyder, energy conservation coordinator at Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management, air conditioners are usually unnecessary in the Colorado Springs area (because of cool nighttime temperatures and the dry heat). In fact, evaporative coolers are the most effective in this climate and are more energy efficient, Snyder said.

Residents are now allowed unlimited use of evaporative coolers. Meredith said that

post housing residents previously had to have approval of the hospital commander (for medical reasons) to get a letter of exception to policy before they could install an evaporative cooler at their own expense.

Meredith pointed out that the evaporative coolers, also known as swamp coolers, must be the type which water can be poured into by the resident, as no alterations can be made to the housing units. Any evaporative cooler which requires piping would require alterations, which will not be allowed.

The limited use of air conditioners in Family Housing is now authorized to give

Volunteers needed for household waste collection tomorrow

Volunteers are needed for the August Household Chemical Waste Collection at Penrose Equestrian Center. Soldier volunteers need to be present at 8 a.m. tomorrow for registration and to receive assignments. Volunteers will be provided snacks, lunch, appropriate clothing, gloves and eye wear.

The waste collection is open to the public. People may bring household waste items to the site, on Rio Grande, entered

Fields undergoing rejuvenation process

by Pvt. Adam Thornton
14th Public Affairs
Detachment

The grass isn't always greener on the other side of the fence. That's the case for the Kit Carson, Red Cloud and Little Bear multi-purpose fields located near the sports complex here.

Rigorous sports activities, coupled with daily physical training by soldiers, have torn out and killed the roots, causing the grass to die, said George Anderson, maintenance supervisor for the Directorate of Community Activities. Large brown sections in the middle of each field where the grass has died are undergoing reseeding.

Soldiers who used these fields for PT will be able to use

alternative fields such as Pershing Field and those surrounding Forrest Fitness Center.

They'll pretty much just need to cross the street to do their PT, Anderson said.

The large orange fence surrounding the damaged fields is meant to deter passers-by from treading over the freshly plotted seed.

The plan is to seed the root, water it, and when it's long enough, mow it a few times before winter. This will give it a strong foundation by spring, he said.

Along with the reseeding, the fields will also be aerated to supply better oxygen flow to the roots. This will give the grass better durability against the high activity use of the fields.



Photo by Pvt. Adam Thornton

George Anderson, maintenance supervisor, pulls out the slack on the barrier fence protecting newly seeded fields while maintenance worker, Mark James secures it with tie fasteners.

Community

Home care offers peace of mind

CYS provides parents another alternative for quality Post childcare

by Pfc. Socorro A. Spooner
Mountaineer staff

The last thing a soldier, spouse or Department of Defense employee needs to worry about during the work day is the care of their children. Fort Carson's Child and Youth Services helps to take the stress off by providing on and off post home care providers. Some major advantages of using a homecare provider is smaller groups, one on one with providers as well as flexible hours for parents work schedules, said Rosanne Call, director Child and Youth Services.

The flexible schedule is ideal for those who need short, long and extended term care for their children, said Judy Newall, homecare advisor. This is an opportunity for spouses of military members to make child care a career.

This is a great program which provides lots of fun for providers, said Newall.

Homecare providers are individuals who are certified and regulated by Child and Youth Services, she said. All providers must go through an initial 40-hour course including

health and safety, fire prevention, cardio pulmonary resuscitation and first-aid, said Newall. Providers are informed about running a small business as part of the course, said Call.

In some instances, there are potential providers who choose not to become a provider and still get a lot out of the course, she said. The course is offered at the beginning of the month and usually has around 20 potential providers per session, said Newall.

The course helps to get providers as organized as possible, said Call.

It also helps providers enhance their parenting skills, said Newall.

Once a provider goes through the initial course, it usually takes around two weeks to be certified after a background check is conducted. First time providers are given a six month provisional license and once that period is over they are certified for a year, said Call.

Upon certification, providers may decide which age group they'd like to provide care for and find out where the needs in child care are for the post, said Newall. The ages providers care for range from birth to 12 years. There is also a limit on how many of a specific age group can be cared for by a particular caregiver, she said.

For instance, a caregiver can choose to

take care of three infants up to a maximum of six children to include her own, said Newall. The caregiver's own children are also used as part of the ratio to determine how many children they can care for at a particular time, she said.

After the providers decide which age group to care for, they are given the chance to visit the library lending closet at the CYS building. This is where they can secure items at no cost to use for the children they will be providing care for. The closet has different things available from cribs to highchairs to baby swings, all to assist the providers, said Call.

Not only do the providers take care of the children, they also work in creating a developmental environment for the children, she said.

Currently, there are 50 providers on Fort Carson with 18 waiting to be certified. All providers are visited on a monthly basis to ensure homes are offering quality child care and are in compliance with AR 608-10 which regulates CYS, said Newall.

Providers are always taking classes with CYS to further their knowledge about early childhood education. This is one of the requirements for re-certification which occurs on a yearly basis, said Call. CYS is always looking for individuals who may want to become home



Girl of the West

Erin Riley, Girl of the West, left, and aide Kristy Spurlock give brochures on the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo to a family. Riley and Spurlock visited the commanding general, Burger King, Patton Dining facility, and Evans Army Community Hospital Monday to promote the rodeo.



Photo by Spc. Jon Parr

Post commissary provides savings for patrons

Army News Service

The Fort Carson commissary is now joining in the Army's Super Saver program which will provide patrons with even more savings.

Since the commissary must sell at cost, supermarkets do at times undercut the commissary price by selling one or two items at a loss. The bottom line is regular commissary shopping saves patrons 25 to 30 percent on their groceries, and in most cases that particular price you think is cheaper downtown really isn't. Then when you add in manufacturer and military store coupons the savings are really easy to see, according to Vern Williams, Fort Carson commissary assistant store manager.

We process 4,500 coupons at a value of \$3,000 on an average day, said Williams.

It used to be enough for commissary shoppers to remember that one or two loss leaders downtown don't really compare to the total market basket savings at the commissary. But the world is getting more complex and sophisticated. Increasingly, commercial retailers across the board are paying close attention to their prices on larger groups of items that tend to heavily influence the shopper's perception of savings and value. Although when patrons shop at the commissary, everything is bought at cost with a minimal surcharge seen at the check out prices are not increased for the commissary to gain a profit, Williams said. By keeping prices low on a dozen or two dozen items identified by customers as high-profile items, retailers try to create the perception that they are cheaper than the other guy.

To give patrons the choices they want in low-cost, quality goods, and to strengthen its low-cost image, the Defense Commissary Agency is starting to roll out special Super Saver promotions on the high-profile items people watch for bargains.

Commissary patrons purchase items at cost plus a 5 percent surcharge that covers store construction, renovation, maintenance, supplies and other costs. Patrons enjoy savings ranging 25 to 30 percent on their purchases. A typical family of four regularly shopping the commissary can save about \$2,000 per year. These savings enhance the quality of life for America's military and their families, and help the United States recruit and keep the best and brightest men and women in the service of their country.

Super Savers represent market leaders within a category, with prices comparable to the lowest available anywhere, said Gina Klimpel, chief of special programs at DeCA's Marketing Business Unit. We are working closely with our grocery suppliers to get Super Saver prices in addition to our usual low prices across the store.

As just one part of the upcoming Old Fashioned Summer Sale through Sunday, for example, shoppers can look for Super Saver prices on certain well known brands of sports drinks, breakfast cereal, iced tea bags and laundry detergent. During the Back to School Sale from Aug. 17 to Sept. 6, commissary shoppers can enjoy Super Saver prices on particular brands of peanut butter, jelly, fruit



Photo by Pfc. Socorro A. Spooner
Emery Romer stocks an aisle at the Fort Carson commissary.

punch, and sandwich bags. As part of the Saver 2000 Sale for Sept. 21 through Oct. 4, Super Savers will be featured on certain brands of snack crackers, canned goods, breakfast cereal and microwave popcorn.

Going the extra mile for customers with Super Savers is part of the commissary fulfilling its vision to be the military marketplace of choice, said Richard E. Beale Jr., DeCA's director.

The future of the benefit depends on our customers believing the commissary really is the best deal going, Beale said. We know in

Used car sales lot on the move to Gasoline Alley

Directorate of Community Activity

The Fort Carson Used Sales lot is moving to the Bowling Center back parking lot.

All vehicles currently at the old location near the B Street gate, must be moved by Aug. 15 or be towed at a cost of \$40, according R.G. Harvey, FCUS manager. Those who are on Temporary Duty assignment or in the field will be notified and an arrangement can be worked out, Harvey said.

The vehicles on the lot must be registered through the Abandoned Vehicle Lot, building 3660. The cost per vehicle is \$10 and \$12 per RV. The lot is open to all Fort Carson military, retirees and Department of Defense civilians.



Photo by Pfc. Socorro A. Spooner

Youth center teaches children to respect, understand nature

by Nel Lampe
Mountaineer staff

Some 27 youths from the Youth Services Center summer day camp got several lessons in living last week, thanks to Lamont Spencer, sports and fitness director at the center.

This is sports, fitness and health week (at day camp), Spencer said. Monday's schedule had included a hike at the Air Force Academy or Garden of the Gods. Tuesday, the day-campers climbed the rope and pole structure at the Alpine Tower complex near Outdoor Recreation.

Wednesday, the youths were again at the Outdoor Recreation building, this time

they were climbing the indoor wall.

What I'm trying to teach the kids is that health and fitness can work together, Spencer said. I'm trying to get them to relate to everyday activities as grownups. The challenge of living tests skills and limitations and he hopes to stir interest in outdoor activities.

Spencer has been at Fort Carson since 1976, and started out with adult sports. He came over to the Youth Services Center a few years ago, and said he really likes working with kids.

Thursday's schedule included hiking part way up Barr Trail.

Spencer taught the youths about the history of the trail and the mountain.

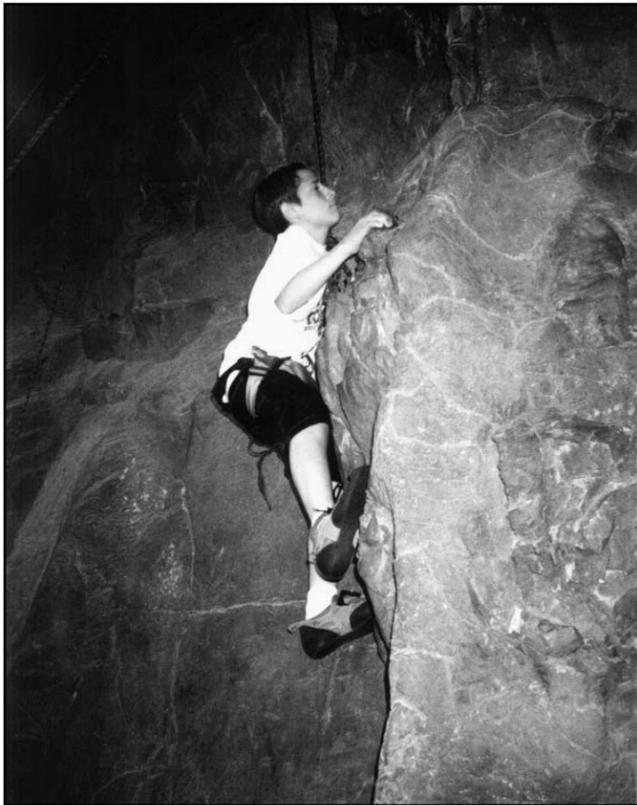
He said he hopes the youths will learn to like outdoor activities and see there are other things to do than get in trouble.

He wants them to learn about their fears and limitations.

Spencer pointed out two of the youths he was very proud of, because they had conquered their fears (of height) enough to climb a few feet up the rope and pole structure the day before. He was encouraging all the youths to attempt climbing the wall ... even if you only go two feet.... Everybody climbed.

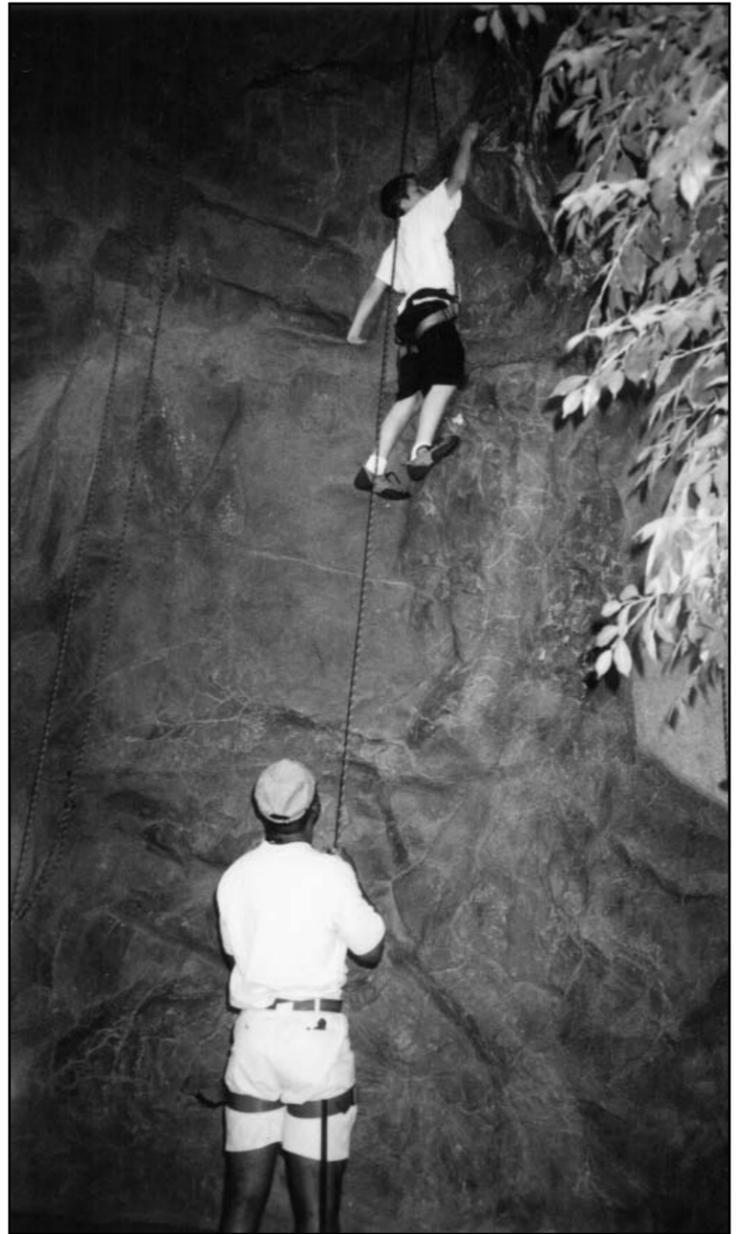
Spencer also teaches the youths to preserve what we have.

Spencer wants the youth to learn a little about hiking and rafting. He tries to teach them about the elements of nature, and to understand that nature has its elements of violence and power, and he



Photos by Nel Lampe

Tommy Brook pulls himself up the indoor climbing wall at the Outdoor Recreation Center.



Lamont Spencer holds the ropes attached to Tommy Brook's harness as he climbs the indoor wall.

teaches them to respect that.

The last adventure of the Sports, Health and Fitness Week is a whitewater rafting trip planned for Friday.

Spencer's philosophy was evident, as he shouted encouragement to the youths he was assisting in climbing by controlling the ropes attached to their harness.

In between the encouraging words, were little slivers of philosophy: It's not a tri-

National School Lunch Program has new income criteria

Fountain-Fort Carson School District Eight has announced its policy for determining eligibility of children who may receive free and reduced-price meals served under the National School Lunch Program. Local school officials will use the following size and income criteria for determining eligibility:

FREE		
REDUCED PRICE		
Family Size	Yearly	Yearly
1	\$10,465	\$14,893
2	\$14,105	\$20,073
3	\$17,745	\$25,253
4	\$21,385	\$30,433
5	\$25,025	\$35,613
6	\$28,665	\$40,793
7	\$32,305	\$45,973
8	\$35,945	\$51,153

For each additional family member, add \$3,640 for the category or \$5,180 for the category.

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free

or reduced price meals.

Application forms are being sent out with a letter to parents. Additional copies are available at the principals office in each school. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility and verifying data. Applications from families receiving food stamps need only to list the children's names and respective food stamp case number and the signature of an adult household member.

All other households that would qualify based on income must show the names of all household members, the amount of income each person received last month and source, and the signature of an adult household member and that adult's social security number or the word none if the adult does not have a social security number. The information on the application may be verified by the school or other program officials at any time during the school year.

In certain cases, foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If a family includes foster children and wishes to apply for meals, they should contact the school.

Under the provision of the Policy, Anne D. Schroeder, the food service assistant will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the decision, a request may be made to discuss it with the determining official. A formal appeal may be made either orally or in writing to the assistant superintendent of business and auxiliary services for a hearing to appeal the decision. The policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure.

If a child is approved for meal benefits, the school must be notified when the household income increases by more than \$50 per month (\$600 per year), when the household size decreases, or when food stamps are no longer being received. Applications may be submitted any time during the school year. If you are not eligible now, but have a decrease in income, become unemployed, have an increase in family size, or become eligible for food stamps you may fill out an application at that time.

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or disability. If any member of a household believes



Photo by Pfc. Socorro A. Spooner

Fixer upper

Dan Ramos applies synthetic stucco to a home in Sioux Village. The village is undergoing an exterior and insulation finish installation as well as a resurfacing of the structures. There are 26 buildings that will go through the process.

Outdoor rec provides fun for soldiers, families

Garrison Commander's office
Summer is filled with opportunities to be outdoors and enjoy the environment, especially when it involves challenging and exciting activities such as rock climbing, whitewater rafting, mountain biking and ascents to the top of some of Colorado's 14,000 ft. peaks. Unfortunately, many of these activities are expensive and require someone to be along who has previous experience. The Fort Carson Outdoor Recreation Center offers these activities and more. Our guides are Colorado state certified with extensive training in river hydrology, raft navigation and river use. In addition, they also hold certifications in first aid and cardio pulmonary resuscitation.

The center is ready to take you whitewater rafting on a full-day or half-day trip.

Our full-day trip, which has been rated the most beautiful trip down the Arkansas River, begins in Buena Vista where you will start the 14-mile journey down the scenic Browns Canyon. Located well away from traffic and the hectic outer world, you are immediately transported into a tranquil canyon setting. That is until you hit Class III-IV rapids such as

Silver Bullet, Zoom Flume, and the Staircase. Prepare yourself for an action-packed day on the river. The trip can be scheduled from Wednesday through Friday for units, and individuals can raft on Sundays. Transportation and lunch are provided. Departure time is 7 a.m. and the cost per individual is \$35.50.

The half-day trip is ideal for adventure seekers who can only spare a few hours out of their day. This trip leaves the Outdoor Recreation Center at 7:30 a.m. and arrives back before noon (transportation is provided). Beginning on the lower half of the Arkansas River, rafters ride seven miles through Bighorn Sheep Canyon and plow through rapids such as Spike Buck, Shark's Tooth, and Last Chance. Units can raft Wednesday through Friday, individuals on Saturday. The cost is \$23 per person, \$20.50 per person if you are part of a group.

The Outdoor Recreation Center also runs a two-day kayaking certification class. Join our experienced staff in a warm, safe setting such as a pool or lake and learn the basic skills needed to excel in this fun and exciting sport. Classes can be tailored to your skill level and dates are flexible.

Classes are held every Friday from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the indoor pool. All equipment is provided. For more information, call 526-2083. Before long, you'll not only raft but also kayak the Arkansas River!

How about rock climbing? Classes are available for all skill levels of rock climbing, including a three-hour certification class. Our indoor wall, a replica from a climb found in Yosemite National Park, is 19-feet wide and 30-feet high. The certification class is good for one year and allows you to climb for a minimum amount. In it you will learn our policies and procedures, how to belay, and the proper use of knots. Cost is \$9 per person with a minimum of two participants. Classes are currently scheduled for Wednesday and Aug. 20.

Our Basic Outdoor Rock Climbing Class reviews climbing, basic equipment, knots, rope work and safety. We provide transportation, lunch and all equipment. You must have earned your Climbing Wall certification to sign up for this class. Cost is \$20 per person with a minimum of four participants. Classes are currently scheduled for Saturday and Aug. 15.

In our Intermediate Outdoor

Rock Climbing Class you'll learn about setting up belays, anchors, rappel systems, route selection and more. Transportation, lunch and all equipment is provided. In order to head out on this trip, participants must have completed the Climbing Wall Certification course and the Basic Outdoor Rock Climbing class. Cost is \$30 per person with a minimum of four participants. Classes are currently scheduled for Sunday and Aug. 16.

Additional rock climbing classes can be scheduled by calling the Outdoor Recreation Center.

If mountain biking is your cup of tea, then our Twenty Mile High Tour will give you an unforgettable day of fun and downhill exploration. You will receive a crash course in basic skills and then descend 20 miles and almost 5,000 feet in nearly three hours. Transportation, lunch and equipment is provided. Cost is \$20 per person, \$5 off if you wish to ride your own bike.

For the intermediate rider we have the Single Track Tour with diverse terrain, jumps, berms and fast descents. This 20-mile downhill adventure is guaranteed to

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produce nonstop thrills from start to finish. We provide all equipment, lunch, transportation and a guide. Cost is \$30 per person, \$5 off if you ride your own bike. Trips are scheduled for Aug. 8 and 29.

Maybe mountain climbing is more your speed back-packing style. Many people feel that successfully hiking to the top of a fourteener is a huge accomplishment. And it is.

Join the outdoor recreation staff and climb the heights of Mount Democrat, Mount Massive, Mount Harvard, and Mount Elbert the highest peak in Colorado. The trips consist of two days in the back country and depart the Outdoor Recreation Center at varying times, depending on the destination. We will provide transportation, food and tents for sleeping. All participants are required to attend a pre-briefing covering the details of each trip. If our scheduled dates don't work for your group, we will schedule at your convenience. Cost is \$25 per person with a minimum of four participants. There are two trips scheduled for August. Pre-brief Thursday/Trip Aug. 8 or 9. Pre brief Aug. 20/Trip Aug. 22 and 23.

This year we have also introduced a new program called Hooked on Fishing. Our experienced fishing guides will teach you how to cast, tie and read water preparing you

Make a difference in housing

by Pfc. Socorro A. Spooner
Mountaineer staff

Housing residents, would you like to get involved in your village community? Well, your chance is now. All villages will be holding mayor elections Aug. 31.

The seven village mayors serve one-year terms that can be filled by spouses or military members of any rank, who reside in the housing area. Residents interested in running for mayor must submit a photograph from the waist up and a statement saying why they would like to serve as mayor. All applicants must also pass a background check conducted by the Fort Carson Military Police, Social Services and the Housing Office, according to Nancy Montville, Outreach Program manager. Mayors' responsibili-

ties include being available to residents, producing a monthly newsletter and a minimum 10 hour commitment per week, said Montville. They are also required to attend community meetings, she said.

An important thing potential mayors should keep in mind is having some flexibility in their schedules, said Montville.

Another important aspect of being a village mayor is knowing how to deal with residents' complaints, according to Paddee Muncy, Apache Village mayor. It's especially hard when the complaints are against their own neighbors, she said.

To perform this job you must be able to take criticism about the decisions you make, said Muncy.

Muncy has only been a mayor since

Chapel

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

A Jewish Military retreat will convene Aug. 14 to 16 in Wimberley, Texas. The retreat will provide a weekend of relaxation, study, and fellowship. For more information and an application, contact Mike Cohen at the Aleph Institute at (303) 321-6663.

Protestant Summer Sunday School is being offered at Soldiers Memorial Chapel in the Chapel Religious Education Wing building 1500 every Sunday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Classes are offered for adults and youth. Group sessions are conducted for children using Christian Videos.

Religious Education Classes need volunteers to serve as teachers and assistants in the Protestant and Catholic Religious Education

Chapel Schedule

ROMAN CATHOLIC

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

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

LITURGICAL

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

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

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

Daily Bible Readings

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

Saturday, Habakkuk 3:2-19 & 2 Chronicles 1-3
 Sunday, Psalms 57 & 2 Chronicles 4-6
 Monday, Psalms 58 & 2 Chronicles 7-9
 Tuesday, Psalms 59 & 2 Chronicles 10-12
 Wednesday, Psalms 60 & 2 Chronicles 13-15
 Thursday, Psalms 61 & 2 Chronicles 16-18

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by Chap. (Maj.) David R. Brock,
10th Combat Support Hospital
Life is difficult.

This is the entire first paragraph of a book called *The Road Less Traveled* by M. Scott Peck. He points out that once this fact is accepted then life is easier because you don't expect everything to go smoothly.

Life isn't perfect.

I think perhaps this would be the first paragraph of my book, if I were to write one. Because, like accepting that life is hard, we need to remember that God never intended for life to be perfect or we would not have been created with freedom of choice. Freedom of choice is a gift of God that is almost equal to the spark of life. It allows us to decide what we think is best for us, or for others. It makes us autonomous. In the U.S. Army, it is what makes us so unpredictable to our enemies.

Americans rejoice in and fight for freedom of choice above all others, for it is the foundation of who we are as people. Respect for this right binds us together in a diversity that is unknown in almost any other country in the world. We may disagree with what others say, but we defend to the death their right to say it.

In giving us this right, God knows that along with freedom to make good and just decisions, we have the freedom to be stupid. We are free to be stupid in many ways, to include being free to love the wrong person, free to do the wrong thing, free to be intolerant of others, and much more. It has generally been held as a rule in the United States that we are free to be as stupid as we want with ourselves, as long as our stupidity does not affect others. Our freedoms end where other people's freedoms begin.

But life isn't perfect.

No matter how hard we try, it seems that other people's poor decisions and stupidities affect us daily. Am I right? (Not that our stupidities ever get in anyone else's way, of course.) If you or I could manage to make every perfect decision in every case, there would be someone to make a stupid decision that would still affect us. This is why life isn't perfect. People are not perfect decision-makers.

There is no school you can go to that teaches you to make the perfect decision every time. We are limited in this world by time and space so that we can only do one thing at a time in one place at

a time. Life gives us so many opportunities that sometimes we have two good things that can be done, and not doing one or the other will cause a good thing to go undone, leaving the person that would have benefited from the action without that benefit. Having only the time or resources to do one, we have to choose the greater of two goods, leaving one undone.

The opposite is true also, wherein we have to choose the lesser of two evils. Life is full of such choices, and whether we leave a good undone or do something we didn't have to do, we usually feel guilty as a result. Such choices can drive us nuts but it goes with the freedom to choose.

It is from just such decisions that we grow in emotional and spiritual maturity. It is such decision-making that teaches us life (like ourselves) is not perfect.

We are not perfect.

That is the bad news. The good news is that God loves us anyway. Scripture says, before you were in the womb I knew you. God knows our hearts, and our proclivity toward occasional stupid decisions. God has planned for this. God offers us forgiveness

for life's imperfect moments and days. God has given us the freedom to change, or in biblical terms, repent.

Just as God has given us the freedom to choose on one hand, on the other hand is responsibility. They are a pair, like oars in a boat. Life is like a boat with two oars, one labeled freedom, the other labeled responsibility. If you try to get somewhere in life using only your freedoms, without responsibility for the decisions you make, you only have one oar in the water and will just go in circles. Likewise, if you spend your life weighed down by responsibility without any freedom, you'll get nowhere either. It is only when both gifts are used in balance that you can get anywhere.

Repentance is when we turn our boat around and head in the direction God would have us head with our lives. It is when we make decisions with a balance of freedom and responsibility to others that our decisions end up getting us where God would have us go.

It is said that if you don't know where you are headed, any road will do. The road of life is full of forks, and each fork in the road requires a decision. You are free to choose either fork, but only one

Military

Greens, summer BDUs, shoes change with uniform mandate

Fort Carson Public Affairs Office

While the Army continues to move out with the old and in with the new, so will soldiers. As part of Army Regulation 670-1, the Army is updating several pieces of the military uniform.

As of Sept. 30, 1999, soldiers are no longer permitted to wear the old Class B shirts, Class A pants and coat, summer battle dress uniforms and female Class B and A black shoes and necktabs. As of Sept. 30, 2001, the old black all-weather coats are no longer permitted for wear with the Class A and B uniforms.

These changes are going into effect in a little more than a year, but Fort Carson's Military Clothing Sales is currently carrying all of the items.

The pockets of the Class B shirts are now pleated and the material is heavier. The new -short-sleeve shirts have stand-up collars. The new female shirts tuck into the pants and they are made of a heavier material. Males and females must have two of the new short-sleeve shirts and one long sleeve shirt by Oct. 1, 1998.

Class A pants and coat are now a different shade of green and the female pants now have belt loops. Males must have two pairs of pants and one coat by Oct. 1, 1999. Females must have two pairs of pants, two skirts and one coat by the same date.

Soldiers wearing the summer BDUs must purchase the Enhanced Hot Weather BDU. The new uniform is 50 percent nylon and 50 percent cotton

and no longer has waist tabs and knee pleats. Soldiers must replace the old summer BDUs by Oct. 1, 1998.

Black all-weather coats, worn over the Class A uniform, are now double breasted and belted. Soldiers must have this coat by Sept. 30, 2001.

In addition to these changes, females must purchase new dress shoes and neck tabs. The female oxfords changed from a leather upper to a chlorophram upper and the neck tabs have a new band that goes around the neck. Soldiers must have new shoes and neck tabs no later than Oct. 1, 1998.

To avoid paying large lump sums at mandated possession dates, a news release from the Department of the Army encourages soldiers to start purchasing new uniforms as soon as possible. Although these changes go into affect next year, Military Clothing Sales has been carrying the new items for awhile. Check your uniforms to see if they meet new mandates before purchasing additional ones.

The cost of a new set of summer BDUs, including the cap is \$58.85. The cost for a male to add the new items to his Class A uniform is currently \$189.60. This price includes two short-sleeve shirts, one long sleeve shirt, two pairs of pants and one coat.

New changes are going to cost females \$262.85, the news release said. This price includes two skirts, two pants, one coat, two short-sleeve

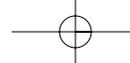


Photo by Spc. Jon Parr

Pat Brown helps a soldier try on a Class A jacket at Fort Carson's Military Clothing Sales.

shirts, one long sleeve shirt, belt, buckle, oxfords and neck tab.

For more information about the new changes, contact Military Clothing Sales at 526-8715.



Horse

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Without us, the battery wouldn't survive, Singleton said. If there isn't any ammunition, they can't shoot.

Their mission is essential and the ammunition team is usually given a grid coordinate in the middle of nowhere to set up their point. Once they are set-up, the Paladins roll in and tell their fellow soldiers how many and what type of rounds they need, Singleton said.

After the Paladins are supplied, they move out and prepare to attack the enemy.

Once they arrive, they prepare to fire. A fire support team is near the enemy and they must work together to destroy the targets.

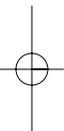
The FIST observes the battlefield and identifies the targets. The grid coordinates pass through the radio to one of the Paladins, Townsend said. When coordinates are received, the Paladin team goes to work.

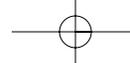
A round is loaded and sent to its destination. If it misses, the FIST team tells the Paladin team how far they missed by and the process is repeated. Eventually the target is hit and the teams celebrate.

To achieve success, Townsend said everyone must work together. His troops agree as they are trying to set a standard.

Winning the award is prestigious, said Cpl. Arnold York, How. Batt., 1st Sgl., 3rd ACR. but we are out here to set an example for the post.

They have won four consecutive Pelham awards and the bat-





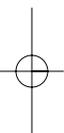
FEATURE



Private Michael Schad, Howitzer Battery, 1st Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, uses a sledge hammer to hit the end connectors on the track of the M-109A6 Paladin, to ensure he doesn't throw a track.



Private Edward Hanft, Howitzer Battery, 1st Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, checks the track of the M-109A6 Paladin from Field Artillery Support Company.



Unsung heroes assist cavalry

by 2nd Lt. Andy Lochner
Signal Corps

Infantry is the Queen of Battle. Field Artillery is the King of Battle. Armor is the Combat Arm of Decision, but without the Signal Corps, 'The Voice of Command,' no branch can accomplish its mission.

As the eyes and ears of III Corps, the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment is responsible for conducting reconnaissance and security missions for the Corps. The regiment operates as one element spread across the battlefield. This makes for a great challenge for those with the mission to communicate. It is imperative that communication is maintained from one edge of the battlefield to the other.

The regiment consists of an enormous amount of firepower. The major weapons are M1A1 Tanks, Bradley Fighting Vehicles and howitzers. The amount of firepower and force the regiment has is what is talked about most. Little is ever said about the unsung heroes who sit on

top of a hilltop for days at a time in order to keep communication on the extended battlefield.

In the cavalry, the signal Corps comes in the form of FM retrans teams of two to three soldiers. The Regimental Retrans Section of the Regimental Signal Platoon is charged with one of the most important missions. Their mission is to ensure the commander and staff have reliable and constant communication to each squadron throughout the battlefield. Whether at Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site, the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif. or wherever the regiment goes, the retrans teams are there to provide 'The Voice of Command.'

This team assists the regiment in more than just communications. The most likely place for a retrans team is high above the battlefield on a hilltop. Armed with an M-16A2 and a pair of binoculars, they are always on the lookout for enemy activity. Each team must be extremely proficient in



Photo by 2nd Lt. Andy Lochner

A Regimental Retrans Team trains for an airlift mission at the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site.

Nuclear, Biological and Chemical reporting procedures and call for fire procedures. It is common for a team to receive credit for kills during a battle, as those at NTC rotation 98-01

witnessed.

During the cavalry's rotation at PCMS, the retrans teams provided communication for 2nd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

ACAP facility helps soldiers transition

by Spc. Jon Parr
Mountaineer staff

Editors note: This is the third part of a four part series on the ACAP program.

Transitioning out of the Army is no easy task. Health and dental insurance, job security and a constant paycheck are all legitimate fears of a soldier leaving the Army. However, the Army has a program that helps its soldiers prepare for the civilian world — the Army Career and Alumni Program.

The program helps soldiers find jobs in the civilian sector and eases the fears of leaving the Army. There are many different programs run through ACAP to help soldiers find jobs, but the facility itself is one of the best the program has to offer.

Along with six career counselors, two automation specialists and a director, the facility has six client terminals, a small library, a Standard Form 171 system, two computers with internet, two file cabinets with employer information, military occupational specialty books, bulletin boards with upcoming events and listings, fax machines and a copy machine.

In total, a soldier receives between \$3,500 to \$4,500 worth of career counseling and training through the ACAP program, said John Klube, director of the Fort Carson

ACAP program. "If a soldier's spouse uses the program, you can double that amount. People spend a lot of money in the civilian sector for the same things we give soldiers and family members for free," he said.

Since the program started in 1991, Klube said more than 30,000 soldiers have used the ACAP program. "Studies by the Department of Defense and the Department of the Army show that soldiers and family members who go through the program find higher paying jobs faster than their peers who don't," he said.

Each item in the facility plays a key role in the programs success, Klube said.

If a soldier isn't ready to market himself because he doesn't know what he wants to do or is still working on his resume, Klube said the library in the facility is helpful as they have books on job careers, where to work, cover letters, networking, interviewing and resumes.

Although the counselors are the essential part of the program, the client terminals are important to soldiers. Through these terminals, soldiers can write resumes, cover letters, do word processing and find hot job leads.

When a soldier sits down at a terminal, he types in his social security number. The computer then pulls up the soldier's file. At this time the sol-



Photo by Spc. Jon Parr

Laura Plaxton, Army Career and Alumni Program, shows Kenny King how to use a client terminal.

dier can pick one of seven options. In the hot leads program, a soldier types in a code that specifies their MOS and where he wants to work. The computer then brings up a listing of jobs the soldier can inquire about.

If soldiers don't find what they are looking for on the client terminals, they can use the internet for a more advanced job research.

To research a possible employer, the facility has two file cabinets full of employer information on companies all over the United States. This information helps soldiers find out if they want to work for an employer, and it also helps them write their

cover letter, Klube said.

The copy machine and fax machines are beneficial to soldiers as well. Soldiers can make copies of their resume and fax them to possible employers.

Eventually a soldier leaves the Army and enters the civilian world, unfortunately everyone doesn't have a job when they get out, but Klube said soldiers can use the program up to 90 days after they get out of the Army.

"We can't guarantee jobs, but if soldiers and family members take advantage of this program, they have better odds of finding a job they want," Klube said.

\$how me the money

by Staff Sgt. Michael Foster,
4th Engineer Battalion



Foster

With the exception of housing, auto loans are the largest debt most military families will incur. In the vast majority of cases it is also at the root of their financial problems. With prior preparation and by utilizing some basic guidelines, you can ensure that you get a fair deal.

The car buying process should begin long before you step onto a dealer's lot. Prior preparation is critical. Sit down with your family and work out a budget that you can live with so you'll know exactly what you can afford. You must account for the total cost of the vehicle, not just the monthly payment (payment, insurance, gas/oil, etc.)

You will have the option of leasing your car instead of buying. When you lease a vehicle you are basically entering into a long-term rental contract. At the end of the lease you have the option of buying the car.

Soldiers beware: many lease contracts have restrictions about where you can take the vehicle. If you PCS overseas you may not be able to take the car. Then, you must make payments on a car you can't drive and won't own when the payments are done. Lease contracts also have mileage limitations and require that all damage must be repaired before turn-in or you will be charged a penalty.

The big attraction of a lease is that you can get a better car for lower monthly payments. However, there are a lot of restrictions and drawbacks that you should consider before leasing a car.

In order to make the car buying/leasing experience work for you:

- Take someone with you; this is especially important for first time buyers. If you tell that person the most you are willing to spend before going to the lot, they can act as your safety valve and provide the voice of reason if you start to "fall in love" with the car.
- Negotiate the price of your new car and your trade-in as separate transactions. You may want to sell your old car elsewhere, or at least know what the fair trade in value is. Control the negotiations and don't be afraid to walk away.

Don't take the car home until the deal is final and financing is approved. If the financing is disapproved you may be charged for mileage as well as a daily fee for driving the car. You may also return to the dealer and discover that your old car has already been sold.

Avoid dealer "insurance" and extended warranties. Despite what the dealer claims, these are often misrepresented, overpriced and have limited coverage.

Watch out for hidden fees such as disability insurance. This is extra profit for the dealer and some dealers will automatically add it to the contract until you make them remove it. You do not have to buy this to get the loan.

- Financing is negotiable. If you have been pre-approved, make the dealer try to beat your bank's interest rate.

- Make sure any verbal promises are written into the contract. The dealer only has to honor what is in writing.

With the proper attitude, information and prior preparation you can guard against rip-offs and get the car you want at the price you can afford.

CSRS, FERS each have positives, negatives

Editors note: This is the second part of a three-part series on the differences between CSRS and FERS.

Army News Service Cost to participate

Simply stated, the cost to participate in both Civil Service Retirement Service and the Federal Employees Retirement System is 7-percent of your basic pay, an amount which is taken out of each paycheck automatically. However, you should not transfer to FERS unless you can supplement that automatic payment with some contributions of your own.

The 7 percent deducted for your CSRS annuity is matched by a 7 percent contribution from your employing agency.

The 7 percent which you must pay to participate in FERS is divided into two parts. Employees pay .8 percent for their basic benefit, plus another 6.2 percent in Social Security taxes. If your earnings are relatively high, you will actually pay a lower percentage to Social Security, which brings your automatic contribution below 7 percent. Social Security taxes are only taken out on earnings below the "maximum taxable wage base."

Beyond 7 percent, FERS employees should be prepared to contribute some of their own pay into a Thrift Savings Plan account. Financial analysts agree that failure to do so could result in a drastic loss of income at retirement.

Regardless of whether you are covered by CSRS or FERS, the contributions you make to a TSP account are tax deferred. This means the money is taken out before federal and state income taxes are calculated, which lowers the amount of income subject to taxation and so reduces your tax liability. So, if you choose to put 5 percent of your income into your TSP account, your actual take-home pay will be lowered by something less than 5 percent.

Figuring your CSRS annuity

As stated, CSRS is most generous to those who spend a long career with the government, with a bonus thrown in for those who save their sick leave.

The basis for your CSRS annuity is a percentage of your highest three consecutive years of basic pay.

The percentage used to calculate your CSRS annuity grows steadily as your years of service increase. When you complete five years of service, the percentage is just 7.5 percent. At 10 years, it grows to 16.25 percent, and goes up 2 percentage points each year thereafter. By the time you reach 20 years, the percentage reaches about 36 percent; at 30 years, it grows to about 56 percent.

By law, the percentage is limited to 80 percent, a level reached only by those who work for 42 years or longer. Since these long-term employees have maxed out their CSRS benefits, switching to FERS may be a good idea for them.

In calculating your annuity, the balance of your unused sick leave upon retirement is added to your years of service, thus raising the percentage on which your payments are based. Unused sick leave can't be used to establish retirement eligibility, nor is it counted toward your "high three" salary.

CSRS annuity payments are fully indexed to inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index. If the CPI for a given year is 5 percent, your annuity payments will rise by 5 percent. In certain years, however, Congress has sometimes chosen to cap or delay the increase.

Figuring your FERS annuity

The formula for calculating FERS annuities is also based on "high three" salaries and years of service. For FERS, the formula works as follows: 1 percent of your "high three" for every year of service. If you are age 62 with at least 20 years of service when you retire, the percentage

increases to 1.1 percent.

Under this formula, if you retire at age 55 with 30 years of service, your FERS annuity would be 30 percent of your high three. If you retire at age 62 with 30 years of service, your annuity would increase to 33 percent of your high three.

Employees who have at least one year of service under FERS, and who retire before age 62, may be eligible for a special retirement supplement. The supplement represents the amount you would receive from Social Security for FERS service as if you retired at age 62.

Unlike CSRS, FERS annuity payments are not fully indexed to inflation. FERS annuity payments do go up with inflation when the CPI is 2 percent or less; if the increase in the CPI is between 2 and 3 percent, however, the increase in FERS annuity payments remains frozen at 2 percent.

When the CPI goes up by more than 3 percent, FERS annuities are increased by the CPI minus 1 percent. Cost of living adjustments are not made for FERS annuitants under age 62.

When you can retire

Under CSRS, you can retire at age 55 with 30 years or more of service; at age 60 with 20 years or more of service; or at age 62 with five years or more of service. (The rules differ when Voluntary Early Retirement Authority is offered within an organization; different rules may also apply for firefighters, police officers and other special categories of employees.)

Unless VERA is being offered, or other very limited conditions apply, CSRS does not allow you to voluntarily retire early and take a reduced annuity before you meet the age and service requirements. If you leave federal service early, you will have to wait until age 62 before you receive annuity payments. Those payments will be based on your pay at the time

you left government service.

While you do have the option of withdrawing all the money you contributed toward your CSRS annuity, that money is paid without interest, when you leave federal service before you are eligible to retire. In most cases, those making such a withdrawal receive no future annuity payments at all.

Under FERS, you can retire and receive your Basic Benefit payments as soon as you reach your minimum retirement age. You must have 10 years of service to retire at your minimum retirement age, a circumstance which would apply to virtually all employees transferring from CSRS.

The FERS minimum retirement age is set at age 55 for those born before 1948, and gradually increases to 56 for those born before 1965 and 57 to those born before 1970.

You receive a full FERS annuity if you retire at your MRA with at least 30 years of service; at age 60 with at least 20 years of service; or at age 62 with at least five years of service. If you've reached your MRA, but don't meet the age and service requirements for a full annuity, you have two options.

The first option is to postpone your annuity until you turn 62, at which time you can begin receiving full payments. The second option is to immediately begin receiving reduced annuity payments. The reduction is made on a prorated monthly basis that adds up to five percent a year. For example, if you retire at age 57 without meeting the service requirement, your monthly annuity payments will be reduced by 25 percent.

The bottom line is that FERS generally allows employees to retire earlier and with fewer years of service than CSRS. This is attractive to employees who plan to leave federal service before they meet CSRS eligibility requirements.

July Dining Schedule

3rd ACR Patton House (building 2161)
 3rd ACR CAV House (building 2461)
 3rd BCT Iron Brigade (building 2061)
 3rd BCT Mountaineer Inn (building 1369)
 43rd ASG Cheyenne MTN Inn (building 1040)
 10th Special Forces Group (building 7481)
 Butts Army Airfield (building 9612)

Dining Facility Closures

3rd BCT Iron Brigade Closed now to Aug. 23
 3rd BCT Mountaineer Inn Closed now to Aug. 20
 3rd ACR Patton House Closed now to Aug. 16

Weekday/duty day standard hours

Mon., Tue., Wed. and Fri.	Thurs.
Breakfast 7:30 to 9 a.m.	5:30 to 7 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.	12 to 1:30 p.m.
Dinner 5 to 6:30 p.m.	4 to 5:30 p.m.

- 10th Special Forces Group meal hours are the same Mon. to Fri., but do not apply on Thursdays.

- Butts Army Airfield is open for breakfast and lunch only.

Weekend, holiday and training holiday dining facility schedule

Standard meal hours
 Brunch 9 a.m. to noon
 Supper 3:30 to 6 p.m.

The 3rd ACR CAV House, 3rd BCT Iron Brigade and 43rd ASG Cheyenne Mountain Inn are the only dining facilities open during weekends, holidays and training holidays.

On the road again

Private First Class Robert Parker, left, and Pfc. Clifton Cox, both of 66th Military Intelligence Company, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, prepare to load their bags on a bus headed to Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site. The 3rd BCT started deploying to PCMS July 22. The brigade is training for an upcoming deployment to the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif. They are due to return from PCMS from Aug. 15 to 20.



Sports & Leisure

Thunder Alley brings families to bowling center

by Walt Johnson
Mountaineer staff

A buzzing was in the air at 9:25 p.m. July 24, at the Fort Carson Bowling lanes as people looked on in anticipation and curiosity about what would begin five minutes later. No one knew what to expect when the lights would go down and the lanes were ready for bowling, but one thing was obvious, people were ready for a historic event.

At 9:30, the house lights went down and the Thunder Alley lights went up and the excitement that Fort Carson bowlers will now know as Thunder Alley began.

The first thing you noticed as the light show began was the number of family members at the lanes ready to participate in a fun wholesome evening, and they were not disappointed.

When the bright and colorful lights began bouncing off the walls and music began blaring, everyone knew it was a new era of bowling at the Fort Carson bowling lanes. As you got closer to the bowlers and could hear the excitement as they talked over the music, you also came away with the impression the people at the bowling lanes were delighted to be part of the evening and enjoyed the things it offered.

Bowling center director Don Cade said he wanted Thunder Alley to be more of a recreation type facility. We want the troops and the people to come here and have fun. Cade said he was satisfied it filled that criteria.

I'm very pleased and excited because I think the people are having fun, Cade said. The people seem to be enjoying the music, the atmosphere, the bowling and the lights.

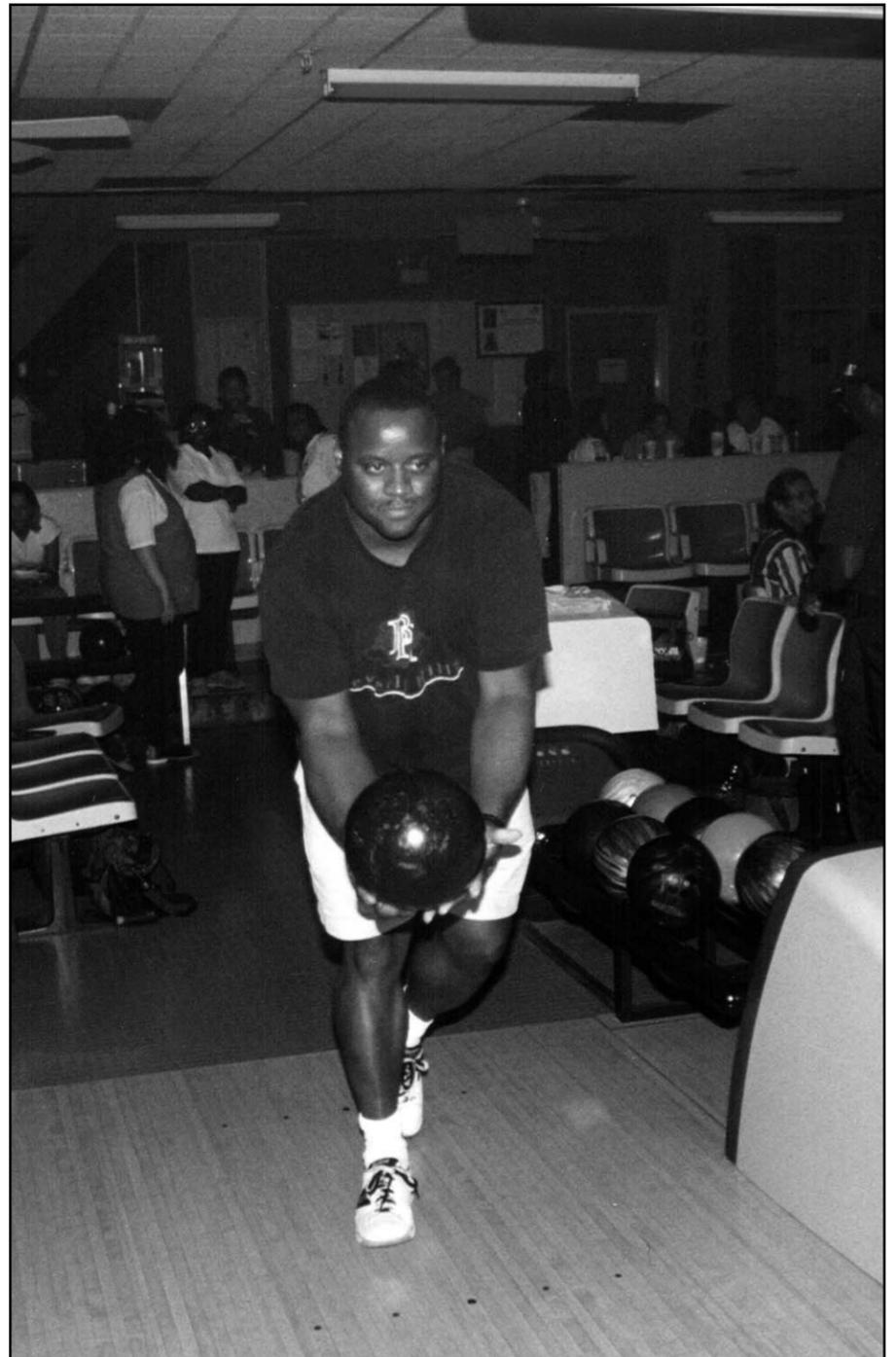
Patrons of the bowling lanes were joined for the grand opening by Col. Mike Kazmierski, garrison commander and Lt. Col. Karen Habitzreuther, Director of Community Activities who joined in and spoke with the people to get their views on the newest entertainment event on post.

Finding someone who was not having a good time was impossible as people were either bowling, dancing to the music or feasting them-

See Thunder Page 29



Colonel Mike Kazmierski, right, garrison commander, Lt. Col Karen Habitzreuther, director of Community Activities, center and Don Cade, bowling lanes manager, talk to patrons at the bowling center that showed up for Thunder Alley events.



Photos by Walt Johnson

Many soldiers were on hand Friday night at the Fort Carson Bowling Center to participate in the first-ever Thunder Alley celebration. Many of the bowlers scored well in the neon lighted facility.

Sound Off!

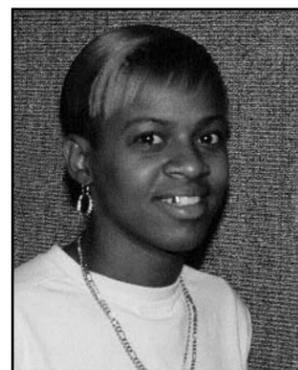
What did you think of the new Thunder Alley entertainment?



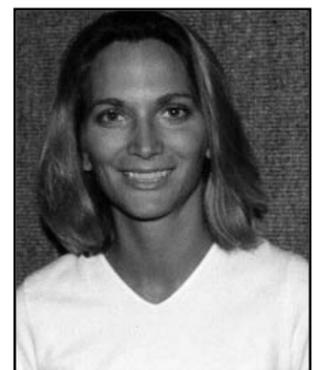
Lynn Martin
Family member
This is a good way to have family fun and give kids something positive to do to.



Sandra Young
Family member
This is a lot of fun and I look forward to more Thunder Alley.



Angela Strader
Family member
This is something special. It's not plain and boring. I like



Doris Ann Carter
Family member
This is a great event and it is good for the whole family.

On the Bench

Army boxers win Black Expo championship

by Al Robinson

The U. S. Army World Class Athlete boxing team helped the Army capture first place in the 28th Indiana Black Expo Amateur Boxing tournament in Indianapolis, IN, July 17 to 19.

The WCAP was short handed due to tragedy and fighters preparing for a shot at a gold medal at the Goodwill Games currently taking place in New York City. Bradley Martinez, the WCAP's 106-pound representative, had to miss the tournament because of the untimely death of his son. John Medina, 112 pounds, and Olanda Thomas, 178 pounds, are competing in the Goodwill Games. Head boxing coach Byron Moore was first in Ledyard Conn, preparing fighters for the USA versus Hungary international dual meet and then he was on to New York to help prepare fighters for the Goodwill Games.

That left the job of coaching the Army team to assistant coach Harry Washington who gave his 10 fighters a simple mission, take no prisoners and win the gold. Mission accomplished.

Jason Franco, 119 pounds, was the first Army boxer and he found himself in the ring with Cornelius Lock of Detroit, Mich. Lock is one of the best 119-pound fighters in the country, and



the fight proved to be one of the best of the tournament. At the end of the fight, which ended in a split decision, two of the three judges scored the fight 59-58 for Lock and the other judge scored it 59-57 for Franco.

In the 125-pound class two Army fighters, Francisco Santiago and Altil Booker faced each other. Booker was declared the winner by a split decision as two judges scored the fight 59-58 for Booker and one judge scored the fight 60-57 for Santiago. The win advanced Booker to the championship round.

In the 139-pound class, the Army's Corey Bernard got off to a

slow start against Tetro Amaru of Cincinnati, Ohio, and never could catch up, losing a unanimous decision.

In the 147-pound class the Army had two competitors, Steven Van Dewalle and Shaheed Shakir. Van Dewalle defeated his opponent Richard DeJesus of Indianapolis, Ind., by a split decision while Shakir won his match against Allan Reed of Cleveland, Ohio, by the same result.

In the 156-pound class, Army's Chris Lord overcame some early adversity to post an impressive victory. In the first round, Lord suffered a cut below his right eye that appeared serious enough to cause the ringside doctor to stop the fight. The doctor allowed the fight to continue, and Lord then went about raining blows on his opponent until the referee stopped the bout in the third inning, giving Lord the victory.

The last fighter to compete in the first day of the tournament was 178 pounder Deandrey Abron. Abron won a unanimous decision over his opponent Kevin Rainey of Cincinnati.

Day two of the tournament found mixed results for the Army boxing team. In the 147-pound class both Vandewalle and Shakir scored victories over Anthony

Nolan of Detroit and Branden Bush of Cincinnati respectively.

However in the 156-pound class Lord found himself in the ring against the 1997 USA national champion, Golden Glove champion and Police Athletic League Champion at 147 pounds, Anthony Hanshaw and Hanshaw stopped Lord in the first round.

In the 178-pound class, Abron defeated Darry Overall of St. Louis, when his opponent did not answer the bell for the second round.

The victory by the three fighters gave the Army six fighters vying for gold medals in the final day of competition. In order to win the team title though, the Army team had to win all its matches.

Booker started the road to victory by winning the gold in the 125-pound class over James Smith of Muncie Ind. Alexandro Ramos then defeated Connell Jackson of St. Louis to win his bout.

Then came the bout voted the crowd pleaser award winner of the tournament when Shakir decided his teammate Vandewalle to win the 147-pound title.

In the 165-pound class Julius Fogle beat Antonio Weather and Abron wrapped up the title by

Thunder —

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selves on the food available at the snack bar and in the buffet line prepared by the bowling lanes staff

The idea behind Thunder Alley is to give the troops and the civilians who bowl at the lanes something fun and exciting to participate in Cade said. The evening

seemed to live up to its goal according to some of the people who were at the lanes.

This is great, and it's good for the whole family, family member Doris Ann Carter said.

I think this is not only going to be a great way to entertain families and the soldiers here, it will be a great way to earn money for the bowling alley and give children something positive to do with their

evenings, family member Lynn Martin said.

I bowl here every Saturday and I think this is so much different from the normal bowling sessions we have. I sometimes think

it gets a little boring bowling the conventional way, this is something special and exciting, Spec. Angela Strader said. Thunder Alley will be held on Sunday (8 to 10 p.m.); Tuesday (1 to 5 p.m.);



Photos by Walt Johnson

A bowler rents shoes at the Fort Carson Bowling Center from members of the bowling center staff.

DJ "Big Al" kept the atmosphere and the music at a first-class pace as he played the latest in all varieties of music during the new Thunder Alley event Friday night at the post Bowling Center.

Post team scores vic- tory

The post soccer team won its matches Saturday at Fort Carson and Sunday in Denver. The post team will be back at Pershing Field Saturday at 2 p.m. to continue play in the Colorado State Cup tournament against Pikes Peak Community College. The post team will have a varsity and junior varsity team for the upcoming season and coach Ben Stancati said anyone interested in trying out for either team should give him a call at 574-1020 or 548-



Photo by Walt Johnson

Rodeo

Pikes Peak or Bust



by Nel
Lampe
Mountaineer
staff
rodeo is an
American origi-
nal sport, evolv-
ing from the
early days of
the old
West, when
cowboys
rounded up
cattle and

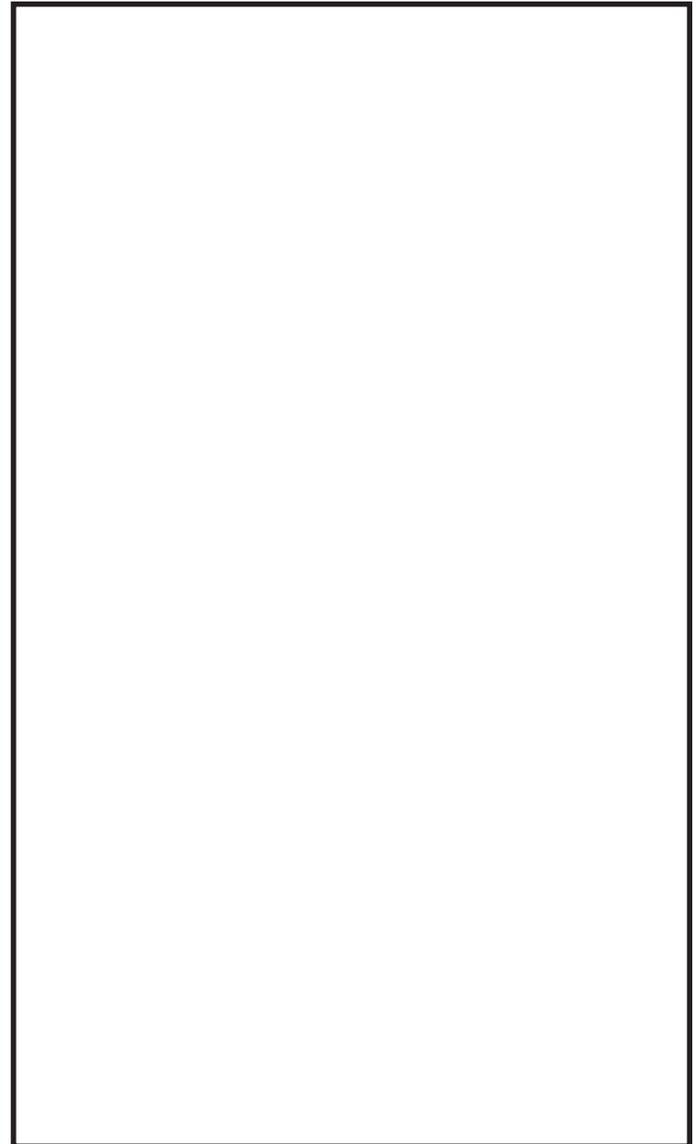
drove them to market. Legend says that competi-
tions such as roping and bronco or bull riding stat-
ed as a diversion for the cowboys and as a way to
let off steam.

According to the ProRodeo Hall of Fame
Marketing Coordinator Bob Stovall, it is thought
that the first rodeo competition which offered a
prize was in 1869, in Deer Trail, Colo. Or
maybe rodeos really started along the cattle
drives in Texas. At any rate, real cowboys
know it's pronounced road-e-o and anybody
who calls it a Road-aye-o has to be some tin-
horn from back east or Beverly Hills.

The way it's said in these parts is Pikes
Peak or Bust Rodeo, and they've been saying
it that way for some 58 years.

Each August, cowboys and cowgirls from
around the United States gather to compete for
more than \$200,000 in prize money. The Pikes
Peak or Bust Rodeo is one of the top-ranked
rodeos on the Professional Rodeo Cowboys
Association circuit.

In the early part of this century, tourists in
Colorado Springs longed to see a touch of the
Old West. Some fest-type events were staged,
featuring some cowboys and native Americans
to please the tourists. In the early 1920s, an
annual event called the Pikes Peak Rodeo was
held for a few years.



Photos by Tom Kimmell

**A cowboy must stay on the bull for eight seconds
to compete.**

and builder of the Broadmoor Hotel, organized
a rodeo and later built a rodeo arena near the
Broadmoor Hotel. That rodeo was the begin-
ning of the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo, which
was held at Penrose Stadium near the
Broadmoor. In 1973 the Broadmoor made plans
to build the Broadmoor West Hotel on the

B2 MOUNTAINEER
July 31, 1998**Happenings****Just the Facts**

Travel time 25 minutes

For ages all

Type rodeo

Fun factor

(Out of 5 stars)

Wallet damage = \$\$

(Based on a family of four)

\$ = Less than \$20

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

\$\$\$ = \$41 to \$75

\$\$\$\$ = \$76+

Rodeo

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grounds where the stadium stood. The Broadmoor gave the stadium to the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo, and the El Pomar Foundation funded its move to the new location. Hal Littrell, chairman of the board of directors and treasurer of the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo, said the stadium had been constructed of steel. It was cut into four sections, moved and reassembled at its present site, on Rio Grande between 8th Street and 21st Street. The move was completed in time for the next rodeo performance in 1974. The name Penrose Stadium was retained, and it has been home to the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo every year since.

The Penrose Arena is built so that all seats are under cover in case of rain. The cover also helps on hot August sunny days during matinee performances.

The Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo has been held every year since 1937, except for the performances during World War II. There was no rodeo held in 1942, 1943, 1944 and 1945, according to Littrell.

About 10 years ago, Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo added a Sunday performance, which is a finals

broadcast on ESPN.

Littrell said this rodeo is ranked 16th out of the 800 PRCA sanctioned rodeos.

Every evening performance begins at 7:30 p.m. Fort Carson's Mounted Color Guard performs a rodeo routine, then



The rope is right on target in the calf-roping competition.

Hotel and Casino stagecoach from Las Vegas. There are six performances of the rodeo, including matinees on Saturday and the matinee finals on Sunday. Some 36,000 people attend the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo each year.

Events include calf roping, bull riding, bareback riding, team roping, steer wrestling, saddle bronc riding, and barrel racing.

Other entertainment includes precision riding groups and a trick-riding group.

Popular with audiences are the rodeo clowns, whose purpose, other than to get a laugh, is/are to distract the bulls. Once a rider is thrown or dismounts after completing his timed ride, the clowns go to work. They use their tricks of the trade to get the bull's attention away from the cowboy who a few seconds ago, was on his back. Barrels, clown make-up, baggy clothes, somersaults and bright colors are skillfully used to distract the bull until his former rider clears the arena.

Featured at this year's Pikes Peak or Bust rodeo is Lecile Harris, who has appeared on the television show HeeHaw. He was the PRCA special act in 1992.

Every performance since 1945 is dedi-



A rider loses a bull.

Information, performance as well. All seats are for adults.

Community Events ACS

The Family Member Employment Assistance Program is offering a Standard Form 171 and Optional Form 612 workshop Aug. 12 and 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. These forms are the basic federal employment applications.

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

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

The Family Member Employment Assistance Program is holding a resume workshop Aug. 19 and Sept. 2 from 1 to 3 p.m. The workshop will include a variety of resume styles. For registration and information, call 526-0452.

Family Support Group training will be

Miscellaneous

held Monday from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Army Community Service Conference room. There will be free child care available. For more information, call 524-2382.

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

For more information, call 526-9058.

The Directorate of Community Activities will be closed the afternoon of Aug. 20 for its annual organizational day. Minimal staffing will be provided to allow DCA personnel to attend this event.

All clinics at Evans Army Community Hospital will be closed Aug. 7 for the Medical Department Activity organizational day. The Emergency room, the Pharmacy, and all the wards will maintain normal hours.

The Staff Judge Advocate will be closed Thursday for its organizational day. Normal operating hours will resume Aug. 7 at 9 a.m.

Two soldiers were unintentionally left out of the list of recent college graduates:

Staff Sgt. Dwight Hoffenden, Apache troop, 1st Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment received an associate of general studies degree from Pikes Peak Community College.

Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Powell, GSC 10th Special Forces Group received a bachelor of science degree in information systems management from Colorado Christian University.

The Fort Carson Equal Opportunity Office is looking for volunteers to assist with the Hispanic Heritage Month Cultural event. For more information, call 526-3385.

The Fort Carson Veterinary Treatment Facility reminds on-post pet owners about pet registration. Owners have until Saturday to reg-

ister all dogs and cats and have an electronic identification microchip implanted.

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

For more information, call 526-3803.

A Department of Defense Blood Marrow donor drive is set for Aug. 21 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Christophers Restaurant. Community members can learn about the program and donate a sample of blood to be registered in the program. For more information, call 526-7369.

The Fort Carson housing villages are accepting applications for village mayors.

Anyone interested in running should submit a photograph from the waste up and a statement saying why they would like to serve as mayor by Aug. 13. All candidates must pass a background check.

For more information, call 526-4590.

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

New Business start-up workshop will be held Aug. 20 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. The three-hour seminar is designed for all military personnel, family members, DoD civilians or anyone with a valid DoD card.

Some techniques being discussed are the practical and basics of preparing a business plan. The seminar will be held at building 1219. There is a \$10 fee. For more information, call 526-1002.

Construction to Gate 1, Nelson Blvd. and State Route 115 is scheduled to begin mid-August and completed in October. Gate 1 will remain closed and traffic will be detoured to Gate 2, O Connell Blvd., at Route 115.

Pacific Architects and Engineers, Inc. has been the Fort Carson contractor for almost five years and would like to provide the best service possible.

To discuss any matter, whether a complaint or a compliment for a craftsman, call the customer assistance office at 526-3050 or 526-6690.

Harmony in Motion, a vocal group which provides patriotic music for ceremonies, practices each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 1 p.m. at Provider Chapel. Singers are needed. Contact Staff Sgt. Marquis Williams, 526-6581 or 637-9208.

The Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management is currently phasing in the new ECOLAB cleaning system in three barracks.

Eventually all barracks on post will be required to use the cleaning system. For more information, call Karen White at 526-6838.

The Department of Defense is currently recruiting for its Fight for Life crusade marrow program Aug. 21. at Christophers restaurant from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Active duty soldiers, family members, civil service employees, national guardsmen and drilling reservists are all encouraged to

participate. Racial and ethnic compatibility is the best chance for finding a match which can lead to a cure.

For more information, call 526-7369.

Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo will host Fort Carson Night Aug. 7 at Penrose Stadium. Tickets can be purchased for \$7 from IIT or unit sergeants major. For more information, call 526-5366.

The Young Men's Community Association national headquarters is having a poster contest for children of military families. The poster is a drawing of the military family on an 8 1/2 x 11 white unlined paper. Along with poster include a cover letter with name, age, grade level, and address of child and information about parents including full name, military unit, and phone number.

All entries must be received by Sept. 25. Send entry to: Armed Services YMCA national headquarters, 6229 Brandon Ave., Suite 215 Springfield, Va. 22150-2510.

The Young Children and Families, Inc., is looking for volunteers to provide service coordination to families that have infants and toddlers with special needs in El Paso County. High school diplomas or equivalent a must.

For more information, call Christine Mahler at 527-9190.

The National Neighborhood watch National Night Out will be Aug. 4 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Fort Carson villages will participate in the event by leaving their porch lights on, getting to know their neighbors in their villages and by discussing ideas about their own neighborhood watch program. For more information, call 526-4889.

The Fort Carson lemon lot will be relocating to the DCA Gasoline Alley now through Aug. 15. All vehicles must register with Army Community Services at a cost of \$10 per vehicle and \$15 per RV. The lot is open to all Fort Carson military, retirees and DoD civilians. For more information, call 526-6028.

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

The Amagu on Natibu Guam is holding its 2nd Annual Luau Aug. 8 at the Knights of Columbus in Security. There will be cocktails, dinner and a show with live music by Polynesia Pacifica.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children 6 to 12 years old. For more information, call 574-8469 or 573-1830.

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

Classrooms are located at local elementary schools in districts 2, 3, 8, 11, 20, Ellicott and Peyton. Children attend school two days a week, either Monday or Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday, six hours a day. Call 635-1536 to make an enrollment appointment.

The U.S. Association of Blind Athletes is seeking 140 host families in Colorado Springs to house cast members of Up With

Military Briefs

A civilian work force briefing, hosted by Col. Michael Kazmierski, garrison commander, is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at McMahon Auditorium.

Anyone with claims against or indebtedness to the estate of Pfc. Donovan Gray should contact 2nd Lt. Benjamin Sheehan at 526-1282.

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

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

The Commanding General's Newcomer's Expo and Briefing is scheduled for Aug. 14 from 1 to 3:15 p.m. at the Elkhorn Conference Center. Spouses are welcome and child care should be prearranged by calling 526-5977. Duty uniform mandatory. For more information, call 526-0428.

The Hazardous Material Control Center administrative office has relocated to building 406. The warehouse is still in building 400. Both buildings are located on Tevis Street.

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

The Supply Management Branch,

including material management section I and II, customer assistance, local purchase, editing and the main offices have relocated from building 8000 to building 237. Telephone numbers and fax numbers remain the same. For more information, call 526-9086.

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

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

The open enrollment season for the thrift savings plan program runs through today. Today is the final day civilian employees may begin or change their contributions to the tax-deferred plan or may allocate or reallocate their future contributions among the TSP's C, F and G funds. The next open season is Nov. 15 to Jan. 31, 1999.

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

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

The Education Center and Pikes Peak Community College have developed a program that provides 100-percent tuition assistance to enlisted soldiers. To qualify, a soldier must take the PPCC placement test, have a

minimum GT score of 100 or higher and receive a recommendation from their unit commander. Next classes run Aug. 31 to Oct. 16.

Third Brigade Combat Team is using smoke and CS gas at the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site through Aug. 17.

The U.S. Air Force Cadet Sponsor Program is searching for volunteers to act as sponsors for the class of 2002 during the 1998/99 Academic year. The purpose of the program is to provide cadets with host families that will expose them to military family life, provide positive adult role models and give them a place to relax away from the cadet wing.

All interested sponsors must reside in the Colorado Springs area, must hold an enlisted rank of sergeant first class or above and officers must be a captain or above.

For more information, call 333-2727.

The Engineering Community is currently looking for motivated soldiers in ranks of private through private first class and soldiers in the rank of specialist or corporal with less than a year time in grade.

Soldiers interested must possess a GM score of 100 or above and a GT or ST score of 110 or above. For more information, call DSN 436-5261.

Sand Canyon road is closed for construction Aug. 17 to Sept. 30. Units traveling downrange must use alternate routes.

The Central Issue Facility new business hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Emergencies during non-business hours will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

For more information, call 526-6477.

Fort Carson Emergency Medical

Sports & Leisure Athletics

Fort Carson Outdoor Recreation conducts half-day water rafting trips all summer. The staff will provide an adventurous, scenic seven-mile raft trip on the lower Arkansas River. Trips are available through Aug. 20.

Units can sign up for Wednesday's and Thursday's on a space available basis. Individuals may sign up on Saturdays. Transportation is provided but lunch is not provided.

The outdoor recreation program is a licensed river outfitter in Colorado. Morning departures and afternoon departures are available. The cost is \$23 per individual and \$20.50 per individual in a group.

For more information, call outdoor recreation at 526-2083.

Fort Carson will hold the inaugural Half Marathon here Aug. 22. The event is open to soldiers, members of the Colorado Springs military community and the general public. More information on the Half Marathon will be available in future issues of the Mountaineer.

For more information call 526-2151.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Turkey Creek Recreation Area offers a variety of recreational opportunities such as picnic and playground facilities; sand volleyball courts; outside basketball court; horseshoe pits; softball fields and pavilions to accommodate 50 to 500 people. Turkey Creek also has guided trail rides; basic horsemanship courses; unguided riding program; evening and group hay rides; pony parties and moonlight rides. Call 526-3905 for more information.

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

The Fort Carson Outdoor Recreation Staff will sponsor a hike up some of the Colorado mountains with spectacular views Aug. 8 to 9. The staff invites you to join them in climbing such impressive and beautiful mountains as Mount Democrat, Mount Massive, Mount Harvard and Mount Elbert, the highest peak in Colorado. The trips consist of two days and one night in the back country and departs the Outdoor Recreation Center at varying times. Outdoor recreation will provide transportation, food and tents

Bring in the clowns

Military Kids Day at the upcoming Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Circus enables children of military ID card holders to attend at a discount. Children ages 2 to 12 can attend the 3:30 p.m. performance Aug. 21 at the World Arena for only \$10 if an adult with military ID purchases an adult ticket. Tickets are regularly priced from \$14.50 to \$19.50, and available at the World Arena ticket office, 3205 Venetucci Blvd.

Rodeo Parade

The 58th annual Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo Parade starts at 10 a.m. Wednesday, in the heart of downtown. Go early to find off-street parking, take strollers and folding chairs, and stake out your parade-watching spot along either Tejon or Cascade, between Colorado Avenue on the south and St. Vrain on the north. Not only is this the largest parade in this area, it's one of the oldest continuing rodeo parades in the country. It's the place to be to see decorated floats, precision riding groups, horses, bands and rodeo royalty.

Cowboy poets

For the ninth year, cowboy poets are featured in the Great Pikes Peak Cowboy Poetry Gathering. Sponsored by the Pikes Peak Library District and the Pro-Rodeo Hall of Fame, Baxter Black and other cow-

Get Out!

boy poets celebrate cowboy culture, humor, folklore and western lifestyle Aug. 14 and 15. All events are at the ProRodeo Hall of Fame, 101 Pro Rodeo Dr., except for Baxter Black's concert, which is at the Pikes Peak Center 190 S. Cascade. Tickets are available to Tribute to Wil Rogers dinner theater show Aug. 14. Aug. 15's activities at the Pro-Rodeo Hall of Fame feature children's and family events as well as cowboy poetry sessions, starting at 11 a.m.

Tickets are \$10 for Saturday's events, and children under age 12 are admitted free. The Baxter Black concert includes Daughters of the Purple Sage, and tickets are \$18. A package price includes all performances, and is \$50. Call the Pikes Peak Center Box Office (520-7469) or the ProRodeo Hall of Fame (528-4764) for ticket information.

County Fair

The El Paso County Fair runs through Sunday, in Calhan, which is about 25 miles east of Colorado Springs on Highway 24. Military appreciation day is Saturday. It's a regular, old-fashioned county fair, featuring judging of poultry, rabbit, sheep, pigs and

livestock; tractor pulls; dances, and home-made ice cream. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. A six-day ticket is also available. In addition to crafts, exhibits, food and contests, entertainment includes a chain saw artist, bands, a carnival, caricature artist, clowns and of course, the animals. Call the fair at 575-8690 for more information.

"Out, out, damn spot"

The Shakespeare doubleheader continues through Aug. 9, at 8 p.m., at CU - the Springs, at the campus on Austin Bluffs Parkway. Admission is \$15 for reserved seats. Call the box office at 262-3232 for ticket information.

Rock Ledge Ranch

The Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site presents a free lecture Thursday, The Cult of Domesticity in Victorian American Culture. Presented by history Professor Chris Nicholl, the program will be in the Barn Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. The Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site is located at 30th Street and the east entrance to the Garden of the Gods Park.

A vintage baseball game using 1860s rules will be played Sunday at 2 p.m., also at the Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site. Visitors are invited to bring blankets and picnic lunches. The admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children ages 6 to 12.

SCOLA TV

The following schedule is for Satellite Communications for Learning, which airs seven days a week on Channel 10.

S= satellite

T =tape

R = repeat

W orth Hearing

Ratings:

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5 = a must buy

4 = pitch in with a friend

3 = see if a friend bought it

2 = wait for radio release

Artist: Transglobal Underground

Title: Rejoice, Rejoice

Tracks: 13

Time: 59:41

Rating: ☆☆☆1/2

by Mark Simon

Mountaineer columnist

House music with a twist. That's about the only way to describe Rejoice, Rejoice, the second U.S. release by Transglobal Underground. This is a mystic, melodic journey through the mideast via their home base in London.

When you listen to Transglobal Underground, you never know what you'll get. From hip-hop to klezmer, to reggae, these six musicians blend styles and instruments to create their own vision of world music. The opening line of the second track kind of sums up what Transglobal Underground does (gives) you a trans-global conglomerate of music! That track, Delta Disco, is a reggae/blues/funk tale of ancient Egypt, jazz

and the river Nile. The rap and the track that goes with it will put you into a rhythmic trance that really doesn't let up until the last track fades out.

After you leave the hip-hop and rap of Thousand Year Heat, you move right into the gypsy sound of rude Buddha. A little later in the CD you get the synthetic klezmer sound of Shining Iron Face. What keeps the tracks together is the rhythms that keep assaulting and challenging you to get up and dance for the pure joy of dancing.

This is not music you will hear on the radio in Colorado Springs. It's also likely you won't hear it in any of the clubs here. The tracks on Rejoice, Rejoice will be heard in dance clubs around the world.

No doubt the next time you travel to either coast and have the urge to dance to the latest music, you will hear selections from Transglobal Underground, most likely Son of Thingdrum. But almost any of the tracks will do.

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