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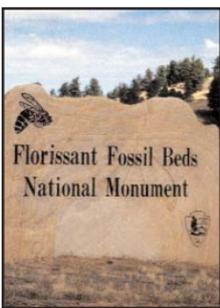
Child care rates to increase, effective Dec. 15, for Fort Carson Child Development Centers.

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### Holiday hours

Check out the extensive listing of holiday hours and events for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year s, including listings for Army and Air Force Exchange Service and the Directorate of Community Activities.

### Happenings



Some of the world s best fossil speci- mens were found at the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, west of the Springs.

### Severe weather hotline

Fort Carson community members can check reporting times and post closure status by calling the severe



Photo by Spc. Bryan Beach

### No comment

Answering questions for "local media" during a training exercise on Fort Carson, Pfc. Brian Hodges, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, carefully chooses his answers. For the story and more photos, see Pages 18 and 19.

# Deployments delayed

## Soldiers already deployed to remain where they are

by Jim Garamone  
 American Forces Press Service  
 Service members who have deployed in response to Iraq s refusal to cooperate with U.N. weapons inspectors will remain where they are. Units that have not deployed will stay in the United States but be on a high state of alert.

Defense Secretary William S. Cohen said the United States was very close to launching an attack on Saddam Hussein when the Iraqi dictator caved in to U.N. demands. Some aircraft have deployed to Spain, Italy and Diego Garcia on their way to the Persian Gulf and will remain where they are, Cohen said. Other aircraft will remain at their home stations. Army personnel from Fort Stewart, Ga., and Fort Bliss, Texas, will not deploy.

He said he does not foresee any need to maintain two carrier battle groups in the region. The USS Enterprise battle group is scheduled to relieve the USS Eisenhower shortly.

Cohen said the international community is united in condemning Hussein. The pres-

ence of a strong and credible force focused his mind wonderfully, he said.

Now Hussein must comply fully with U.N. resolutions calling for the destruction of all weapons of mass destruction, Cohen said during a news conference Nov. 16 following the swearing-in of Richard Danzig as secretary of the Navy.

Full compliance and unfettered access are key for Saddam, he said. everyone understands that this is the last go-around.

Cohen said inspections are the best way to determine if Hussein is complying with U.N. resolutions. The U.S. contention through the latest crisis was that if Saddam agreed to cooperate with inspectors and gave them unfettered access, then the United States would not launch attacks.

Saddam simply had to say yes, Cohen said. Saddam did, and that s why the United States canceled the air strikes, he said.

He said the Iraqi dictator has not honored past formal treaty obligations to cooperate with the United Nations so there is no guarantee he ll follow through on his

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## Commanders



Riggs

**“The keys to survival ... are preparedness and education.”**

As any of us who were here in October 1997 or March of this year can attest, it's not uncommon to see severe winter weather in Colorado Springs. The “Blizzard of '97” crippled the city, and several people were stranded on roads and died before rescuers could reach them. While there's nothing we can do to prevent winter storms, there are things we can do to prepare for them.

The keys to survival in severe winter weather, and in winter recreation, are preparedness and education.

A few simple measures, taken now, can lead to survival in the event of a winter storm. At home, have emergency supplies set aside and easily accessible to all family members. Also, pack an emergency kit in your car or truck in case you get stranded during a storm. (See the box at right for suggested items to pack in these emergency kits.) It will also be helpful to make sure family members know what the kit contains and to spend some time discussing some “what-if” emergency situations. Fully check and winterize your vehicles; purchasing snow tires would be a wise and prudent investment.

### Winter survival emergency kits: what to pack

#### At home

Have the following supplies set aside and easily accessible:

- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Battery-powered radio
- Extra food and water (high-energy food such as dried fruit or candy and other food that does not require cooking or refrigeration)
- First-aid supplies
- Emergency heating sources, such as a fireplace, wood stove or space heater.

#### Car or truck

Items to consider for the emergency kit for your car or truck are:

- Blankets and sleeping bags
- Flashlight with extra batteries

- First-aid kit
- Knife
- High-calorie, non-perishable foods
- Extra clothing to keep dry
- A large empty can with plastic lid for tissues and paper towels for sanitary purposes
- A small can or cup and waterproof matches to melt snow for drinking water
- Sack of sand or cat litter
- Shovel
- Windshield scraper and brush
- Tool kit
- Tow rope
- Jumper cables
- Water container
- Compass
- Road maps

Severe weather or not, winter recreation can be a hazard without preparation or education. Whether hiking, skiing or camping, let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return. Also, take advantage of the great outdoor recreation courses offered through our Directorate of Community Activities. Call DCA's Outdoor Recreation Division at 526-3881. Outdoor recreation equipment is also available for rent through DCA by calling 526-1993.

No matter what type of outdoor recreation you're planning, check all equipment and gear thoroughly and wear loose-fitting, lightweight clothing

in several layers. Trapped air provides insulation. Layers can be removed to avoid perspiration and subsequent chill. Mittens, snug at the wrist, are better than gloves for keeping hands warm.

The Fort Carson Safety Office has a publication available, “Winter Safety Support Packet.” Call 526-2123 or stop by the safety office in the Directorate of Information Management building, room 2120, to get a copy.

Proud to serve!

**Major General John M. Riggs**  
Commanding General

## Scam letter seeks personal information from veterans

Financial Readiness Program

The following document has been circulated on Fort Carson and is a scam. This is an attempt to gain information from soldiers' DD214s. There is no dividend being paid on SGLI insurance.

*To All Veterans and Families of Veterans*

*Bill passed entitling monetary return to veterans*

*If you are a veteran or if any of your relatives fall under that category, you may be interested in the following information: A bill was recently passed by Congress entitling*

*veterans to a dividend on the GI insurance they had while in the service. Both current and former military personnel are entitled to this dividend regardless of whether or not they still carry the insurance. If you are eligible, you will not receive a dividend unless you ask for it. The Veterans Administration will review each individual and determine eligibility. A general schedule of dividends earned is as follows:*

*2 years of service. \$261.00*

*3 years of service. \$391.00*

*4 years of service. \$528.00*

*To apply for the dividend, write to the Veterans Center, P.O. Box*

*8079, Philadelphia, Pa. 19101.*

*Include your name, address, GI insurance number (if known), branch of service, date of birth and date of military service. If you can find a copy of DD form 214, it would be helpful to attach to your letter.*

*A sample letter might look like this:*

*Veterans Center*

*P.O. Box 8079*

*Philadelphia, Pa. 19101*

*Dear Sir,*

*In accordance with the bill recently passed by Congress, I am applying for the SGLI Insurance Dividend based on military service.*

*The specifics of my service are as follows:*

*Name*

*Date of Discharge*

*SGLI*

*Branch of Service*

*Service Number*

*Date of Birth*

*For review, a copy of my DD form 214 is enclosed. If you require further information, please contact me at the above address.*

**REMEMBER: THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY SEND YOU A DIVIDEND.**

**YOU MUST APPLY FOR IT!!!**

## Mountain Post Team MVP

### 4th Squadron, 3rd ACR rescue crew



Dunzan, Jensen and Bolio

This week's Mountain Post Team MVPs are Chief Warrant Officer Patrick Dunzan, 1st Lt. Brian Bolio and Sgt. Hun Jensen of the 4th Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

A civilian, Jordan Lipp, was skiing on Tyndall Glacier in Rocky Mountain National Park Sept. 5 when he had a serious accident.

“While lying at the base of the glacier, I was suffering from hypothermia and trauma. The helicopter from Fort Carson helped save my life,” said Lipp in a letter to Fort Carson.

“I want to express my gratitude for your assistance. Please thank the pilot, medic and the rest of the helicopter crew for me, and let them know that I will fully recover from my injuries.”

*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:*

*Mountaineer*

*Public Affairs Office, Building 1430*

*Fort Carson, CO 80913-5000.*

*For more information, call 526-4144.*

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# News

## New child care rates to begin

Garrison Commander's Office

Each year, the Department of the Army directs that each installation re-evaluate their patron fee structure to ensure that it is in compliance with the Military Child Care Act of 1989. The MCCA has directed a fee system that is uniform from installation to installation. The fee system is published by the Department of Defense and all military Child and Youth Services programs use the DOD system. While the military child care services are recognized as some of the best in the country, they are not inexpensive. To make these top-notch services affordable, they are heavily subsidized by installation funds.

These services cost Fort Carson \$2 million on top of the fees paid by the parents. The income is used primarily to pay staff salaries for those providing direct care for children.

The new fees for 1998-99 reflect a \$1 to \$3 increase per week

and were to be implemented Oct. 1. However, Fort Carson has delayed this increase until Dec. 15 when the new 1998/99 child care fees and charges for all Child Youth Services programs will be implemented. Letters were distributed to all patrons Nov. 10. If for some reason you did not receive your letter, please ask the clerk or the center director for a copy when picking up or dropping off your children.

All Child and Youth Services systems use a system based on the family's ability to pay, as determined by total family income. Fort Carson does offer "credits" for parent participation which can significantly reduce fees, and a multiple child discount of 10 percent is provided.

New contracts must be signed by Dec. 11. You may sign your contract during the week of Dec. 7 to 11 at the center where your children attend between 3 and 6 p.m.

Monday through Friday. Contracts can also be signed at building 5510,



Photo by Nel Lampe

Staff Sgt. Jeff Villa, right, and Elena Villa, left, spend some time with their children at a Fort Carson child development center.

Central Registration office, Monday and Thursday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. or Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. These are

all on a walk-in basis.

If you have concerns or questions on the new fees and charges, call 526-8220 or 526-4188.

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# Presidential proclamation declares November 'National American Indian Heritage Month'

The White House

*Editor's note: The following is President Bill Clinton's proclamation for National American Indian Heritage Month.*

American Indians and Alaska Natives — the first Americans — have made enormous contributions to the life of our country. When the first Europeans arrived on this continent, they did not find an empty land; they found instead a land of diverse peoples with rich and complex systems of governments, languages, religions, values and traditions that have shaped and influenced American history and heritage.

Generations of American Indians have served and sacrificed to defend our freedom, and no segment of our population has sent a larger percentage of its young men and women to serve in our armed forces. But American Indians are not just an important part of our country's past; they are also a vital part of today's America and will play an even more important role in America's future.

There are more than two million American Indians living in our country today, from the hardwood forests of Maine to the Florida Everglades, across the Great Plains to the Pacific Coast, and

throughout the state of Alaska. Through a variety of innovative enterprises, many tribes are sharing in the unprecedented prosperity our country enjoys today, prosperity that is reflected in the construction of community centers, schools, museums and other cultural centers. However, many people who live in Indian Country are caught in a cycle of poverty made worse by poor health care and a lack of educational and employment opportunity. If we are to honor the United States government's long-standing obligations to Indian tribes, we must do all in our power to ensure that American Indians have access to the tools and opportunities they need to make the most of their lives.

As a part of this endeavor, my administration has strengthened the special government-to-government relationship between the federal government and the sovereign nations of Indian Country, expanded the role of American Indians and Alaska Natives in the administration and sought to increase educational opportunities and economic development throughout Indian Country. Earlier this year, I signed an executive order directing the federal government to work with tribal and state governments to improve Native American achievement in math

and reading, raise high school graduation rates, increase the number of Native American youth attending college, improve science education and expand the use of educational technology.

We are also striving to boost economic development in Indian Country by working with tribal governments to meet their technology infrastructure needs, to coordinate and strengthen existing Native American economic development initiatives and to help Native Americans obtain loans more easily for building homes and starting new businesses.

Today's Native Americans are among the youngest segments of our population — a new, large generation of people who, if empowered with education, skills, opportunity and encouragement they need to thrive, can lead Indian Country into a future as bright and promising as its extraordinary past. As we observe National American Indian Heritage Month, let us resolve to work together to make that future a reality.

I urge all Americans, as well as their elected representatives at the federal, state, local and tribal levels, to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

## Carbon monoxide detectors require proper maintenance

Fort Carson Fire Department

As cold weather creeps up on us, this would be a good time for each family to check its carbon monoxide detector. The device that was provided to each Fort Carson housing unit must be inspected and have the battery replaced yearly. What should you do?

- Read the Nighthawk Carbon Monoxide Detector user's guide provided with the detector. It explains everything a person needs to know about its operation. Keep it handy.

- Push the test/reset button, hold it down for several seconds. It should start making a piercing sound with "888" showing in the view screen. Release the button and the device will reset "---."

- Open the back cover and replace the 9-volt battery. If the device is chirping, prior to the yearly change of battery requirement, or if you are unsure of its reliability, change the battery. Use only alkaline batteries. Batteries are available at the self-help store for family housing residents.

- Ensure that the yellow information sticker is on the front of the detector. It tells you that readings up to 100 are to be reported to the housing maintenance work order desk at 576-6819. A reading of more than 100 is to be reported to the fire department by calling 911, and occupants must evacuate the home immediately.

- Understand that there may be some carbon monoxide reading in most homes. Carbon monoxide can be produced by appliances, kitchen stoves, furnaces, lawn mowers,

automobiles and fireplaces. A momentary reading could be normal. If the reading is sustained in the 30 to 100 range, then it's time to call the work order desk. There will be a loud alarm sounding.

Unfortunately, there are very few extra detectors. We initially purchased 1,850 units and most have been distributed on hand receipts. You may purchase one locally for about \$40 to \$50.

For more information, call Sam Richmond of the Fort Carson Fire Department at 526-7577.

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# Community

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Above: Family members get the chance to operate on a patient with “candyitis” of the belly during Operating Room at Evans Army Community Hospital. Below: Corporal Timothy Hedges, A troop, 1st Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Mercer feel the simulated lungs of a smoker.



**Evans eases fear of surgery at Ope**

## St. Nick's Tea gift collections brighten children's holidays

by Pfc. Socorro A. Spooner  
Mountaineer staff

The Fort Carson Officers Wives Club Charitable Association is getting preparations finalized for its annual St. Nick's Tea Dec. 2 at the Elkhorn Conference Center.

Admission is one wrapped gift for a child. The program's purpose, since the late 1970s, is to help less fortunate children of Army soldiers by providing them with Christmas gifts.

The tea helps to bring the true Christmas spirit, said Cindy Brown, SNT chairperson.

Last year, the tea provided gifts for 310 children, and, this year, they are looking to double last year's numbers, according to Brown. The program is set up so that unit first sergeants can make a list identifying soldiers who have had a financial hardship and then submit it to the program by late September or early October. Other names can be added if needed at a later time, said Brown.

This year, (the tea gifts) are open to all ranks to include retirees and (Department of the Army civilians), she said.

The way the program works is

by distributing a gift code accompanied by the age and gender of the child, said Brown. This helps donors to purchase age-and-gender appropriate gifts for the children, who range from newborn to 17 years, she said. The gifts of clothing or toys are limited to \$10 to \$15 per gift. For those needing their gifts wrapped for the tea the Enlisted Spouses Charitable Organization will be offering free gift wrapping Tuesday through Thursday at the Little House of the Rockies from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., said Brown.

You can sponsor more than one child from the program, said Brown.

Last year several troops pooled their money together to purchase several gifts for the children. It is important to remember to put the gift code on the gift for correct distribution. For those who participate in the program, but can't make it to the function there will be drop boxes around Fort Carson. There will also be a post-wide pick up the day before the event, said Brown. There is an RSVP date of Nov. 27 for the tea. For more information or to donate, call Cindy Brown at 576-1573, Julia Camarato at 576-4384,



Once the presents are received the Christmas trees during the St. Nick's distributed to the units.

# Community honors armed forces v

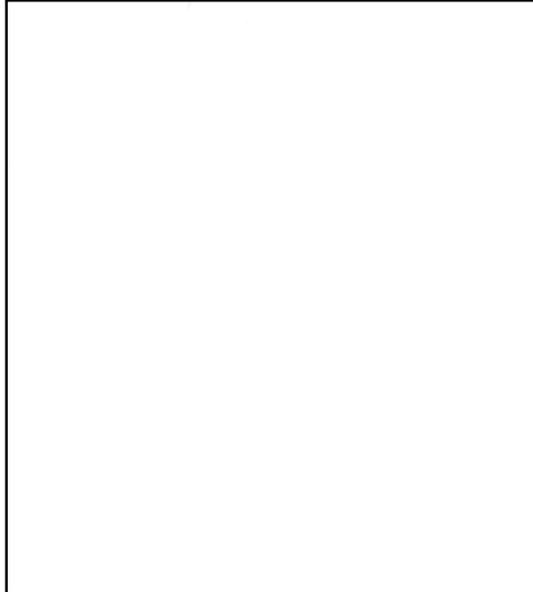
by Nel Lampe  
Mountaineer staff

It was a hatted crowd at the Veterans Day ceremony at the Veterans Memorial in Memorial Park. Hats in Army green, Air Force blue and Navy and Marine white. Hats in Canadian air force blue and army green. Black hats of Navy Junior ROTC. Red, maroon, tan, green and white hats of veterans groups Those same hats came off when the chaplain led prayers, and framed salutes when the colors passed.

Held at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month - the exact moment the armistice was signed ending World War I, the ceremony was organized by Pikes Peak Veterans Council. Veterans Day is an international which is called Remembrance Day in Canada.

Participants in the ceremony included The Stellar Brass, a component of the Air Force Band of the Rockies, Fort Carson and Canadian Forces, as well as veterans groups. Canadian Forces Lt.

Gen.George Macdonald, deputy commander-in-chief of North American Aerospace Defense Command was guest speaker. He read the poem, In



A marker by the veterans section of Evergreen Cemetary in Colorado Springs erected by the American Legion reads "For God and country."



Veterans honor the fallen Memorial in Memorial Park.



A crowd of several hundred people attend the Veterans Day ceremony in Memorial Park Nov. 11.

## In Flanders by John

In Flanders Field  
Between the cross  
That mark our path  
The larks, still  
Scarce heard and  
We are the Dead  
We lived, felt dawn  
Loved and were  
In Fla  
Take up our quar  
To you from fail  
The torch; be y  
If ye break fa  
We shall not sleep  
In Fla

Editors note: Flanders is Europe, across from the English Channel and partly in Belgium. who died fighting in World War I.

# Soldiers, families warm up to post Winterfest event

Sgt. Eric J. Hansen  
Fort Carson Public Affairs  
Office

The Post Physical Fitness Center turned ski and cultural/pop-cultural exchange center last Nov. 12 with Winterfest, an off-shoot from years past's ski expositions.

This is our first year adding cultural exchanges and ski resorts coming here, said Ann Edinger, special events coordinator, Directorate of Community Activities. Traditionally, we've done a ski expo, but this year we wanted to add something different.

As people migrated from booth to booth, they were able to pick up information about ski resorts in Colorado and New Mexico and certain cable television shows as well as learn something about other cultures.

I've enjoyed the (Native American) dances and learning about other cultures, said Sgt. Tim Varnes, Group Support Company, 10th Special Forces Group. But I also got a lot of information about skiing here in Colorado.

Edinger said the event was to address three areas: different cultures among us, information

about skiing this year and making people aware that Information, Tour and Travel has some of the best packages around.

ITT provided information about its special rates and deals for this season. Expected hot buys are the Learn to Ski or Snowboard packages. The ski packages include: skis, boots, poles, transportation (for the first 40 people to sign up), continental breakfast, half-day ski lesson and lift tickets starting at \$33. The learn to snowboard is only \$4 more and lessons are for any ability.

Varnes said the Winterfest was informative and fun.

Colorado ski resorts from Winter Park, Vail Resorts, Monarch, Steamboat, Copper Mountain, Cuchara/Ski Rio in New Mexico were on hand to inform people of their ski deals.

If someone didn't know anything about skiing here, they would know all they needed to know after a few minutes, Varnes said. I got enough information to plan my ski trip this year.

Next year's Winterfest might look a little different according to Edinger. It is too early to tell



Left, Russ Lee, Master Sgt. Ann Adams, Noveroske, Directorate of Community Activities, and Debra



Jared Hansen finds friends a little short

# Post implements mobile hazmat storage

by Susan C. Galentine

Directorate of Environmental Compliance  
and Management  
contributing writer

Fort Carson recently received its first mobile hazardous material storage building. The post is the first Army installation to use this type of storage building in a mobile capacity and not just for storage of hazardous materials.

According to Dave Sealander, chief of the Environmental Compliance Division at the Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management, the concept is to prepare all unit basic loads prior to units deploying for training, etc.

This way, instead of wasting valuable time tracking down maintenance products, inventorying, palletizing and reloading, units pick up the compact building, which is ready to go with all the necessary products and has the right storage accessories built in.

The building will save hundreds of personnel hours, as products will be stored in a fully transportable system.

Soldiers will be able to load the mobile building on to truck or rail with no additional handling requirements, explained Sealander. The building is fully self-contained in regard to possible spills. It is specifically built to withstand the normal transportation bumps and jolts, which can spill products.

The goal is to provide the soldier the necessary hazardous materials needed in the field while providing the maximum protection to human health and environment.

The 8 x 10 x 8 building will stock all haz-



**The mobile hazardous material control center building will store the hazardous material needed by deploying unit will require.**

ardous material needed by deploying units and may include a parts cleaner for small automotive, tactical parts.

The building has both air conditioning and heat, which can be operated from a generator or hard-lined.

Fort Carson has three additional units on order and, if funding is available, aims to

procure 30 more units.

The post is looking to purchase one level unit. Pending funding, units are anticipated to be received by the end of the year.

Units may check out the building for a deployment.



# Clean Sweep

## Medical mission leaves Fort Carson community with clean

Evans Army Community Hospital

Good physical health is a key factor in the ability of any soldier to deploy in support of the nation's defense.

Fort Carson has a medical readiness program that tracks all major medical readiness issues. Part of the medical readiness requirements that must be accomplished is the periodic physical examination. This periodic physical exam is important in identifying ongoing medical conditions and potential future medical conditions that may impact on a soldier's deployability. The periodic physical exam consists of two parts. The first part requires completing the biographical data, soldier history, obtaining laboratory tests, and eye and hearing exams. The second part consists of a medical officer (a physician or physician's assistant) reviewing the history and laboratory information and performing the actual physical exam.

Fort Carson's medical community recognized this is as important medical readiness issue and started an initiative to improve the garrison's medical readiness. Codenamed

Operation Clean Sweep, the mission was to complete as many periodic physical exams as possible within nine days. A significant medical focus was achieved without diminishing medical care to the rest of the community.

Evans Army Community Hospital and the 10th Combat Support Hospital launched into a joint operation to accomplish this mission. The 10th CSH deployed and established a module of their field hospital and provided the ancillary medical staff to make this happen. The Medical Detachment provided Class VIII (medical supplies) and medical officers to perform the physical exams. In addition, medical officers assigned to 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment and 43rd Area Support Group participated in the mission.

If any piece of the periodic physical was not completed, the soldier was referred to the hospital section that could complete that part of the exam. For example, if a soldier required a hearing test, it was completed at the physical exam section of the hearing van that was prepositioned in the back of the hospital. If a laboratory specimen was needed, a hospital laboratory staff member drew the blood and conducted the test. At the completion of the exercise, the appropriate medical information was placed in the physical exam packet.

While conducting Operation Clean Sweep, additional time was made available for school physicals. These school physicals were required for all Fort Carson community school children in order to participate in school and



**Fort Carson medical physicals for the during operation**

athletics. Requirements were also provided CSH and all participants an opportunity to for future humanitarian

require them to complete the field hospital and children an operation support hospital set up.

Operation Clean Sweep significant focused

# Holiday

## Fort Carson Commissary

Nov. 25, regular hours  
 Closed Nov. 26 and 27  
 Dec. 24, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
 Closed Dec. 25

The Fort Carson Commissary offers sales on holiday items through Jan. 3.

## Army and Air Force Exchange Service holiday hours

Service Station:  
 Closed Nov. 26  
 Closed Dec. 25  
 B Street Shoppette:  
 Nov. 26, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
 Dec. 24, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
 Closed Dec. 25  
 Dec. 31, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
 Jan. 1, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
 Burger King:  
 Closed Nov. 26  
 Nov. 27 to 29, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
 Dec. 24, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
 Closed Dec. 25  
 Dec. 26 and 27, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
 Dec. 31, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
 Closed Jan. 1  
 Jan. 2, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
 Ivy Troop Shoppette:  
 Closed Nov. 26 to 28  
 Dec. 21 to Jan. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
 Closed Dec. 25 and 26  
 Closed Jan. 1 and 2  
 Butts Field Shoppette:  
 Closed Dec. 20 to Jan. 3  
 Housing Shoppette:  
 Nov. 26, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
 Dec. 24, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
 Closed Dec. 25  
 Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
 Class Six:  
 Closed Nov. 26  
 Dec. 24, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
 Closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1  
 Class Six Annex:  
 Closed Nov. 26  
 Dec. 24, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 Closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1  
 Main Post Exchange:  
 Closed Nov. 26  
 Nov. 27, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

## DCA hours, Fort Carson commu

American Red Cross:  
 Closed Nov. 26 to 27 and Dec. 25  
 Alcohol and Drug Control Office:  
 Closed Nov. 26 to 27, Dec. 24 to 25 and Jan. 1  
 Army Community Service:  
 Closed Nov. 25 and 26, Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1 and 4  
 Child and Youth Services:  
 Closed Nov. 26, Dec. 24, 25 and 31 and Jan. 1  
 Community Recreation Division (AutoCraft Center, Multi-Craft Center, WoodCraft Center, Sporting Goods Store, Outdoor Recreation Rental Center and Outdoor Recreation Complex):  
 Closed Nov. 26, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1  
 Normal holiday hours Dec. 31  
 Information, Tour and Travel:  
 Closed Nov. 26, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1  
 Dec. 31, normal holiday hours  
 Mountain Post Training and Education Center:  
 Nov. 27, Army Learning Center, Testing Center and MOS library all closed, limited counseling service  
 Dec. 21 through Jan. 1 Army Learning Center and Testing Center closed  
 Turkey Creek Recreation Area:  
 Closed Dec. 25  
 Nov. 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
 Dec. 31, normal holiday hours  
 Jan. 1, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
 Little House of the Rockies:  
 Closed Nov. 25 and 26, Nov. 22 to 25

### Facilities:

Bowling Center:  
 Closed Nov. 26 and Dec. 25  
 Dec. 24, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
 Dec. 31, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
 Jan. 1, 11 a.m. to midnight  
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 Closed Nov. 26 and 27, Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1  
 Dec. 31, no lunch, Barber Shop open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
 Elkhorn Conference Center:  
 Closed Nov. 26 and Dec. 24 and 25  
 Pueblo Deli closed Nov. 27, Dec. 31 and Jan.

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# How to house train your new

Fort Carson Veterinary Services

Successful house training of your new puppy depends on several things:

1. Your understanding of why and when he eliminates. The first purpose is self-explanatory, the second relates to social communication. Certain scent chemicals in urine and stool are voided and your dog is likely to use that area again. The marked area is a means for social communication for you and other dogs to sniff at.

2. Consistently schedule his feeding and elimination times. During housetraining feed your puppy frequently according to age and size, and at the same time of the day during a 24-hour period, thus establishing digestive regularity. Do not give table scraps or vary his diet, this may make him a fussy eater, upset his system as well as disturb regularity.

3. Establish a single outside elimination area. Because of the scent signals, dogs have a tendency to use certain areas repeatedly. Establish an area early on and keep it clean,

leaving one or two stools for him to smell, instead of seeking out other areas. Praise him in a low and soft voice, pet him and give him a treat if you wish. Take him outside shortly after eating, drinking, napping, being very active or when he paces, pants or acts restless.

4. Immediate feedback. In order for the pup to learn he must be caught in the act, punishment for eliminating in the house is useless and maybe harmful if done even a few minutes after the fact. Do not leave him unattended in the house. When he starts to eliminate get his attention and take him outside immediately. Praise and pet him afterwards.

5. Covering the scent in places of an accident. Clean up the accident and take him, never call him, to the area. Apply rubbing alcohol to the area and place his nose in it. Praise him when he struggles to get away, because you don't want him to smell it. Repeat this several times a day for five days; thereafter spray the area lightly for 30 days.

Treat any new animal as if you don't remember if you did or didn't. If you made the mistake

6. Confining him. If you can't watch him, I can't watch him, or a dog pen-like area, free confinement, unless you have two to three hours of social contact and he won't be able to handle longer periods until

Good health is essential to housetraining. Parasites, infections, and other ailments can impede housetraining as a signal to go outside. If you close the door each time, a dog usually signal his need and may scratch or whine. If he whines first, he'll keep you responsible pet owner and take something out of his stools.

by Nata Sharios  
Trojan Times

Student layout editor  
District 8 school board members have put their plan for the new Fountain-Fort Carson High School into action. They started back in January of 1997. Christiansen, Reece and Partners are the architects that designed the new school. According to the plan, they predict that the opening of the school will occur in the fall of 1999. The FFCHS students should be able to attend the new school for the first time during the 1999-2000 school year. The juniors this year will be the first to graduate from the new school. After the new building opens, Aragon Middle School will be housed in the old high school.

Many people are confused and concerned about how things will work when the new school opens. School will start promptly at 7:30 a.m. The mascot, school name, school colors and closed campus hours will be the same. However, the major change will be the location. It will be located next to the sports complex in Countryside. Traveling distance will be a little further for Fort Carson students

Many changes in technology will also occur. A set of computers will be located in the middle of a group of classrooms or pods. This will make it easier for the students to have access to computers without leaving the teacher's sight. There may also be other technological advances, but cost could be a factor.

The cost of the new school is approximately \$18 million, which will be paid with funds from the Capital Reserve Budget. The structure of the school covers about 180,000 square feet. The new FFCHS will hold 1,200 students and 80 staff members. Five hundred parking spaces will be provided.

The issue of lockers was a concern to the students, but the district decided not to have them because of money and space. Larger classrooms and hallways also helped to eliminate the necessity

## News from the pages of the "Trojan Times"

Fountain-Fort Carson High School's student news-

by Kelli Hollins  
Trojan Times

Student layout editor  
Charity Chapin of Fountain-Fort Carson High School is a national scholar. She has received a \$5,000 scholarship from the Horatio Alger

Association. Charity Chapin was named a Horatio Alger Scholar based on demonstrated integrity, initiative, perseverance, excellence in academics, co-curricular activities and community service.

The Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, a nonprofit education association, was founded in 1947 by noted educator Dr. Kenneth Beebe, and religious leader, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale. Their goal was to provide role models to reinforce the values of integrity, hard work, dedication and service to others that form the foundation of the American spirit. The association annually honors outstanding individuals who have completely excelled in these values by presenting them with this magnificent award.

Each national scholar's story is one of personal determination and achievement, reflecting the themes of author Horatio Alger's 19th century characters who overcame great odds to live the American dream. In this environment of rising educational costs and limited available financial resources, the Horatio Alger Association has provided more than \$7.5 million to open the doors of colleges for more than 1,000 deserving students over the past 10 years.

These excellent students form the membership of the association and provide leadership and funding for more than \$1 million every year in Horatio Alger National Scholarships and other scholar-



**Fountain-Fort student, Charity Chapin, receives \$5,000 scholarship from the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans.**

ships and grants. Students can choose to excel in any field of this organization. Oprah Winfrey, Billy Graham, and many others.

Charity Chapin is a member of the association at the National Horatio Alger Conference in 1998. The conference focuses on the fundamentals of the American education system. At the conference, members of the association share role models, and receive scholarship recognition from the country.

Throughout the year, the Horatio Alger Memorial Scholarship is awarded and honored and coun- their personal Although more

# District 8 looks out for stu

# Chapel

An advent wreath workshop will be conducted at Soldiers Memorial Chapel Nov. 29 at 3 p.m. Sweets and desserts will be served. For more information, call 526-0478 or 526-5626.

The 1998 Protestant Children's Christmas Program is scheduled for Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. at Provider Chapel. Rehearsals begin Sunday at 6 p.m. at Soldiers Memorial Chapel. The program is open to all children in the community. For more information, call 526-5626.

The Fort Carson Liturgical Congregation is holding a captive free concert Tuesday at 7 p.m. at McMahon Auditorium. The program offers something for all ages and tastes. For more information, call 526-8889.

Thanksgiving worship services:

Sunday a service at Provider Chapel at 6 p.m.

Nov. 26 a mass will be held at Provider Chapel at 8 a.m.

Nov. 26 a service at Provider Chapel at 10 a.m. with guest speaker, Maj. Gen. John M. Riggs, commanding general.

# Chapel Schedule

## ROMAN CATHOLIC

Chapel	Service	Day	Time	Location	Cont
Healer	Mass	Sunday	11 a.m.	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. C
Healer	Mass	M-W-F	11:45 a.m.	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. C
Provider	Mass	Sunday	12:15 p.m.	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap
Soldiers	CCD	Sunday	10:45 a.m.	Nelson & Martinez	Ms.
McMahon	Mass	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Building 1517	Chap
Veterans	Mass	Sunday	8 a.m.	Magrath & Titus	Chap

## LITURGICAL

Provider	Liturgical	Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap
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## PROTESTANT

Healer	Protestant	Sunday	9 a.m.	Evans Army Hospital	Chap
Prussman	SS/Samoan	Sunday	8 a.m.	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap
Prussman	Prot/Samoan	Sunday	9 a.m.	Barkeley & Ellis	Barkeley
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Provider	Sun. School	Sunday	10:15 a.m.	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap
Provider	Protestant	Sunday	9 a.m.	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap
Prussman	Sun. School	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap
Prussman	Prot/Gospel	Sunday	11 a.m.	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap
Soldiers	Sun. School	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Nelson & Martinez	Dr.
McMahon	Protestant	Sunday	11 a.m.	Building 1517	Chap
Veterans	Protestant	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Magrath & Titus	Chap
Veterans	Protestant	Sunday	11 a.m.	Magrath & Titus	Chap

For additional information, contact the Installation Chaplains Office, building information and a schedule of Jewish Sabbath services, call the U.S. Air Force A 333-2636. Normally, free child care is available for infants and preschool age children. 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, Psalms 141 & Matthew 9-10  
 Sunday, Psalms 142 & Matthew 11-12  
 Monday, Psalms 143 & Matthew 13-14  
 Tuesday, Psalms 144 & Matthew 15-16  
 Nov. 25, Psalms 145 & Matthew 17-18  
 Nov. 26, Psalms 146 & Matthew 19-20



## Where and When

Directorate of Community Activities  
facilitiesPhysical fitness centers/swimming pools

- **Garcia PFC** ph: 526-3944 or 526-5785  
M-F 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m./weekends and holidays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- **McKibben PFC** ph: 526-2597  
M-F 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m./weekends and holidays 6 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **Waller PFC** ph: 526-2742  
M-F 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m./weekends and holidays 3-10 p.m.
- **Mountain Post PFC** ph: 526-2411  
M, T, W, F 6:30-9:30 a.m. (Open for after-PT showers only)
- **Forrest FC** ph: 526-2706  
M-F 5:30 a.m.-10 p.m./weekends and holidays closed
- **Post Field House** ph: 526-1023 or 526-1024  
M-F 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m./weekends and holidays closed
- **Indoor Swimming Pool** ph: 526-3107  
M-F 6:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. (lap swimming from 6:30-8:30 a.m./open swimming from noon-10 p.m.)/weekends and holidays, closed
- **Outdoor Swimming Pool** closed

Miscellaneous

- **Post Commissary**, building 1525, ph: 526-5505  
M, T, Fri. and Sat. from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Sun. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Th. 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Closed Wednesdays.
- **Grant Library**, building 1528, ph: 526-2350  
M-Th 11 a.m.-8 p.m./Fri. 11 a.m.-4 p.m./Sat. and Sun. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- **Multi-Craft/AutoCraft/WoodCraft Centers**  
W, Th. and F 1-8:30 p.m./weekends and holidays 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m./Mon. and Tues. closed, ph: 526-0950
- **Community Thrift Shop**, building 1341, ph: 526-5966  
T, W, Th. 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m./ Fri. through Mon. closed
- **Turkey Creek Recreation Area**, ph: 526-3905  
W-F 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m./Sat. and Sun. 10:30 a.m.- 4 p.m./office hours:  
W-Sun. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- **Information Tour & Travel**, building 1532, ph: 526-5366  
M-F 9 a.m.-6 p.m./Sat. 9 a.m.-1 p.m./closed Sun. and holidays
- **Carlson Wagonlit Travel**, building 1532, ph: 576-5404  
M, W, Th, F 9 a.m.-6 p.m./Tues. 9 a.m.-5 p.m./weekends and holidays closed
- **Outdoor Recreation Complex**, building 2429, ph: 526-2083  
M-Sun. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m./holidays 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Pueblo Deli** (Elkhorn,) building 7300, ph: 576-6646  
M-F 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m./closed weekends and holidays
- **Fatz Pool and Darts**, building 1129, ph: 526-4693  
T-Th 11:30 a.m.-midnight/F-Sat. 11 a.m.-2 a.m./Sun. 1 p.m.-midnight/Mon. closed
- **The Bowling Center**, building 1511, ph: 526-5542  
Sun.-Th. 11 a.m.-11 p.m./Fri & Sat. 11 a.m.-1 a.m.
- **Cheyenne Shadows Golf Course**, ph: 526-4122  
M-Sun. 6 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
- **Youth Center**, ph: 526-2680  
M-Th. 3-8 p.m./Fri. 3-9 p.m./Sat. 1-9 p.m. closed Sun. & holidays

Army and Air Force Exchange Service  
facilitiesBarber/Beauty Shops

- **Ivy Troop Store Barber Shop**, building 2355  
M-F 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m./weekends and holidays, closed
- **Prussman Troop Store Barber Shop**  
M-F 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m./weekends and holidays, closed
- **Barber Shop**, building 1161  
M-F 7:30 a.m.-4p.m./weekends and holidays closed



Program Schedule for Fort Carson cable channel 10, Today to Nov. 27.

Mountain Post Magazine: stories include ski season preview, the Ranger reunion and a stinger missile exercise. Airs at 7 a.m., noon, 7 p.m. and midnight.

Army Newswatch: includes stories on single parenting in the Army, the humanitarian mission to Belize and Army golfers at the Disney Classic. Airs at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

Army Environmental Update: includes stories on chemical demilitarization, the red

- **Evans Beauty Shop**, building 7500 ph: 540-0462  
M-F 9 a.m.-5 p.m./weekends and holidays, closed
- **Post HQ Barber Shop**, building 1430  
Mon. only 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. (closed holidays but open next business day)
- **Welcome Center Barber Shop**, building 1218  
Mon. and Th. only 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Main Store Mall Barber and Beauty Shops**, building 6110, ph: 576-6459  
M-Sat. 9 a.m.-7 p.m./Sun. and holidays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- **Mini Mall Barber Shop**, building 1510, ph: 576-8013  
M-F 7 a.m.-6 p.m./Sat. 8 a.m.-6 p.m./Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. closed holidays

Shoppettes/service stations

- **"B Street" Shopette**, building 900  
M-F 5 a.m.-midnight/weekends 6 a.m.-midnight
- **Service Station**, building 1515  
M-F 6 a.m.-7 p.m./Sat. 8 a.m.-6 p.m./Sun. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Alterations

- **Military Clothing Sales Store**, building 307, ph: 576-4516  
M-F 9 a.m.-6 p.m./Sat. 9 a.m.-3 p.m./closed Sun. and holidays
- **Mini-Mall**, building 1510, ph: 576-4304  
M-Sat. 9 a.m.- 6 p.m./Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m./closed holidays

Miscellaneous

- **Burger King** (Specker), building 1520

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- **Kentucky Fried Chicken**  
M-Sun. 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m.
- **Class 6**, building 1524  
M-Sat. 9 a.m.-9 p.m./Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- **Class 6 Annex**, building 3  
M-Sat. 10 a.m.-7 p.m./closed Sun.
- **Laundromat**, building 60  
M-Sun. 7 a.m.-10 p.m.
- **Car rental**, building 980,  
M-F 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m./Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- **TV Repair/UHaul**, building 1510  
M-F 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m./Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- **Sprint Office**, ph: 579-74  
M-F 9 a.m.-6 p.m./Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- **Main Store Mall**, building 6110  
M-Sat. 9 a.m.-9 p.m./Sun. a  
Vitamin Expo, Optical Shop
- **Main Store Mall Express**  
M-F 8 a.m.-3 p.m./Sat. and Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- **Mini Mall**, building 1510  
M-Sat. 9 a.m.-11 p.m./Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (Engraving Shop)
- **Mini Mall Laundry**, building 1510  
M-Sat. 9 a.m.-6 p.m./Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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## 43rd ASG soldiers earn food service

by Spc. Bryan Beach  
Mountaineer staff

The Directorate of Logistics', Installation Food Service conducted its Food Service Specialist and Food Service Noncommissioned Officer of the Year Competition at Patton House Dining Facility Nov. 16.

Private 1st Class Leila Langston, an administration assistant from 4th Personnel Services Battalion, and Sgt. Jeanne Hannine, night



**Sergeant Jeanne Hannine works late at night preparing desserts for soldiers.**

baker/shift leader from 984th Military Police Company, both of whom work in the 43rd Area Support Group dining facility, won for their respective competitions.

"I was very nervous to start with and I didn't expect to win," said Langston. "They asked what it would mean to me if I won, and I said, one of the reasons I wanted to be a cook in the first place was that I wanted to learn how to cook, and that if I won, it would mean I'd learned something."

"I'd say memorizing had to be the hardest part," said Hannine. "Cooking is easy. They asked lots of questions and have you do facing movements, questions relating to your MOS (military occupational speciality), about sanitation, field operations and paper work."

The baking abilities of the cooks was judged in part on a Boston Cream Pie which each cook had to prepare. The pie was judged on its appearance, how it was presented for serving as in decorations and garnishing and, of course, taste.

"When they asked me what it would mean to me if I won, I said, it would mean a lot to me since I came into the military at an older age ... and that no matter how old you get, you can continue and and further your education," said Hannine.

The runners-up for the competition are Sgt. Dawn T. Taylor, 32nd Transportation Company, for NCO of the Year and Josette Ogren, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, for Food Service Specialist of the Year.



**Private 1st Class Installation Food Service Specialist of the Year award.**

# Soldiers learn public relations

Story and photos  
by Spc. Bryan Beach  
Mountaineer staff

Anyone who's ever been deployed can tell you it's tough. Not only do soldiers have to contend with possible hostility from those they are protecting, long duty hours, months away from family and friends, food, sanitation, sleeping in the field, maintain physical fitness and moral but sometimes soldiers come face to face with ... the media.

Soldiers from 3rd Brigade Combat Team conducted a training exercise Nov. 16 to 20 on Fort Carson and included elements from the 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry; 1st Battalion, 68th Armor; 1st Battalion, 44th Air Defense Artillery; 4th Engineer Battalion; and the 64th Forward Support Battalion.

The scenario: the United States is acting as a buffer between the two imaginary countries of Cortina and Parumphia which have been in a bitter war. There are rebel forces in the area that violently oppose the current Cortina government and U.S. military involvement, harmless local civilian protesters and there are media from around the world here to get the story.

Several soldiers from 3rd BCT dressed in civilian clothes and played the parts of media or the civilian protesters. The idea is to lend some real-world-likeness to the training mission.

This is our first day out here and a new mission for us, said 2nd Lt. Ryan Herath, 1st Bn., 8th Inf. I think the (soldiers) are adapting pretty well. This is the first time they have worked with civilians on the battlefield. So that's new. Every scenario is completely different and you never know what to expect. And with civilians something is always different.

Herath went on to explain that for many of the soldiers this type of peace keeping mission is new and different from the normal training they receive. Normal training usually consist of force on force confrontation

and battle tactics.

The media asked tough questions and the protesters tried to go into places that either weren't safe or were restricted. The soldiers had to find a way to peacefully keep them out without violating people's rights.

One soldier attempting to keep the civilians out of a restricted area tackled the individual. The soldier was instructed by the chain of command that tackling isn't the way to handle the situation and suggested other methods more feasible and less aggressive.

These and other similar situations are exactly why the training is so valuable, said Herath. From these situations the soldiers learn a lot.

Some soldiers didn't want to talk to the media for personal reasons, however, when asked questions by the media, instead of saying that they didn't want to answer questions they responded, were not allowed to talk to the media. This gave the impression that there was something to hide and that the soldiers had been ordered not to talk to the media.

If soldiers don't want to talk to the media, they don't have to. But, they shouldn't say they're not allowed to, said Richard Bridges from the Regional Training Support Center who played the role of a television reporter.

Things are working out well, said Capt. Chris Rogers, 3rd BCT. We're operating on the platoon level with check points and convoy security operations all in preparation for our January rotation to the Joint Readiness Training Center (at Fort Polk, La.). The soldiers are working well together. For this operation we've integrated the tanks and the Bradleys in a two-by-two mix with the platoons. So the platoons are learning not only what they are supposed to be learning for the JRTC, but also how to integrate with other combat arms. Everybody will be deploying together



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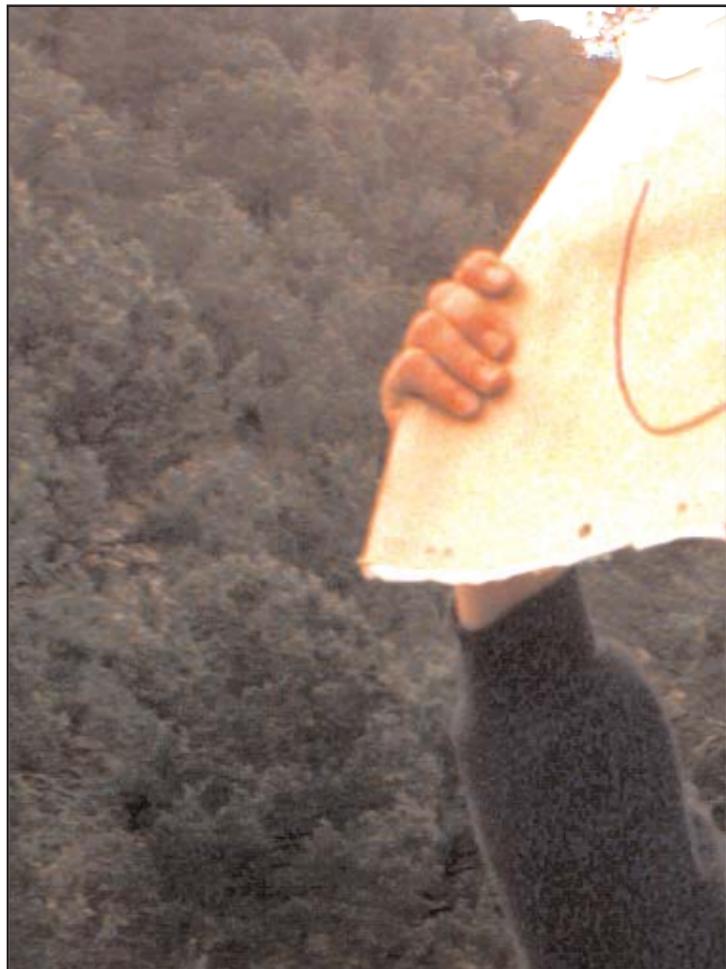
Private 1st Class Brian Hodges, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, watches over a road check point in the "train-up" on Fort Carson, Nov. 16. In all, some 250 soldiers took part in the week-long training.



Soldiers from 1st ... from an Abrams



pass through Spc. Kristoffer Gilbert inspects it for weapons or bombs at a check point.



Sergeant Shawn D. Bentley portrays a protester to help create a real-world atmosphere.



st Bn., 68th Armor, watch the protesters Tank.



Sergeant Donald Barton and Pfc. Eric Boyle, Company C, 1st Bn., 8th Inf., look down on a scene developing between with protesters and American soldiers after turning back a protester themselves.

# Single soldier input leads to new partial separation

by Spc. Bryan Beach  
Mountaineer staff

*Editor's note: Major General John M. Riggs, commanding general, hosted an off-site conference for the expressed purpose of improving Fort Carson. This is the second in a series of articles describing solutions to problems discussed at the off-site.*

In addition to being discussed at the off-site, the issue of separate rations for single soldiers was one of the top five issues raised at the 1998 Army Family Action Plan Conference. As a result of soldiers' input to senior Army leaders, a new entitlement called Partial Basic Allowance for Subsistence was created and funded.

The PBAS is designed to offset some of the out-of-pocket expenses of soldiers who do not receive

any other type of BAS or separate rations, said Maj. Bruce Gubser, 4th Finance Battalion.

The partial rate is paid to all enlisted personnel receiving basic pay who are not receiving one of the full Basic Allowance for Subsistence rates, except members in basic training. Members in basic training are not entitled to any BAS, according to the 4th Finance Battalion.

According to Gubser, the measure was approved by Congress for the fiscal 1998 budget, however, congress did not approve any money in the actual budget to fund the program. The services allocated the necessary funds out of operational funds and the program began Jan. 1, 1998.

According to the 4th Finance Battalion, the current pay rate is 31 cents a day and is a daily rate

instead of a monthly rate and allow for leave pay. This means a soldier will receive an extra \$900 per year and \$900 per month.

"I definitely think it's worth a couple more bucks in a year," Gubser said.

Partial BAS is expected to be in effect the next five years to allow for the program according to the 4th Finance Battalion. The program will help defray costs of living on post during regularly scheduled hours, such as on weekends. The program is designed to improve the quality of life for soldiers by providing meals in the dining hall.

# 5,000 must choose careers now under C

by Gary Sheftick  
Army News Service

Over the next few months, about 5,000 officers must make career choices under the new Officer Personnel Management System XXI.

OPMS XXI packets were sent out in October to lieutenant colonels commissioned in 1980, majors who took their oath in 1986 and captains commissioned in 1989. These officers will be the first ones designated into career fields under OPMS XXI. They must either choose to single-track in their current branch or pick one of 16 functional areas in which they want to serve the rest of their career.

The officers are being asked to make their selection via the Internet, through America's Army Online (also known as the AO2 web page) at [www.us.army.mil](http://www.us.army.mil)

The 5,000 who must register now have been provided a user identification and password to sign in and access the OPMS XXI Career Field Designation Knowledge Center. They will fill out the registration form and submit it online. This "paperless" registration process, officials say, will be a "giant step" to "capitalize on technology."

Colonel Mike Alvis was the first to sign up for one of the new OPMS functional areas, and he wasn't even required to sign. He wanted to lead the way in registering for Functional Area 59 — Strategic Planning and Policy — one of eight new functional areas under OPMS XXI.

Alvis is currently a senior fellow at Harvard University. Last week he gave two speeches at Harvard on the future of U.S. peacekeeping missions. He also had dinner last week with Khofi Annan, secretary general of the United Nations.

Alvis said officers in his functional area could foreseeably work on a U.N. peacekeeping committee. Or they might serve on a joint staff in the Plans Directorate (J5), represent the Army at the State Department, or work on the Army staff in the Strategy Plans and Policy Directorate.

"When you're with soldiers, you're touching lives," Alvis said. "When you're in this business

(FA 59), you're helping shape the national policy which affects lives."

Alvis said education will be an important qualifier for FA 59, which falls under the Institutional Support Career Field.

OPMS XXI will group functional areas into four different career fields. The first one, "Operations," will include all of the current officer branches — from combat arms to combat service support. Civil affairs and an umbrella logistics functional area will also fall under Operations.

Officers who select the Operations Career Field will be the only ones who have a chance at obtaining battalion command. And that's why many officers, Alvis admitted, are hesitant to sign up for a functional area such as public affairs, comptroller or information systems engineering.

"I think OPMS XXI is a realization that we can't train the whole force to be battalion commanders at the expense of other things," said Alvis, who commanded a battalion in Joint Endeavor.

He explained that only 10 to 12 percent of all lieutenant colonels can be selected for battalion command. Given those numbers, he said, it's not realistic or prudent to train all officers for something only about a tenth of them can hope to achieve. And he said a smaller Army can no longer afford not to train officers in specialized fields.

Under the new system, officers will compete for promotion only with others in their career field. Those in Information Operations, Institutional Support or Operational Support will never compete for promotion with a battalion commander. Thus, Alvis believes OPMS XXI will actually provide better promotion opportunities for officers in all career fields.

"I know a two-star general in the Army Acquisition Corps who never commanded a battalion," Alvis said. And out of 11 company commanders Alvis said he rated during the period he was a battalion commander, the two best went on to institutional support jobs — one is now

servicing in operations. The other is in graduate school. Alvis said he was in Functional Area 49, Operational Support.

"You've got to be doing," Alvis said. "You've got to do the jobs you're doing often."

For those officers who are signing up for a functional area, Alvis said, signing up for a functional area is not good for you. "You're signing up for a functional area who takes over in the future. You never revert to the functional area you signed up for."

"Putting the general in the functional area, all, is not good for you. You don't know any sergeant. You don't consider that."

Alvis advises officers to give OPMS XXI to give you a chance to think about it.

"Be careful of the functional area. You might get it."

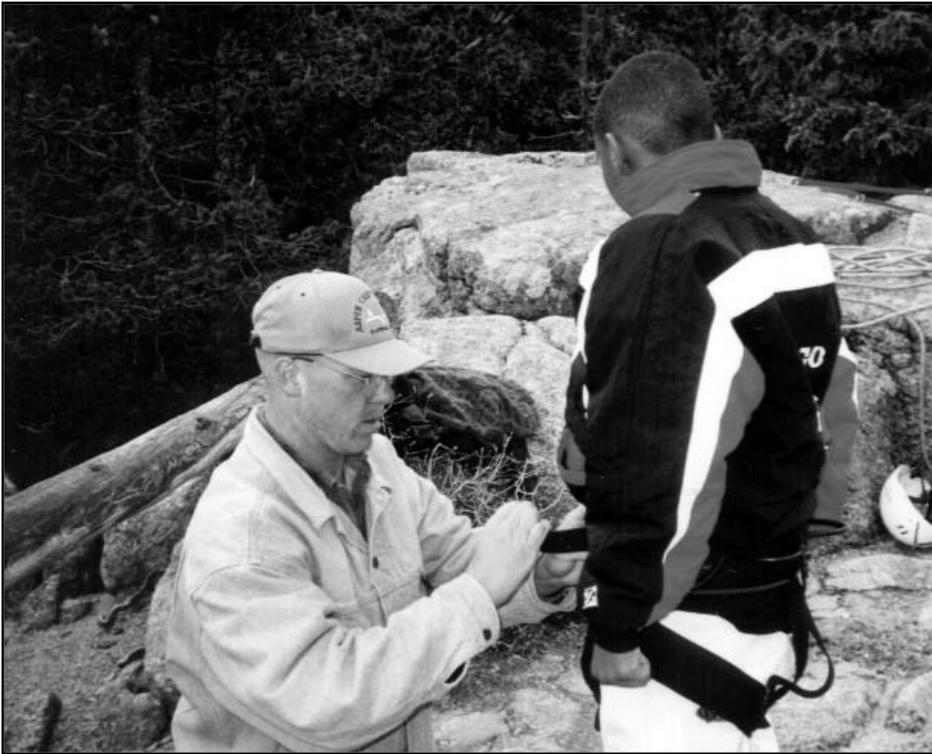
Officers who must register their functional area must register their functional area. Captains in Year Group 89 will be Officers who sign up for a functional area, but one of the functional areas is current functional area.

The Career Field Designation Boards will meet March 10, 1990. Captains in YG 89 will be promoted. Results will be posted on the boards following the board meeting.

The boards will be based on functional area designation, education; experience; aptitude/ability. Alvis said, and they will be based on the results of the boards.

Then, next year, the boards will be based on 1981, 1987 and 1990.

More information on the new functional areas is available at [www.army.mil/opms](http://www.army.mil/opms)

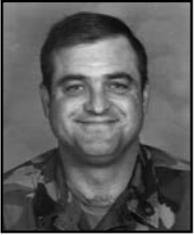


### *A matter of trust*

**Above: Sergeant Brendon Murphy "hooks-up" Isiah Gordon for rappelling at Bear Trap Ranch.**

**Right: Private 1st Class Ken Davies works with Amanda Olbrys as she rappels down a rock formation. Murphy and Davies, along with two other soldiers from Tiger Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, volunteered to assist sixth graders from Pinello Elementary School with required nature studies and outdoor experience education.**

# Show me the money



**Strange**

**by Sgt. 1st Class Paul Strange  
3rd Battalion, 29th Field  
Artillery**

In my last few articles I talked about consolidating debts and setting up a solid financial plan. Today, I would like share some information about credit

insurance sales.

As a command financial noncommissioned officer and a consumer, I have found this type of insurance as one of the most widely abused in the military community, if not in the country.

The most frequently cited complaints against financial institutions involves the sale of credit insurance with their loan products. Credit insurance is supposed to cover the debt if the borrower gets sick or hurt (credit health and accidental insurance,) loses his or her job (credit unemployment insurance), or dies (credit life insurance.)

Being a member of the Armed Forces, you simply do not need this insurance. It is a waste of

your money. It may be useful for a tiny percentage of other consumers, but most often it is overpriced and sold to consumers who do not know they are buying it or do not understand what this insurance provides.

Occasionally consumers are told they can not get financed without it. Being told this is misrepresentation and is simply not true.

The Consumer Federation of America has called credit life insurance "the nation's worst insurance rip-off." Studies by the CFA have estimated that, over all, consumers are overcharged between \$500 million and \$1 billion a year for credit life insurance.

While other types of life insurance typically pay out 70 cents or more in claims for every dollar collected in premiums, credit life insurers pay an average of 43 cents for every premium dollar collected.

Finance companies and banks have strong incentives to sell consumers credit insurance. Lenders frequently receive large commissions

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# Sports & Leisure

## WCAP boxers set to meet Mexican national team Tuesday

by Walt Johnson  
Mountaineer staff

The Post Physical Fitness Center is the site of international boxing competition Tuesday as members of the World Class Athlete Program will square off against Team Mexico at 5 p.m.

The Mexican team will be coming to the United States fresh off a victorious team effort in the South American Team championships. The WCAP team is coming into the competition after a successful tournament at the Florida Police Athletic League competition where one boxer, Olanda "Big O" Anderson, won his first heavy-weight title and the team won the national honors.

The matches are designed to foster international goodwill according to WCAP boxing coach Byron Moore, who said his team will reap another benefit from meeting the exciting Mexican team.

"The Mexican team is very competitive and they have a number of outstanding fighters. This match will not only foster goodwill between our countries, but it will also give my athletes an opportunity to gain valuable experience against some outstanding fighters. The Mexican fighters should take my fighters to another level as far as athletics go."

Competing for the WCAP will be: Olanda "Big O" Anderson, Bradley Martinez, Jason Franco, George Cofield, Hang Gu, Alexander Ramos, Corey Bernard, James Webb, Chris Lords, Yamar Resto, Julius Fogle and Deandrey Abran.

Moore said the matches will let him see if his fighters are ready to be considered among the elite in the world. At this point he feels his fighters "can compete with anyone when we are at our best," and this competition should show them where they stand among international teams.

That's because the Mexican team will come here with fighters who are in "terrific shape" according to Moore. He said the Mexican team has a well deserved reputation for being well conditioned and extremely smart and gifted fighters.

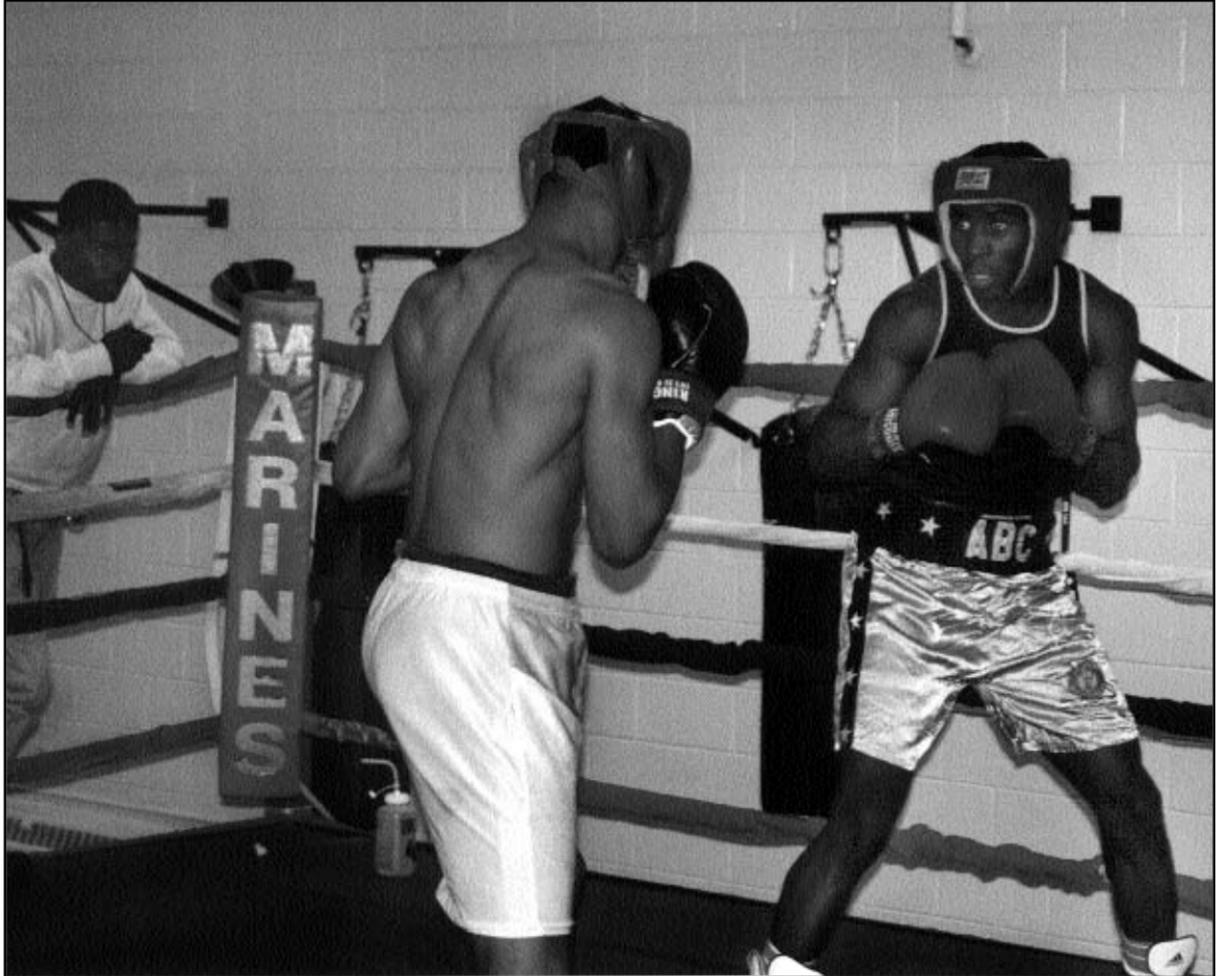


Photo by Walt Johnson

**Olanda "Big O" Anderson, right, tunes up for his bout with the Mexican national team during a training session at the World Class Athlete Program gym Nov. 11.**

"We are boxing well right now and the results at the PAL meet in Florida point out how well our fighters are boxing. We know the more success you have, the more confident athlete you will have."

"There is so much confidence in the gym right now, and winning the PAL title has given us an aura of invincibility," Moore said. That invincibility and the desire to treat the "home"

folks to a good show is a motivating factor that has Coach Moore and the team looking forward to meeting the Mexican team and showing the post they are ready for international competition.

"This will be the first international boxing competition we have sponsored here, and my fighters are ready to put on a good show because they don't want to embarrass themselves," Moore said.

# Pigskin Picks



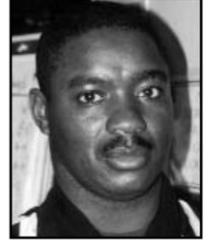
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Southern Cal at UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA
LSU at Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame
BYU at Utah	Utah	BYU	Utah	Utah
South Carolina at Clemson	South Carolina	Clemson	Clemson	South Carolina

## On the Bench

# Eaton Reds end Trojans successful season

by Walt Johnson  
Mountaineer staff

It was supposed to be a coming out party for the Fountain-Fort Carson Trojan football team, but it turned out to be a life lesson in humility.

Instead of a playoff victory and the chance to keep their season alive, the Trojans found themselves on the wrong end of a 49-7 score that was more disappointing than devastating.

The Reds came to town with a vaunted passing attack that was the major concern of the Trojan coaching staff. Eaton came to town with an



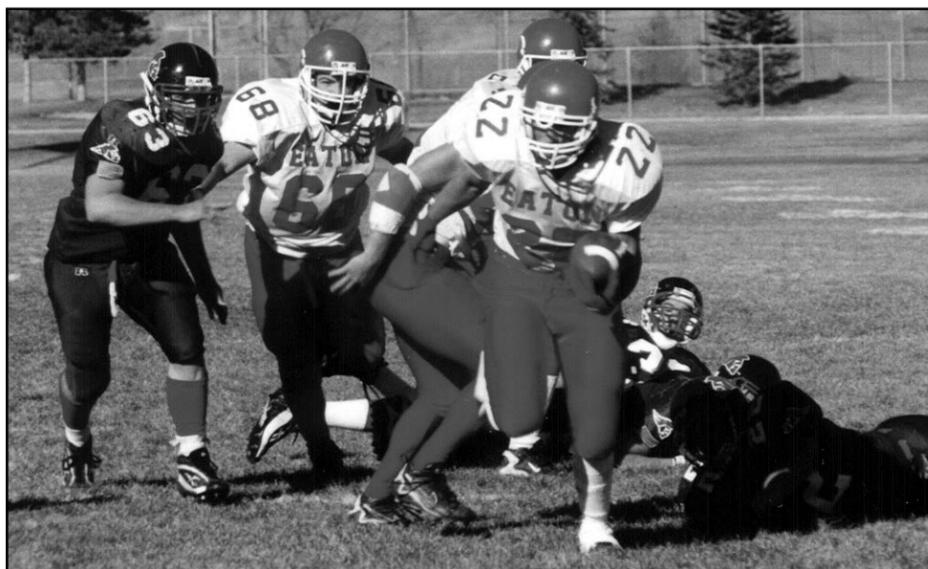
Members of the Fountain-Fort Carson special teams take the field to begin the playoff game with the Eaton Reds.

offense that averaged more than 30 points per game, the same type of offense the Trojans possessed for the year. This let the Trojan coaches know how explosive the Reds could be, and the major question was, could the run-oriented Trojans match the pass-happy Reds point for point?

Early in the game it looked like the Trojan coaches thought it would be an offensive game as the Reds defense bottled up Trojan star tailback Greg Trigg, who ran for more than 2,000 yards this season.

On the Trojans' first possession of the game, the Reds defense bottled up Trigg by cutting off the corners and forcing him to the middle of the field, where defenders were waiting for him. After three plays, the Trojans found themselves with a fourth-down-and-one-yard to go situation from their own 33-yard line. Trojan Coach Mitch Johnson decided to go for the first down and the Eaton defense stopped Trigg to deny the Trojans first down.

Three plays later, the Reds' Michael Carrasco



Photos by Walt Johnson

Eaton Reds tailback Michael Carrasco bolts through the middle of the Fountain-Fort Carson defense to score the first touchdown of the game Saturday in the Reds' 49-7 triumph over the Trojans.

blasted through a hole in the middle of the Trojan defense to score the first touchdown of the game and a 7-0 lead. The Trojans played some defense of their own and held the Reds scoreless the rest of the quarter. But they still were being stymied on offense by the Reds contain-defense and couldn't get the tying score through the first period, though they were driving for a score as the quarter ended.

As the second quarter began, Trigg scored on a three-yard run to get the Trojans even at seven apiece. But that

would turn out to be the highlight of the game for the Trojans as the Reds proceeded to put 42 unanswered points on the board to claim a 49-7 victory.

After the game, Carrasco said the key to victory for Eaton was stopping Trigg. "We knew we had to deny Trigg the chance to get outside because he is so fast that when he gets outside he is gone. We wanted to force him to the middle where we could get help. Our defense was just awesome. We knew we had to be relentless to stop Trigg."

## Post team splits two games with UCCS, meets Fitzsimons tonight

The post men's varsity basketball team split two games with the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs Friday on post and Sunday at UCCS. On Friday, the post team lost at home 102-83 as Dee Yarborough, in the picture (right) shooting over Fort Carson's Michael Merles, led the UCCS team to victory in the Mountaineers' home and season opener. Sunday, the Mountaineers traveled to UCCS and avenged their loss by a score of 93-78. The Mountaineers were led by Gary Sanford who scored a team-high 20 points, Dontonio Hampton, 15 points, Merles, 14 points and Wilfredo Martell with 11 points. The Mountaineers will be on the road today and Saturday as they visit Fitzsimons Physical Fitness Center in Aurora at 7:30 p.m. and 1 p.m. respectively.



Photo by Walt Johnson

# Dining Schedule

Week of Saturday to Nov. 27

## Weekday Dining Facilities

43rd ASG Cheyenne Mtn. Inn (building 1040)  
 10th Special Forces Group (building 7481)  
 Butts Army Airfield (building 9612)  
 3rd BCT Iron Brigade (building 2061)  
 3rd ACR Patton House (building 2161)  
 Cav. House Dining Facility (building 2461)

## Standard Meal 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.	11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Dinner 5 to 6:30 p.m.	4 to 5:30 p.m.

## Exceptions

- 10th SFG meal hours are the same Monday to Friday, but do not apply on Thursdays. No meals served on Fridays.
- Butts Army Airfield is open for breakfast and lunch only, Monday through Wednesday.
- Mountaineer Inn Dining Facility closed Monday through Nov. 29.

## Weekend Dining

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**Supper** 3:30  
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# Thanksgiving Day Menu

## Dining Facilities

3rd ACR Patton House (building 2161)  
 43rd ASG Cheyenne Mtn. Inn (building 1040)  
 3rd BCT Iron Brigade (building 2061)  
 10th Special Forces Group (building 7481)

## Hours of Operation

Breakfast	8 to 9 a.m.
Lunch	11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Dinner	4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

## Menu

Shrimp cocktail	Seasoned green beans
Roast turkey	Savory bread bressing
Baked ham	Cornbread dressing
Steamship round	Giblet gravy
Mashed potatoes	Apple pie
Corn on the cob	Pecan pie
Salads	Pumpkin pie
Breads	Candied sweet potatoes
Beverages	

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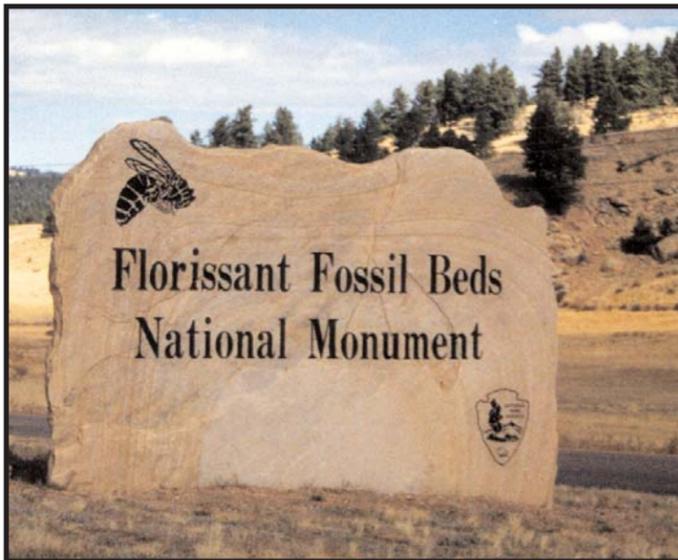
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and trees

Thirty-four million years ago a lake occupied the site which is now the fossil beds. The visitor center is at right, the backside of Pikes Peak can be seen in the background.

## Florissant Fossil Beds provide view of life millions of years ago



Fossils from tiny insects and leaves to huge petrified stumps of redwoods are preserved in the Florissant Fossil Beds National



**A wasp specimen fossil serves as the logo for the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument sign.**

Monument. Florissant is about 30 miles west of Colorado Springs.

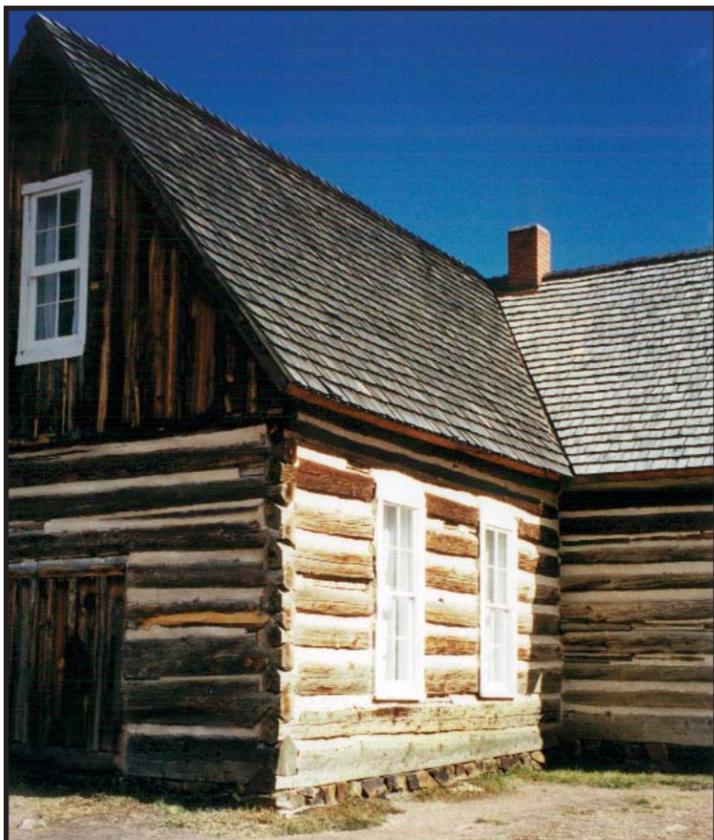
The fossils at Florissant were discovered in 1873. These fossils record the life of this region about 34 million years ago. There is evidence of a forest of 150 different species of plants. One of the world's richest finds of insects—some 1,200 species—have been found. The evidence indicates this area of Colorado once had a humid, warm climate, almost subtropical.

More rarely, fish, birds and snails have been found.

Giant redwoods and other trees grew in the Florissant area.

A nearby volcano erupted and mudflows hardened around the base of the trees, setting the stage for their becoming petrified. The petrified tree stumps at Florissant are much larger than those in the Petrified Forest National Park in Arizona. Based on the size of the tree stumps, the standing tree would have been about three times as tall as the pine trees which presently grow in the area.

Eventually, a lake formed which was about two miles wide and 12 miles long. The insects and leaves became buried in the sediment of the lake, which over the



The 120-year-old Hornbek Homestead is located on the fossil bed grounds.

# Florissant



A pull-out section for the Fort Carson community November 20, 1998

# Happenings



Gigantic sequoia trees grew in the almost subtropical climate of Colorado some 34 million years ago.

## Fossils

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centuries turned to shale, an easily split, sedimentary layered rock. The shale contains the fossils. When the shale is split open, the fossils are revealed.

The fossils discovered at Florissant include some extinct flowers and insects. Florissant has the largest variety of fossil butterfly specimens of any place in the world.

Some common insects found at Florissant include cockroaches, grasshoppers, wasps, ants, and tsetse flies.

The community of Florissant was settled in the early 1870s, and it was about the same time the fossil deposits were discovered. One paleontologist collected 5,000 fossils in just a few days. Soon the word was out in the scientific community, and thousands of fossils were collected; many of which are in museums throughout the world.

As excited as scientists were about the fossils, the huge tree stumps caught the interest of everyone. The discovery of a petrified stump which was 12 feet high and nearly 40 feet around became a tourist attraction. Land own-

ers in the area opened up their property to tourists and collectors, and many priceless fossils were taken away as souvenirs. Before the land came under government protection, people even tried to pull down the petrified trees using chains tied to vehicles.

Then came the developers, who planned to put a subdivision over the fossil beds in the late 1960s. Concerned citizens tried to fight development. In August 1969, legislation provided for the federal government to create a national monument to protect the fossils by buying 6,000 acres.

Today, a visitor center at Florissant introduces the visitor to the fossil beds. Visitors can get a firsthand look at what a fossil looks like, talk to rangers and walk the grounds. A small bookstore in the visitor center houses a wide collection of books about fossils and other Colorado-related subjects.

According to Ranger Tom Ulrich, the visitor center is open all year. In winter it is open from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., except for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.



The old homestead was served by a large cooking stove.

There are 15 miles of trails, but bikes are not allowed, he said. About 90,000 people visit the fossil beds in summer. But pick a nice warm fall or spring day, and you'll have the trails almost to yourself.

Ulrich said that when there's snow on the ground, people use the area for cross country skiing and snowshoeing. In fact, the visitor center personnel put out 15 pairs of snowshoes for free use by visitors who want to try snowshoeing.

After mid-November, the usual \$2 per adult visitor fee is waived for the winter season.

There are picnic tables on the grounds for visitors who bring their own lunch. A drink vending machine is available at the visitor center.

Summer is the best time to explore the full range of the Florissant Fossil Beds with ranger-led activities, ranger talks, walks and special seminars. But the winter visitor can still see the exhibits in the visitor center (for free) and there are those snowshoes.

Many of the petrified trees

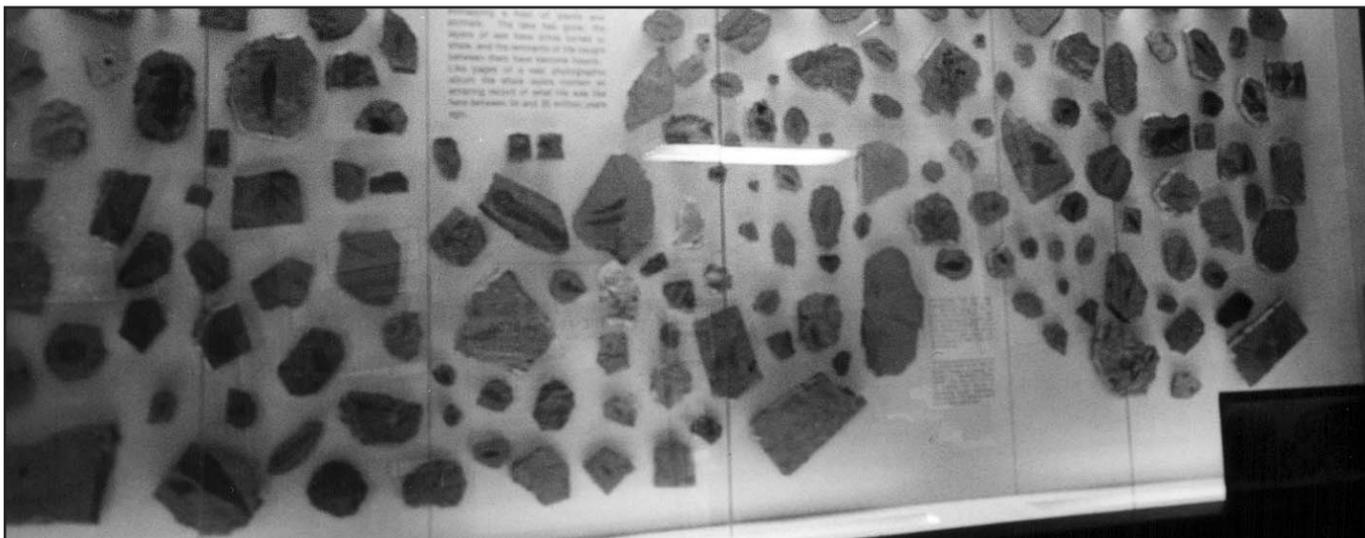
now have shelters built over them, to protect them from weather erosion. Visitors can still get close enough to see, but not touch. Taking away souvenirs from the fossil beds is not allowed.

However, there is a way to look for your own fossils. After visiting the fossil beds, head back toward Highway 24. Just north of the fossil beds there's a privately owned quarry, called Florissant Quarry. It is open in summer, or by appointment in the off season. At the quarry, visitors can purchase a box of shale rocks, which can be split, allowing you to find your own fossils. The phone number of the quarry is (719) 748-3275.

Also located on the fossil bed property is the Adeline Hornbek homestead, although the main house is the only original structure from the 1878 ranch. Other buildings from that era were moved to the site to replace the original buildings.

The Hornbek house is unusually large for its time. Locally cut wood logs were put together in dovetail type construction, with no nails or pins used. The house still stands, after more than 100 years.

Hornbek, a single parent with four children, homestead-



Samples of fossils found at the Florissant Fossil Beds are displayed in the visitor center.

### Just the Facts

Travel time 45 minutes  
For ages all ages  
Type historic site  
Fun factor ★★★ (Out of 5 stars)

Wallet damage = \$ (Based on a family of four)

\$ = Less than \$20  
\$\$ = \$21 to \$40  
\$\$\$ = \$41 to \$75  
\$\$\$\$ = \$76+

## Community EVENTS ACS

**Army Community Service is closed Nov. 26 and 27 in observance of Thanksgiving Day.**

**The Family Member Employment Assistance Program offers a Standard Form 171 and Optional Form 612 workshop Wednesday and Dec. 9 from 1 to 3 p.m.**

These forms are basic federal employment applications. The workshop provides insight into 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 holds resume workshops Dec. 2 and 16 from 1 to 3 p.m.**

The workshops include a variety of resume styles. For registration and information, call 526-0452.

**Army Family Team Building offers a Level II class session today from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the ACS building.**

Lunch and child care are provided. For more information, call 524-2382.

**The Financial Readiness Program offers a class on financial planning for first term soldiers today from 9 to 11:30 a.m.**

FRP also offers a check book management class and a financial planning class Dec. 11 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Both classes are held in the ACS building.

For more information, call 526-4590.

**The Army Community Service Loan Closet is in need of cookware and various items for the approaching holiday season.**

Items needed are: cookie sheets, large baking pans, large casserole dishes, roasting pans, mixing bowls, muffin pans, measuring cups, serving platters, potato mashers and turkey basters. All donations are greatly appreciated and help to better serve families relocating to Fort Carson.

There are two drop-off points: the welcome center, building 1218, and ACS, building 1526. For more information, call 526-0349.

**Directorate of Resource Management offers a sealed bid sale Dec. 3. Bids open at 7:30 a.m.**

Inspection is Nov. 30, Dec. 1 and 2 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Items being offered include computers and medical and photographic equipment.

**Army Career and Alumni Program presents a national apprenticeship program informational workshop Dec. 9 at 10 a.m. in building 1118, room 133.**

The workshop covers current available nationwide positions. For more information, call 526-1002.

**The General Services Administration Federal Supply Services hosts a free seminar Dec. 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Elkhorn Conference Center.** Card holders and approving officials are welcome and urged to attend. For more information, call Jonie Jackson 526-6597.

**Pacific Architects and Engineers, the Directorate of Public Works contractor for facilities maintenance and operations, recently moved its headquarters from building 6140 to the north end of Fort Carson.**

The phone numbers remain the same. For more information, call 526-6951.

**The Fort Carson commissary is open Nov. 25 but closed Nov. 26 and 27 in observance of Thanksgiving.**

For more information, call 526-5644.

**Evans Army Community Hospital pharmacy and clinics are closed Nov. 26 and 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.** The wards and the emergency room remain open.

Road and parking lot construction is under way at the intersection of Specker Avenue and Prussman Boulevard and also at Manhart Field. Construction will be complete within 45 days, weather permitting. For more information, call 526-9235.

**The Fort Carson Commissary is accepting donations on behalf of fellow employee Mory Rodriguez.** Rodriguez is currently on life support because of cancer and isn't expected to survive. The commissary is asking for donations and prayers to help the family through this trying time.

Donations can be sent to: Mory Rodriguez Fund at Norwest Bank, 500 N. Circle Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80909 account number 5245166330. For more information, call Augusta Meadows at 390-6414.

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## Military Briefs

**Chief Warrant Officer Robert Burns from the Warrant Officer Career Center, Fort Rucker, Ala., conducts warrant officer professional development briefings today.** The morning briefing location and time are to be announced, the afternoon briefing is from 1 to 3 p.m. at Elkhorn Conference Center. For more information, call Doug Anderson at 526-8006.

**The commanding general hosts a Building Energy Monitor Energy Awareness Seminar run by the Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management Dec. 7 at McMahon Auditorium from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.** This seminar is a CG-directed initiative to educate key personnel in an effort to eliminate waste and to save limited resources for training and quality of life initiatives. Unit and directorate Energy Conservation Officers and Building Energy Monitors are expected to attend.

**The Colorado Army National Guard Aviation Command is currently recruiting 20 warrant officer pilots and 10 lieutenants or junior captains.** They must be qualified for the UH-1H Huey or UH-60 Black Hawk. These positions are for traditional guardsmen only. The duty requirements for these positions are one weekend a month, two weeks annual training and 24 to 48 additional flight training periods per year. Those interested should contact Capt. Tim Winslow, Aviation Command, at (303) 677-9851.

**The following are upcoming classes offered by the Directorate of Logistics:**

- Forklift Safety Training, Dec. 8 and Jan. 6.
- Driver Examiner Course, Nov. 30.
- Bus Driver Course, Jan. 25.

See your unit training noncommissioned officer to schedule classes with Individual Military Training.

**The deadline for Driver Licensing Procedures for a Military Vehicle Operator's**

**Identification Card has been extended to Nov. 30.** For more information, call Jim Adams at 526-3367.

**Regional Training Support Center's MILES equipment no longer comes with batteries.** Units are responsible for ordering batteries to support their training. Batteries for vehicle systems are six-volt Lantern Carbon Zinc, \$18.52 for a package of 12, NSN 6135-00-643-1310. Batteries for personnel and small arms systems are nine-volt Alkaline, \$10 for a package of 12, NSN 6135-00-900-2139. The batteries are available in the federal supply system. For more information, call 526-0820.

**The 3rd Cavalry Association is now recruiting volunteers to work in the museum gift shop.** Shifts will be no more than two hours. For more information, call 526-1368.

**The Fort Carson Fire and Emergency Services conducts burns in Fremont County on Ranges 143, 145 and 147, weather permitting.**

**Effective Dec. 1, American Express will no longer be the government travel card contractor.** All government American Express cards expire Nov. 30, and will no longer be available for travel use. Cards should be cut up and thrown away. NationsBank Visa is the new government travel card.

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

**The 104th Division (Institutional Training), a Reserve division headquartered in Vancouver, Wash., has openings for Reserve drill sergeants in Washington, Oregon and California and openings for Reserve instructors in a variety of military occupational specialties throughout the 12 western states.** The 104th Div. will train soldiers to become drill sergeants or instructor qualified. Soldiers leaving active duty who wish to continue their military careers part-time are encouraged to inquire. If interested, contact the Division Retention Office at (800) 517-8379 ext. 4182,

4183 or 4184.

**Darlene Dowd, needs leave donation due to the exhaustion leave.** Civilian employees should leave under the "Volunteer Program" should refer to the leave donation forms may be obtained from the administration/personnel section. The forms should be forwarded to the office for approval by the commanding representative at DRN 526-8006. Contact Janice Milligan at 526-8006.

**The Thrift Savings Plan is open through Jan. 31 for civilian employees.**

**The Wright Express General Services Agreement expires midnight Nov. 30.** The agreement issued by GSA are not to be used starting Nov. 1. The agreement is authorized at the AAFES Colorado Springs area stations. A PIN number will be provided on the new card at the time of activation. For more information, call Transportation Services at 526-8006.

### Fraud, waste and abuse

**The Fort Carson Aviation Command has been selected for a fraud, waste and abuse audit.**

**Fraud, Waste and Abuse (FWA) audit**

allows members of the public to report suspected fraud, waste and abuse.

To report suspected fraud, waste and abuse, call the government, call 1-800-451-7529.

Callers can remain anonymous. The information is confidential.

enough information to conduct a low-up investigation.

For more information, call 526-8006.

Five games are at home and five games are away, usually in the Denver area.

The spring season begins sometime in March.

Cost for participation is \$110 per person.

Anyone interested in further information can contact Bob Kimsey at 535-6754 at work or 594-0787 at home. For information on other soccer playing opportunities for boys and girls, call 597-6700.

**their own Christmas tree**

**forest beginning Dec. 1.**

**by the Information Services Center.** The harvesting trip includes saws and guides. Families can find their own tree.

Cost is \$15 per person, though prices will vary.

## Sports & Leisure Athletics

## Get Out!

### Presidential collection

A collection of Christmas cards and gifts from presidents during the past 75 years are on display at Focus on the Family. Included in the collection are Christmas cards painted by Dwight Eisenhower. The collection is displayed in the welcome center until Dec. 31. Mary Seeley, co-founder of the collection, has written a book titled "Season's Greetings from the White House." She will sign books in the welcome center Dec. 4. Military families receive a 10-percent discount in the bookstore during November and December.

### Christmas concert

The Air Force Band of the Rockies' Christmas concert is Dec. 13 at 3 p.m., at the World Arena. The popular traditional holiday music concert requires tickets, which are free. Contact the World Arena box office at 576-2727 for tickets.

### Fine arts series

A trombone and voice concert is Nov. 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the Fine Arts Center, 30 W. Dale St. Members of the Air Force Band of the Rockies per-

form the free concert.

### Christmas bazaar

Fountain Valley Senior Center, 5745 Southmoor Drive, holds its Christmas Arts and Crafts Bazaar Dec. 5, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be homemade chili and baked goods for sale. The senior center is just off Highway 85/87, behind the Kentucky Fried Chicken outlet in Fountain.

### Nutcracker ballet

The traditional Christmas ballet, "The Nutcracker Ballet," is Nov. 27 and 28 at 2:30 and 8 p.m., and Nov. 29 at 2:30 p.m. The ballet is at the Pikes Peak Center. Call 520-SHOW or TicketMaster for tickets.

### Theatreworks

Henrik Ibsen's "A Doll's House" runs through Dec. 6 at Dwire Theater at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, Thursdays at 7 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 4 p.m. Call 262-3232 for information. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for students.

### Concert

B.J. Thomas is in concert Nov. 27, at 7 p.m. at the Colorado Music Hall. Tickets are \$14 and \$18. Call 447-9797 for information.

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### Cyran

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## 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

1 = not missing anything

Artist: The Candyskins

Title: *Death of a Minor TV Celebrity*

Label: Velvel Records, New York

Rating: ☆☆☆1/2

by Adam Curry  
Mountaineer columnist

This talent-saturated five-piecer churns out a recognizable British Alternative-Guitar pop hybrid sound that is an immediate foot-tapper. Between these five guys, a solid, hard-edged sound seems to have developed, married to a measurable gift for harmony. On my trial run through this album, I was reminded of my initial taste of Oasis (hey, we got a couple of brothers here

too, maybe a little lighter on the sibling rivalry), Jellyfish, and a little-known Georgia band called The Marvelous Three. Not to say they have similar sound, but I knew I would be listening to this band regularly only after their first song drilled my head!

The tunes are very catchy, and these guys seem to have a knack for variety in their sound. The opening track, "Feed It," draws you in with a sound out of the 60s — or else the east coast — somewhere in between the two maybe. It's only when you listen to the lyrics and then read the press release that you realize the inspiration that spawned this song. Anyone recall the Heaven's Gate cult of recent media pounding?

The title track lays a mesh of timbre down and highlights it with some well rehearsed melody. Then, out of nowhere, we're hit with possibly the next retro turn in pop music. The winding electronic thread of an 80s-trained synthesizer sneaks in, and it's used well! Track 2, "It's a Sign," has a punk-inspired backbone, which surfaces in a few of the band's other songs. They seem to handle it well, although the rhythm section could use a little variety. A lot of raw talent went into the play of voice and band together.

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