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Photo by Sgt. Gustavo Bahena, CJTF 7 Public Affairs Officer

Medical evacuation ...

Coalition Joint Force Task 7 medical personnel and helicopter crew members carry a patient who must be medically evacuated by air, May 25 outside the CJTF 7 headquarters in Baghdad, Iraq.



Photo by Spc. Matt Millham

Hula dancing...

Jonnetta Peters, part of the four-member group Hula Hulau moani ke 'a la o ka laua 'e, performs a hula at Friday's Asian/Pacific Islander festival at the Elkhorn Conference Center.

3rd BCT soldiers hard at work, helping stabilize Iraq

Courtesy the 3rd Brigade Combat Team

The 3rd Brigade Combat Team is heavily committed in Iraq. It has been on the move since crossing the De-Militarized Zone, which separates Iraq and Kuwait. The 3rd BCT received a myriad of different missions ranging from combat operations to support and stability operations.

"They have moved along various urban and rural areas in Iraq. The reception, in general, has been very positive," said Capt. Kory Brendsel, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd BCT. "As the soldiers interact with the local populace, they are often greeted with waves, thumbs

up, and "victory" or "peace" hand signs. They continue to be greeted and accepted more and more favorably as our various missions take us from one area to the next.

"It is important for us to have a good relationship with the Iraqi people. We will continue to work hand-in-hand to restabilize their country and rebuild their infrastructure," said Brendsel.

"The days are quite busy and full of tasks that stress and challenge all of the soldiers of the brigade," said Col. Frederick S. Rudesheim, commander, 3rd BCT. "The teamwork, cooperation and hard work each soldier contributes has allowed the

brigade to accomplish a multitude of missions simultaneously. The 3rd BCT has traveled further and moved more often than any other brigade in the division. Already, many of the M-1 tanks and M-2 Bradleys have traveled more than 1,000 miles – it would take more than a year of hard training at Fort Carson to equal the amount of miles they have traveled."

One of those missions was when the 4th Infantry Division began to transition from preparation to actual combat operations, the 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry organized the 1st Brigade Combat Team. As 1st

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What's new

Celebrate Father's Day Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m. at Ironhorse Park with hayrides, pony rides, crafts, jump castle, face painting, balloons and other activities sponsored by Army Community Services.

Army Ball — Celebrating 228 years
The Army Ball is Saturday at 5:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel, 2886 S. Circle Drive, Colorado Springs.

Spouses stronger than book portrays

**Commentary by
Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service**

WASHINGTON — A book written by the wife of a retired officer received a lot of attention for depicting junior enlisted spouses as low-class women unable to pursue their dreams because of multiple pregnancies or lack of motivation.

Margaret Harrell, the author of "Invisible Women: Junior Enlisted Army Wives," featured the lives of three young spouses who have had to sacrifice their happiness in order to support their husbands' Army career.

First there is 20-year-old Dana, who got married after completing one semester of college, and early in her marriage had two unplanned pregnancies. Her family is financially unstable, and its first car was repossessed. Family support groups have been no help because she feels isolated from the other enlisted spouses because of her age. And she feels the officers' wives look down on her because her husband is only a private first class.

Then there is 16-year-old Jennifer, who had to not only deal with leaving her parents behind, but raising an infant as well. When she arrived at her husband's first duty station, no one told her about the Lending Closet, so they slept on the floor and she spent her days sitting inside an empty apartment.

Friends and the unit's family support group have helped Jennifer adapt to

the military community, and she said the Army has given them a better quality of life than they could have had in their hometown.

The final subject in the book is Toni. She's a 33-year-old native of New York with an associate's degree. When her husband enlisted as a heavy-wheel mechanic, she went from making \$19 an hour as a paralegal in New York to making minimum wage at a laundromat. At one point she looked forward to not working for a while. However, her husband, who was due to get promoted to specialist, was demoted to E-2 after failing to show up for formation on time. Therefore, she had no choice but to continue her minimum-wage job.

Toni's type A personality led her to befriend spouses of all ranks, and she eventually became the unit's family support group leader. She said that as long as her husband is happy, then she's happy.

People who have been in the military for a while know the stories related in the book aren't isolated cases, which is the reason programs such as Army Family Team Building, Army Emergency Relief and Consumer Affairs/Financial Assistance exists.

The Army is representative of its nation, and not everyone has the fortitude to endure the hardships of moving, deployments and occasional financial constraints. For the spouses who are taking care of their households, going to school or pursuing a career, the best way

to dispel the book's viewpoint is to be proud of accomplishments and share experiences with others.

The spouse who seeks all the benefits the Army has to offer makes the best mentor for the younger, more timid spouse. I'm not talking about the first sergeant's wife, but the feisty 24-year-old who is taking advantage of a dental assistant program she read about in the post newspaper.

It seems to some people that spouses take on the rank of their husbands, and they put up barriers between themselves and the lower-enlisted spouses. At one point, we have all been the new kid on the block, and we know how much it can mean to know someone is looking out for us.

In the Army, soldiers are taught not to stereotype. But as a female African-American, I know stereotyping exists and will most likely always exist.

Stereotypes and generalizations will always be around, but everyone in the military community knows the enlisted soldier corps has changed tremendously.

Soldiers are enlisting in the Army older, more educated and with more work experience.

Their spouses come in different genders, ages and social classes. I'm the active-duty soldier in my household,

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which shows that spouses cannot be pigeonholed in a category. Regardless of the servicemember's rank or job position, spouses are individuals. They have their own personalities and aspirations.

Enlisted spouses run households, balance checkbooks and pursue careers — and a lot of times they have to do it

alone. But the truth is, unless someone has had any contact with the military community, they don't know the strength of an enlisted spouse.

The world may never know, but I know that spouses are the reasons so many servicemembers feel at peace leaving their homes to defend our country.

So I want to say thank you to all spouses. Keep up the hard, and so many times thankless, work.

Appreciating life's small pleasures ...

Beauty beneath the burqa sight for few

**Commentary by Pvt. Terri Rorke
11th Public Affairs Detachment**

KANDAHAR AIR FIELD, Afghanistan —

Braided hair, black eye liner, jingling bracelets and henna-painted fingers of Afghan women are not seen by many soldiers, simply because of the Muslim culture — women are always hiding under the burqa.

Soldiers routinely conduct village searches, which entail searching residents. The soldiers normally ask to have all women and children go to one room while the area is being searched. Because of past incidents where women hid weapons under their burqas, female Army searchers are more commonly being added to the passenger list for ground assault convoys on operations.

When I was tasked to go on a mission recently, as a journalist, I thought my primary job would be to take pictures and set up interviews.

On the last couple of operations, though, I was to help out with searching females.

"Peace. I am a woman. I have to search you," I said in Pashto as I entered the dark rooms, taking off my helmet and sun glasses to show the scared and innocent I was a female.

The 2- to 3-year olds usually started crying and would grab on to their mother's beaded burqas. Because of the language barrier, I would ask them through gestures to stand up and spread their arms.

Some looked directly in my eyes as I searched them, while others tried to hide underneath their robes. Some were shy and giggled as I patted their shoulders. Instead of weapons they would pull out metal containers filled with beads from their dresses in colors of blue, red, purple, pink and neon variations.

I had my camera with me. I wanted to take pictures, but I didn't want to upset any of them. They

were beautiful, yet so hidden. It is something I don't understand as an American and as someone who doesn't follow the Muslim lifestyle in the Middle East and central Asia.

Although I didn't totally understand what they were saying, I knew they were trying to tell me, "See, I wasn't hiding anything," after I was finished.

A couple of times I met women who looked just like Russians. I asked through gestures if I could take their picture. "No, no," they would reply in Pashto.

I wished I was a fly on the wall that could just snap away and I would then be able to show the world their beauty. But all I could do was say thanks for cooperating, and I would leave them in their dark huts where their beauty remains to be seen strictly by their families, and maybe a female military journalist from time to time.

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News

Army partially lifts stop-loss order

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army has lifted stop loss for active-component units and for soldiers in about half of the specialties that had been required to stay on active duty.

Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs Reginald J. Brown approved the partial lifting of stop Loss May 27. The lifting of stop loss will allow about 16,000 active-component, 4,900 Army Reserve and 675 National Guard soldiers to leave active duty if they want between now and October, personnel officials said.

These soldiers, as they begin their transition from the Army, will be provided time to complete transition and career counseling, along with demobilization activities, officials said. They said the Army's Stop Loss exit strategy will normally allow 180 days to transition soldiers returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Personnel strength managers from all Army components will regulate separation dates to ensure there is no adverse impact on Armywide readiness, officials said.

The Army lifted its stop movement order earlier this month to allow many OIF soldiers to report to their next assignments.

Soldiers in the following specialties are no longer subject to stop loss:

Officers with specialties: 15C35 (Aviation Intelligence); Additional Skill Identifier (ASI) K4 (Special Operations Aviation), K5 (MH-60K Pilot), and/or K6 (H-47E Pilot); 18 (Special Forces); 38 (Civil Affairs); 39 (Psychological Operations).

Warrant Officers with specialties: 153E (MH-60 Pilot); 154E (MH-47 Pilot); 155E (C-12 Pilot); 155G (O-5A/EO-5B/RC-7 Pilot); Pilots with ASI K4 (Special Operations Aviation), K5 (MH-60K Pilot, and/or K6 H-47E Pilot); 180A (Special Forces); 350B (Intelligence Technician); 351C (Area Intelligence Technician); 352G (Voice Intercept Technician).

Enlisted soldiers with Military Occupational Specialties: 00Z (Command Sergeant Major with Special Forces (SF) background); 18B (SF Weapons Sergeant); 18C (SF Engineer sergeant); 18D (SF Medical sergeant); 18E (SF Communications sergeant); 18F (SF Operations and Intelligence sergeant); 18Z (SF seniors sergeant); 37F (Psychological Operations Specialist); 38A (Civil Affairs Specialist); 67U (CH-47 Helicopter Repairer); 98C (Signals Intelligence Analyst).

The stop loss policy was initiated in four separate increments to allow the Army to retain soldiers, determined to be essential to the national security of the United States, on active duty beyond their date of retire-

ment or separation for an open-ended period. It began with Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom Nov. 30, 2001. Reserve-component unit stop loss, which affects reserve soldiers assigned to alerted or mobilized RC units, remains in effect.

The following skills for all components remain affected by the Army's 12-Month, Skill-Based Stop Loss Program:

Officers designated: 30 Information Operations, 31 Military Police, 34 Strategic Intelligence, 35 Military Intelligence, 45A Comptroller, 48G FAO (Mideast/N Africa), 51C Contract & Industrial Management, 53 Information Systems Management.

Warrant Officers: 152C OH-6 Scout Pilot, 153D UH-60 Pilot, 154C CH-47D Pilot, 311A CID Special Agent, 351B Counter Intelligence Technician, 351E Human Intelligence Collection Technician.

Enlisted: 52E Prime Power Production Specialist, 55D EOD Specialist, 74B Information Systems Operator, 92M Mortuary Affairs Specialist, 95B Military Police, 95C Correctional Specialist, 95D CID Special Agent, 96B Intelligence Analyst, 96U UAV Operator, 97B Counter Intelligence Agent, 97E Human Intelligence Collector, 97L Translator (Minus Russian and Spanish), 98G Voice Interceptor (Language Specific).

A fond farewell ...

Brig. Gen. Robert J. Reese (center), deputy commanding general, 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson, and his wife Shari greet well-wishers after his going-away ceremony May 29. Reese's next assignment will take him to White Sands, N.M. where he will serve as the commanding general.



Photo by Spc. Matt Millham

Military

Single but not forgotten ...

3rd ACR spouses salute single troops

by Spc. Matt Millhem

14th Public Affairs Detachment

A lot of attention is paid to the families of soldiers who deployed and left spouses and children at home, but there are many soldiers who deployed without leaving families behind. Many single soldiers are deployed without the benefit of a buttressing network of family support back home.

There is a gap between what the military supplies and what a soldier needs, a gap measured in simple things like soap, toothpaste and sunscreen. Packages from home supply more than morale; they also supply these basic needs.

When he arrived in Iraq with his unit, F Troop Mortars, 3rd Armored Cavalry, Sgt. Gary Villalobos wrote home to his wife Sandra asking if she could send some things for the single soldiers in his unit. She brought the issue up at a squadron meeting with the hope of getting some support in organizing an effort to help the single soldiers.

"I said, let's adopt some of the single soldiers," said Villalobos. "I thought this would help lift their spirits a little bit."

But there seemed to be little interest in the idea of a large organized effort to send needed personal supplies to the single soldiers, she said.

Without the support of the squadron, Villalobos and her friend Sylvia Baca, whose husband Staff Sgt. Joe Baca is also in 3rd ACR F Troop Mortars, decided they would do what they could for the soldiers in their

husbands' unit.

While Baca and Villalobos had the idea, they didn't have the money they needed to make it happen.

"We didn't know at first it was going to cost that much," said Villalobos. When they initially set off to shop for the care packages they realized it was going to cost much more than they had budgeted.

Donations of money and items from more than 40 people, churches and businesses took the brakes off the project.

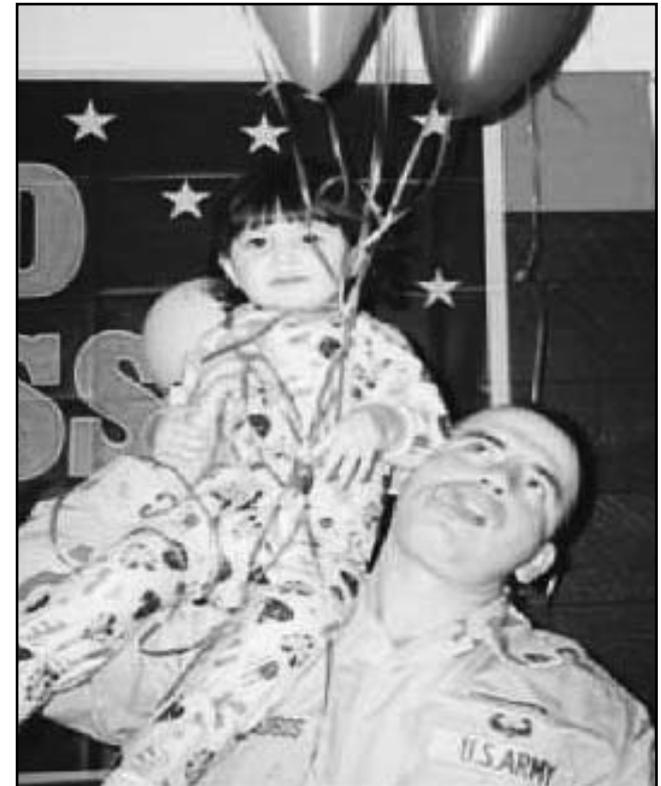
They went shopping for enough laundry soap, toilet paper, soap, cotton swabs, gum, shampoo, pens, paper and other items for 14 boxes. The post office and another business donated boxes to ship the items overseas.

"It cost almost \$200 to ship all these boxes," said Villalobos.

They sent 13 boxes to the soldiers in their husbands' unit and one to Baca's cousin who is also deployed and single, though not a Fort Carson soldier.

"We stayed up until midnight for two weeks in a row doing this," said Villalobos. "We wrapped the last box and me and Mrs. Baca looked at each other and said, 'we are done.' We were so excited."

Villalobos hasn't heard from her husband whether the packages have reached them yet. She mailed them out three weeks ago and doesn't expect the mail will be nearly as fast as she and Baca hoped. She's less worried about them getting there than getting there all at the same time. The point is, after all, for the single soldiers



Courtesy photo

Sgt. Gary Villalobos, F Troop Mortars, 3rd Armored Cavalry, and daughter Ashley enjoy a night out before he deployed.

to know while they may not have left families at home, people are thinking about them, they are missed, and they are not being left out.

Military Briefs

Hours of operation

Information, Tickets and Registration Office and the Outdoor Recreation Complex Information

Desk have been combined in an effort to better serve customers. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For information, call 526-2083 or 526-5366.

For official travel services, Carlson-Wagonlit Travel, in building 1012 on Long Street, is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and until 3 p.m. on training holidays.

Travelers are reminded to bring three copies of travel orders when picking up tickets for official travel. Soldiers and family members must have one original and one copy of their "travelopes" and three copies of each order, to include amendments, for overseas permanent changes of station. If you cannot pick up your tickets in person, you can fax a copy of orders to 526-1142 or 576-5262 for issuance of an e-ticket.

Please call 576-5188 to confirm receipt of faxed orders. Tickets will not be issued without orders. If you do not use your ticket, you must bring it and two copies of your orders. If you were issued an e-ticket and did not travel, you still must bring in two copies of orders to process a refund for the unused ticket.

Legal Assistance hours —

Hours at the Legal Assistance are back to normal. Walk-ins to see attorneys are Mondays and Fridays only; sign in is at 12:30 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis. Powers of Attorney and notaries are done on a walk-in basis 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m.

New CIF Hours

Effective immediately, individuals may conduct their business at Central Issue Facility (draw, turn-in, DX) during the following times:

Building 330: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from noon to 3 p.m.; Tuesdays 8 to 11 a.m.; Wednesdays 8 to 11 a.m.

Building 309 (desert items): Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 8 to 11 a.m. and noon to 3 p.m. There may be an occasional change to the hours if

there is a large unit mobilizing or demobilizing. The change will be put out through e-mail, mobilization meetings, command sergeant major channels and signs at CIF.

Turn-in of complete TA-50 (End of Time in Service, Permanent Change of Station) is by appointment; call 526-5512.

Bulk issue or turn-in of items by supply sergeants must still be done by appointment. Appointments should be made with Connie Thompson, CIF, at 524-2006.

Briefings

Special Forces briefings —

Special Forces recruiting briefings are Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. at the Grant Library for males in the pay grades E-3 to E-7 with a general test score of 100 or higher and who are U.S. citizens.

ETS/Transition briefing

schedule — In order for soldiers to receive their end of time in service orders, soldiers must attend an End of Term of Service briefing. Soldiers may sign in at 7:15 a.m. and the briefing begins at 7:30 a.m. in building 1118, room 317.

For more information, call the Transition Center at 526-2240 or 526-4298.

The Commanding General's Newcomers' Brief is the third

Wednesday of each month, 1 to 3 p.m. at McMahon Theater.

Laundry Service

Post Laundry Service — The Post Laundry service provides free laundry and dry cleaning service to soldiers for government-owned property only. Items issued by the Central Issue Facility should be cleaned at the Post Laundry prior to turn in. Soldiers are reminded to allow extra time for items to return from the cleaners. It is not recommended to pick up your equipment on the same day as the scheduled CIF appointment. The turn around for the service is 72 hours. No appointment is necessary. The Post Laundry will not clean personal items like BDUs, boots, tent pegs, canteens, entrenching tools or wet-weather gear. Material TA-50 items that can be washed include: sleeping bag assembly, chemical suits, Gortex, ruck sacks, coveralls, CVC jackets and most web equipment.

Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 3:45 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, excluding holidays. For more information, call 526-8806 or 526-8804.

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

Dining Schedule

Week of June 6 to 13

Weekday Dining Facilities

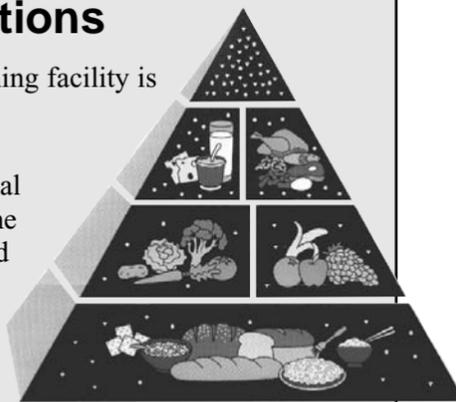
43rd ASG Cheyenne Mtn. Inn (building 1040)
3rd ACR CAV House (building 2461)
3rd ACR Butts Army Airfield (building 9612)
3rd BCT Iron Bde. (building 2061)

Weekday Meal Hours

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

Exceptions

- 10th SFG (A) dining facility is open again
- 10th SFG (A) meal hours are the same M-F and is closed weekends and holidays.



Saturday, Sunday and Training Holiday Dining Facilities

3rd BCT Iron BDE. (building 2061)
3rd ACR Cav. House. (building 2461)
43rd ASG (building 1040)

Saturday, Sunday and Training Holiday Meal Hours

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

Mission complete ...

Maj. Gen. Robert Wilson, commanding general, 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson, congratulates Staff Sgt. Paul Everett for 21 years of successful military service at the Fort Carson monthly retirement ceremony on Manhart Field Friday as Everett's wife Kimberely and Command Sgt. Maj. Terrance McWilliams look on. Also honored were Chap. (Col.) John Bauer, Lt. Col. Rae Hartmann, Lt. Col. Scott Gearhart, Command Sgt. Maj. Gerry Ragle, Command Sgt. Maj. Francis McCabe, Master Sgt. Steven Yates and Master Sgt. Pamela Lawson-Dixon.



Photo by Spc. Jon Wiley

Greenback

MyPay: Key to controlling your pay

by 1st Lt. Theodore Stutz
4th Finance Battalion

MyPay puts you in control of your pay any time, anywhere. With secure, convenient access, MyPay offers confidence of personally managing your pay with no middleman and no waiting in lines. MyPay offers convenient and secure access to your pay information that is available from any Internet-ready computer that supports strong 128-bit encryption, nearly around the clock.

Useful features available through MyPay:

1. MyPay delivers your Leave and Earning Statements two days before print mail.
2. Changes made on MyPay are effective the current pay period.
3. With MyPay, you have the confidence in knowing your pay information is accurate because you're in charge.
4. View, print and save LESs.
5. View, print and save tax statements such as W2s and 1099s.
6. Change federal and state tax withholding.
7. Update bank account and Electronic Fund Transfer information.
8. Manage financial allotments.
9. Edit personal and address information.
10. Purchase/update U.S. savings bonds.
11. Administer your Thrift Savings Plan (military only).

Because MyPay lets people make changes fast, people spend less time in line waiting to make changes to their pay and more time on their mission. People have greater confidence and experience fewer errors. Finally, cost of financial operations decrease because fewer hours are spent in customer support or resolving problems, and the costs associated with printing and mailing LESs can be eliminated.

How to set up a MyPay account

Simply log on at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>. People

who used E/MSS can use their existing personal identification number. Most new users can click "need new PIN" and the system will mail them a personal identification number within days. PINs are mailed for greater security. Questions about MyPay can be answered by customer support at (800) 390-2348. Active Army and Navy members may request PINs by faxing name, social security number, phone number, signature and copy of government ID to DFAS at (216) 522-5800.

Experiencing financial problems

The results of a 1997 study recently released by the Pentagon show that more than half of all enlisted service-members are experiencing some type of financial difficulty. To see if you're one of them, compare your own financial situation to these results:

- 27 percent reported trouble paying bills.
- 21 percent have received pressure from bill collectors.
- 19 percent said they had trouble making ends meet.
- 9 percent had pawned valuables.
- 4 percent were behind in their rent or mortgage payments.
- 4 percent reported serious difficulties, such as having utilities shut off, repossession or bankruptcy.

Spending habits

If you have experienced any of the above problems, you are having financial troubles. Further, if you owe credit card companies more than half of what your family's combined monthly take home pay is, then you are entering the danger zone.

It is not OK to have these types of problems. These problems will lead you into a life of unneeded stress and limited freedom, or even worse, not being

able to support yourself and your family in the event of an emergency or forced retirement. You must start to combat these problems today.

There is no miracle, no overnight solution. Debt consolidation can help, but will only be a temporary solution. The only way to reach financial stability is to limit your spending.

Americans need to retrain their minds to think of buying something only when they have the money to do so. Home and car loans can be the exception only if the monthly payments won't force you to buy essential items on credit cards.

There are four phases in the fight to win the war against money

and make it our friend:

- Stop spending money you don't have. Learn to live without the extra things you used to put on credit cards.
- Turn the "debt train" around. Get to the point where you are paying all your bills on time and steadily paying down credit card debt every month.
- Begin to save. When the end of your credit card debt is in sight (under \$1,000), begin to put some money in a savings account.
- Reach financial freedom. With credit cards paid off, close all but one credit card account. Maintain your spending discipline and begin to save for things you want and then buy them.
- Begin a retirement account.

Hours of operation

Finance customer service, located in building 1854, now has the following hours of operation.

Monday: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thursday: Open 1 to 3 p.m. only if Thursday is end of month payday.





Photo by Sgt. Melissa Bernazzani



Photo by Spc. Matt Millham

In loving memory ...

Above: A 21-gun salute is given during the memorial service Monday for Staff Sgt. Michael B. Quinn and Sgt. Thomas F. Broomhead, both of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, who were killed May 27 at a security checkpoint in Fallujah, Iraq. Left: Maj. Mathew Schram, 3rd ACR, was honored in a memorial service Friday. Schram was killed when his supply convoy was ambushed northwest of Baghdad May 26. Also honored in a memorial service Tuesday was Sgt. Keman Mitchell, a 3rd Brigade Combat Team soldier who died May 26 while serving in Karkuk, Iraq.

MPs carry torch for Special Olympics run

Courtesy Provost Marshal Office

Law enforcement soldiers on Fort Carson had the honor of participating in the annual fund-raiser for the Special Olympics.

The "Torch Run" is a national law enforcement event; this year Provost Marshal Lt. Col. Byron Freeman received the torch from the Fountain Police Department at Gate 20 and with soldiers from the various military police/Criminal Investigative Division units at Fort Carson, ran across post before passing the torch to Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Security Police at Gate 2.

Vehicle registration on the move

The Vehicle Registration Office has moved to a new office, adjacent to Gate 1 and is now operational.

A great community success

The PMO thanks all involved for the overwhelming soldier and community support during the Tim McGraw concert.

Reminders from the provost sergeant major

Always secure your quarters, regardless of how long you will be away. The Provost Marshal Office is



Photo by Spc. Matt Millham

Lt. Col. Byron Freeman, Fort Carson provost marshal, leads Fort Carson law enforcement soldiers in handing off the Special Olympics torch to NORAD security forces at Gate 20 May 30.

supporting and participating in the "Click it or Ticket" campaign; seat belts save lives.

Traffic Roll Up

In the past week there were 99 total citations:

- 45 for speeding
- 4 for failure to use seat belts
- 40 for other violations (e.g.: malfunctioning equipment, lack of insurance or registration, expired plates and improper vehicle operation)

3rd BCT

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Bn., 8th Infantry began to maneuver north, they became the first unit in the division to enter a combat situation, which is significant because it was the first time in 30 years that the BCT, and more directly, the division, has been in combat. "The realistic and challenging training the 3rd BCT has conducted prior to deployment prepared the soldiers for a full spectrum of operations. No matter what the task, we approached it with vigor and professionalism that are syn-

onymous with the 3rd BCT."

Recently, most of their efforts have been based on stability and support operations. The various units in the brigade have been conducting security patrols to enforce law and order in the community. In Samarra, the 4th Engineer Battalion conducted joint patrols with the local law enforcement to provide resources, credibility, and resolve to the new Samarran police force, as it tried to re-establish itself. Additionally, they have been meeting with civic leaders in the area to help assess how they can help the Iraqi people and how they can help themselves. This

task involves evaluating the local financial institutions, legal systems, health-care facilities, public educational systems, fire department resources and utility facilities. These are all critical tasks that will help the Iraqi people get back to a more normal, comfortable and stable way of life.

"The 3rd BCT was directly involved with negotiating and observing the disarmament of the Mujahedin E-Khaliq or MEK," Rudesheim. "The MEK is a very proud, professional and modern force. Fortunately for the BCT, as well as the eastern area of Iraq, they were successful in accomplishing this task. This disarma-

ment will be critical to helping add stability to Iraq, especially along the Iraq/Iran border."

Together, everyone's efforts have prevented any disruption to coalition activities, as well as contributing to the mission's overall success.

The soldiers in Iraq are thankful for the support they've been receiving.

"It means a lot to our soldiers and their families to know we have the tremendous support of the Colorado Springs and Fort Carson communities. Thanks for your continued thoughts and prayers," said Rudesheim.

Community

Shoplifting . . .

A \$10 billion crime that affects everyone

by Spc. Jon Wiley
Mountaineer Staff

There's a reason why stolen merchandise is called "hot" — it burns everyone who shops.

Every minute retail stores across the nation lose anywhere from \$16,800 to \$19,200 worth of merchandise due to shoplifting, according to a study conducted by Hayes International, a company that tracks retail activities. That's \$9 to \$10 billion a year, a loss that is passed on to you, the consumer.

Post exchanges are not immune to this problem. Since February, security at local Army and Air Force Exchange Service facilities have caught 70 shoplifters, said Frank Eustice, loss prevention manager for Fort Carson, Peterson Air Force Base, North American Aerospace Defense Command and the U.S. Air Force Academy AAFES facilities. He added that for every shoplifter apprehended one can bet there are three who got away.

"This has a dramatic impact on our exchanges, not only on AAFES, but also on our customers because prices have to be increased to make up for the loss," Eustice said.

For example, he explained that for every \$100 leather coat stolen, a post exchange has to sell an average of five to make up for the loss.

Eustice said items stolen include "clothing, electronic devices, CDs (compact discs), video games, makeup — basically anything that's easy to pilfer."

He also said "shoplifters come from all backgrounds" and have different motivations. "A lot of times it's teenagers who steal because of peer pressure, or maybe there's something they want, and mom and dad won't buy it for them. Unfortunately, we also have military customers who shoplift, or sometimes people just steal something because they can't afford it."

Whatever the reason for the offense, there's one thing everyone caught removing merchandise from an AAFES facility can count on: a \$200 fine. That applies even if the person is not found guilty of committing a crime.

"Under the AAFES Civil Recovery Program, we collect \$200 from everyone caught stealing regardless of whether they took a \$3 tube of lipstick or a \$99.95 jacket," Eustice said.

When a juvenile is caught, the parent or guardian is responsible for payment.

Those caught stealing off a military post may face a similar fine. Under Colorado's Civil Shoplifting Law, retailers may charge shoplifters a fine ranging



Photo illustration by Spc. Jon Wiley

Every minute 560 to 640 incidents of shoplifting occur in retail stores across the nation — that adds up to 290 to 310 million incidents a year and accounts for one-third of the total inventory shrinkage in the average store.

from \$100 to \$500.

In addition to the fine, shoplifters can be charged with a criminal offense.

Criminal charges for those caught shoplifting from an AAFES facility vary, depending on whether the shoplifter is a servicemember, civilian or juvenile.

"If a civilian is caught stealing from an AAFES establishment, he or she is charged with larceny of government property, which is a federal crime," said Capt. Kelly Davison, special assistant U.S. attorney with Fort Carson's Judge Advocate General's office.

Davison said if the face value of the property is \$1,000 or more, the crime is a felony, and the shoplifter faces a maximum punishment of 10 years in prison, a maximum fine of \$250,000 or both. If the property value is less than \$1,000, it's considered a class A misdemeanor and carries a maximum fine of \$100,000 and one year

of jail time.

However, "first offenders usually get a fine of a few hundred dollars plus must pay restitution of the property," Davison said.

That's in addition to the \$200 civil fine. So, a \$1 item can end up costing a shoplifter \$500 or more.

Juvenile shoplifters are turned over to the juvenile prosecution system for El Paso County.

"Typically, if the juvenile has no prior offenses and is willing to admit guilt, he is enrolled in a diversion program and not referred to the criminal court system," said John Newsome, head of the juvenile prosecution for the 4th judicial district, El Paso and Teller counties.

Newsome said juveniles must "attend a theft seminar, write essays, do public service, pay restitution and possibly participate in El Paso County's Jail Jolt program," which is where they are locked up for a short period of time and introduced to hardened criminals.

Repeat offenders are not eligible for the diversion program; they will most likely receive one chance at probation but after that they will receive jail time, Newsome said.

Servicemembers who are caught shoplifting are turned in to their units, Eustice said.

Commanders have a lot of discretion when determining soldiers' punishment. They can receive anything from a summarized Article 15 to a General Court Martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, depending on the dollar amount of the property stolen, prior offense and other extenuating circumstances, said Sgt. Jose-Manual Valencia, 3rd Brigade Combat Team paralegal noncommissioned officer.

Whatever the punishment, it's not worth committing the crime. Shoplifting burns everyone — those who have to pay higher prices to cover expenses due to store losses and those caught with hot items.

How much does shoplifting cost?

The cost of shoplifting is related to the profit margin of the store that's targeted. If, for example, a store has a 10 percent profit margin, and someone steals a \$2 item, it will have to sell \$20 worth of merchandise to make up for that loss. Some stores have very low profit margins and suffer greatly because of shoplifting. Grocery stores often have a profit margin of around 1 percent. If someone shoplifts a steak worth \$7, the store must sell \$700 worth of goods to recover the loss. Stores also have to pay administrative costs for security cameras and personnel. These expenses are passed on to you, the consumer, in the form of higher prices.

Community Events

Miscellaneous

Memorial service — A memorial service and reception are planned for the friends and family of Robert L. Dickon, Fort Carson contract employee, June 14 at the VFW Post No. 4051, 430 E. Pikes Peak Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903. The memorial service is at 2 p.m. and the reception is from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 597-5210.

Enlisted Spouses Charitable Organization — The Enlisted Spouses' Charitable Organization will meet July 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Elkhorn Conference Center. Membership in ESCO is open to all spouses of enlisted or warrant officer soldiers, whether active duty, Reserve, Guard or retired and all are invited to attend. If you are interested in meeting new people and having a great time, please join us. ESCO members participate in making long-lasting friendships, volunteer opportunities on and off post, and sponsor military family events. ESCO meetings consist of family events like craft night and themed potlucks. Children are always welcome to attend with a parent. If you are interested in joining, please attend a meeting or e-mail us at CarsonESCO@hotmail.com or call our office at the Family Connection 524-1115.

American Red Cross
The American Red Cross is offering an Adult, Infant and Child CPR, Automated External Defibrillator and First Aid classes on Saturday June 14 and Saturday July 26. The classes will be held at the Red Cross office at Evans Army Community Hospital, Room 1801. For more information, call 526-7825.

Red Cross is also giving fbaby clothes to children born after Sept. 11, 2001 to soldiers deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom.

To participate, go to the Red Cross office to fill out an information sheet. The clothing will be sent to your house.

Grass mowing — Due to budget constraints, grass mowing this season by the Directorate of Public Works, BASOPS contractor, LB&B, will be greatly reduced. The following areas will be the only areas mowed by LB&B:

Nelson Boulevard from Gate 1 to Chiles Avenue; Manhart Field; Headquarters building 1430 and Pershing Field. Other building occupants will be required to mow their own grass up to and including 50 feet around their building. For additional information, contact Don Fuhrman at 526-2215.

Lawn Service — JA Jones and SolSource are announcing a lawn mowing and trimming service beginning Monday. The cost is \$10 per week paid in advance. For more information, contact Carmen Givens at the Fort Carson Family Housing Finance Office, building 7301.

On-post housing availability — Any family waiting for junior enlisted on-post housing needs to come into the housing office in building 7301 Woodfill Road, room 104, and immediately verify their status on the waiting list, as well as update their contact information. The housing office has several homes becoming available in the very near future. Due to deployments and soldiers changing unit locations, we are having difficulties reaching those soldiers and/or their spouses. Hours of operation are Mondays through Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information or questions, call 526-2323.

ACAP job openings — Army Career and Alumni Program currently has the following jobs listings for interested personnel. For more information about the jobs, call 526-1002.

What: Counterterrorism analyst in Colorado Springs Who: Anyone with a secret security clearance, Bachelor's degree or three to five years experience

What: Loss Prevention Officer in Colorado Springs, (nationwide positions also available)

What: Heavy equipment mechanics, nationwide opening Who: Anyone with three years experience

What: Turret mechanics in the Middle East Who: 45 Series, DS Level minimum E-5

What: Physician assistant in the Middle East Who: WO preferred, current license required.

What: Equipment Operator in Rock Springs, Wyo.; Bakersfield, Calif.; and Farmington, N.M. Must have a clean driving records and no driving under the influence incidents. Anyone in the ranks of E-3 to E-6 may apply.

What: Quality Control Technician in Boulder. Bachelor of science in chemistry required.

What: Engineering technical manager in Boulder. Bachelor of engineering required.

What: Web maintenance program analyst in the Colorado Springs area. High school diploma and three to five years experience required.

What: Linguists with a bachelor of arts in the Colorado Springs area.

For more information, contact ACAP at 526-1002.

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will be sponsoring an in-service day Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the CPAC Conference Room. This event will give employees an opportunity to meet with health care representatives and ask questions regarding health care coverage. Representatives include: Pacificare, Kaiser, Mail Handlers and Blue Cross/Blue Shield. For more information, call 526-6971.

Vehicle Loading ramps — From Monday through July 18, the Directorate of Logistics' Vehicle Storage yard loading ramps, building 8020, can not be used for loading or unloading of vehicles due to construction. The loading ramps are being upgraded at that time. Units that need loading or unloading of trucks will need to use one of the two docks located on Minick Avenue (behind unit motorpools). For more information, call Allen Jackson, DOL engineering technician, 526-2896, or Roy Hakenberg, 526-6042.

Water restrictions

Fort Carson is currently at Stage II — Level B watering restrictions until further notice due to ongoing drought conditions. The *Mountaineer* will publish detailed, updated watering guidance for Fort Carson when released. For more information on current water restriction or Stage II — Level B watering guidance, visit the Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management Web site at www.carson.army.mil/Decam/Homepage.html or log on to the Colorado Springs Utilities web site at www.csu.org.

Claims against the estate of:

Sgt. Michael Brian Quinn: With deepest regret to the family of Sgt. Michael Brian Quinn, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate would contact 1st Lt. Daniel R. Thompson at 382-8858 or 526-6514.

Chief Warrant Officer Brian K. Van Dusen: With deepest regret to the family of Chief Warrant Officer Brian K.

**Army Community Service
Family Readiness Center
526-4590**

**'Create A Memory
For Your Dad'**



CELEBRATE DADS

**Thursday,
June 12, 3 to 6 p.m.**

Iron Horse Park

Hayrides/Ponyrides
Crafts
Jump Castle
Face Painting
Bubbles & Balloons
Father's Day Cards
Dog Tags

Hot Dogs, Chips & Drinks (\$1.50 for all 3 items)

Van Dusen, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate would contact Capt. Jae Pylon at 524-3529.

Cpl. Richard Paul Carl: With deepest regret to the family of Cpl. Richard Paul Carl, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 2nd Lt. Adam Grow at 524-3529.

Chief Warrant Officer Hans N. Gukeisen: With deepest regret to the family of Chief Warrant Officer Hans N. Gukeisen, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 1st Lt. Daniel R. Thompson at 382-8858 or 526-1954.

Maj. Earl William Schram: With deepest regret to the family of Chief Maj. Earl William Schram, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact Capt. Paul Creal at 524-1281.

Sgt. Keman Lavor Mitchell: With deepest regret to the family of Sgt. Keman Lavor Mitchell, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 1st Lt. Wade Barker at 526-3456



Photo by Spc. Jon Wiley

Volunteer appreciation ...

Volunteer Rebekka Cooley helps 2-year-old Andy Chopper and 3-year-old Kylie Holcombe participate in activities at the Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony and picnic at Ironhorse Park Saturday. The annual event recognizes the contributions made to the quality of life by community volunteers.

Chaplain's Corner

Remember special sacrifices

Chap. (Maj.) D. Brent Jones
307th Quartermaster Battalion

Kirk Wilkinson says not a day goes by he doesn't thank God for his big brother Jay who saved his life.

It was a summer day, when Jay pushed Kirk out of the way of a speeding truck while Kirk was chasing a baseball into the street. Kirk's life was spared. However, his big brother was not as lucky. He was killed by the impact of the truck.

In an article, in my possession, Kirk writes that "many years have passed since Jay pushed me out of the way of that truck. My life was changed in a matter of minutes, and I have taken it upon myself to tell the world what my brother did to save my life. I have tried to live my life in a way that will in part pay my older brother back for his sacrifice. My life was saved because someone loved me enough to suffer his life to be taken."

Even though the remembrance of that event brings in its wake sorrow and sadness, a powerful feeling of gratitude fills Kirk's life in remembrance

of that day. We, too, must take time to frequently remember the special sacrifices that have been made in our behalf. Those sacrifices have brought to us many of the freedoms that we now enjoy.

Years went by before understanding why my parents wanted me to participate with them in taking flowers to the cemetery annually on Memorial Day. While back East attending Chaplain Officer Basic Course at Fort Monmouth, N.J., I took a trip to Arlington National Cemetery and the Vietnam War Memorial. The feeling of gratitude that filled my soul, especially in reading from the wall the names of the fallen soldiers of the Vietnam War, is difficult to describe unless you have been there. I didn't even know any of the people listed.

The time we take to remember the sacrifices of others will pay great dividends to us in the long run, especially as we learn to recognize the great things God has done for us. The scriptures are a great resource to see what God has done for us in the past. There

are many. For example, Joshua, the prophet successor to Moses, led the children of Israel into a land promised to them by God. They needed to cross the Jordan River, which was overflowing at the time of harvest (see Joshua 3:15.). Miraculously and powerfully, Joshua led them in a similar fashion as Moses had led the children of Israel earlier at the crossing of the Red Sea. The "waters which came from above stood and rose up upon a heap" and "all the Israelites passed over on dry ground," (Joshua 3:16-17).

In commemoration of this sacred event, the narrative explains that the children of Israel "took up 12 stones out of the midst of Jordan ... according to the number of the tribes," (Joshua 4:8) in order that the stones may "be for a memorial unto the children of Israel forever;" (Joshua 4:7). These stones were placed in a strategic location for that purpose — to help them remember. They needed to remember the great things God had done in enabling them to cross the Jordan River.

We, too, must remember. We all have a great heritage fashioned after the "image of God," (Genesis 1:26.). We are his children. The Old and New Testaments are filled with great things God has done for our brothers and sisters of times past. Daily reading from these pages will serve as a memorial as did the stones gathered in Joshua's day. In addition, God has set one day in seven to similarly bring these great and miraculous things to our remembrance through the singing of hymns and pondering of his words.

We invite all to gather these stones of remembrance in our day by daily pondering of his words and attending a weekly religious service of your choice.

Just as Kirk says there isn't a day that goes by that he doesn't thank God for his big brother, so we must learn to live daily in the spirit of gratitude for the things God has done. By doing this, we will experience more joy and peace in our lives and live in such a way as to payback God and others for their great sacrifices.

Is your identity safe?

Protect yourself from thieves

Maj. Diana Mancia
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate
Legal Assistance Division

Who has your name? Who has your number? Could you be a victim of identity theft?

Identity theft occurs when someone else uses your personal information (name, date of birth, social security number) to assume your identity. Identity thieves will open a credit card account in your name and not pay the bill; establish cellular phone service in your name and not pay the bill; open a bank account in your name and write bad checks. All of this misconduct gets reported on your credit report.

Military personnel and their family members need to be particularly conscientious because we always carry our military identification card. That one item has all the information (name, social security number, date of birth) that a thief needs to assume your identity. With it, the thief can cause all kinds of financial and emotional distress. People who have had their wallets or personal documents stolen not only need to notify their banks and credit card companies, they need to notify the credit bureaus as well.

There are three major credit bureaus in the United States: Experian, Equifax and Transunion. These companies receive information reported from your creditors such as late payments, missed payments and balance due. They compile this information into one report that is available to you or businesses seeking to offer you credit.

When you notify the credit bureaus, they will put a "fraud alert" on your account. This will warn new creditors that the person applying for credit in your name may be a thief and that they should verify the identity before establishing new credit.

Unfortunately, not all creditors check with the credit bureaus or see the fraud alerts before issuing new credit. You have to periodically recheck your credit report to make sure the thief has not opened up new credit in your name. Fraud alerts only stay in place for a limited period of time (three months at Experian, six months at Equifax and 12 months at Transunion.) It is up to you to contact the credit

bureaus and discuss with them the renewal of the fraud alert. They will not do it automatically.

In December of 2002, about 500,000 military and their family members had personal information stolen from TriWest Healthcare Alliance, the TriCare central region provider. TriCare has sent two letters to each of the victims informing them of this event and the steps they should take to protect themselves. According to TriWest, as of March 2003 no identity theft cases have been tracked to this incident.

If a person thinks he may have been affected by the TriWest incident but has not received a letter, he can check the TriWest Web site at <http://triwest.com>, select ALERT box, then select Personal Information Verification Form from the menu in the left column. TriCare is providing a central point for requesting fraud alerts and initial credit reports from each of the three major credit bureaus. This information is also available on the TriWest Web site.

In addition to the TriWest incident, thousands of people each year fall victim to identity theft and not just from computer databases. The Fort Carson Legal Assistance Division has seen many cases where a person's wallet or personal documents were physically stolen and the thief assumed the victim's identity. Sadly, there has also been a marked increase of cases where the identity thief is a person known to the victim. Victims have also come in for assistance in cases where family members, roommates or co-workers have stolen their identity.

The Federal Trade Commission maintains the U.S. government's central Web site for information about identity theft. It has information on how to minimize the risk of becoming a victim, and what to do if you become a victim, as well as links and publications. It can be located at www.consumer.gov/idtheft.

Another good site for information, which addresses many consumer issues, including the TriWest incident is called the Military Sentinel. It is a joint project between the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Defense. It identifies and targets consumer protection issues that affect members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families. The Military Sentinel is located at

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Courtesy graphic

Who has your name? Who has your number? Could you be a victim of identity theft?

www.consumer.gov/military. If you have followed all the steps outlined by the creditors, credit bureaus and the Federal Trade Commission and are still having a problem with an identity theft issue, you should call your local Legal Assistance Attorney for assistance in getting back your identity.

Consult the Fort Carson Legal Assistance Division at 526-5572 if you have any questions or concerns about this or any other non-UCMJ legal issue.

The Fort Carson Legal Assistance Division schedules appointments for the following week on the preceding Friday. The Legal Assistance Division provides appointments on Monday and Friday mornings, as well as Wednesdays. Walk-in consultations are available on a first-come, first-served basis on Monday and Friday afternoons, beginning at 1 p.m.

AFAP: Army policy on funding school construction

by Nancy A. Montville
Army Family Action Plan

Fort Carson held its annual Army Family Action Plan Conference in November of 2002. The child and youth and education workgroup prioritized the Army policy on funding school construction as one of its top three issues.

The scope of this issue stated current Army policy doesn't allow installations to assist school districts with construction/renovation of schools serving military children. Projected growth and increased mission at Fort Carson will increase classroom size in a middle school that is already near capacity and in need of major renovations. The workgroup recommended

the following:

Change Army policy to allow individual installations to assist with construction/renovation of new schools when needed.

Increase construction/renovation funding through impact aid for schools experiencing federal student growth.

Ed Whitercraft, deputy, Directorate of Public Works, responded to this issue stating that with the addition of the new housing units, the installation realized the need for a new school and immediately started working with School District 8. Initially, we had every intention to

help fund a new school, but it was decided at Department of Army that a

non-Department of Defense school could not be funded (even partially) with Army money. The school district obtained funding through their funding channels with help from our representatives in Washington. In future contracts, it may be possible to add funding but that would have to be done by individual contracts.

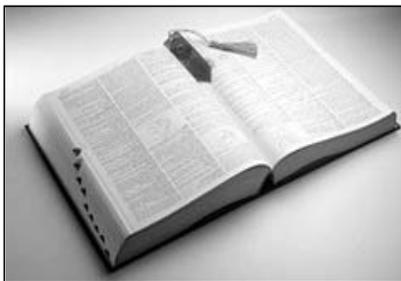
Capt. Avalon Mook from the Fort Carson Staff Judge Advocate office researched the issue as well. Mook responded as follows: impact aid allows for school construction through construction grants (Section 8007). Construction grants go to local school districts that educate high percentages of certain federally connected children to include children living on Indian lands and children of members of the uniformed services. These grants help pay for the construction and repair of

school buildings. Section 8007 (a) provides formula grants to the local school districts based on the number of eligible federally connected children they educate. Section 8007 (b) provides competitive grants for emergency repairs and modernization.

This issue was forwarded to the Force Command AFAP Conference where the response was as follows: This is an active Department of the Army AFAP Issue entitled #379 Impact Aid to Schools. Visit the DA AFAP Web site www.goacs.org and click on AFAP Issue Book.

For more information on this issue or to submit a new issue for the next Army Family Action Plan Conference, contact Nancy A. Montville, the Fort Carson AFAP Coordinator, at 526-4590, or via e-mail tville@carson.army.mil.





Chapel

SCUBA is coming — a “Super Cool Undersea Bible Adventure” or SCUBA will be the 2003 Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m. to noon from June 16 to 20. All children age 4 through 6th grade may attend.

Registration has closed, but there may still be room for your child. Sometimes cancellations make room for more children. If you would like to have your child attend, call Kathy at 392-4788, Pat at 526-5744, or Dennis 526-5626.

Native American Sweatlodge —Native American Sweatlodge ceremonies (He Ska Akicita Inipi) are offered to military personnel, family members and Department of Defense personnel for traditional prayer and purification. Fasting before the ceremony is recommended and refreshments are offered following the ceremony. Call Michael Dunning at 382-5331 or (c) 330-9537 for ceremonial information and directions.

Fort Carson AWANA Club: Making the Gospel fun. AWANA shapes children’s lives with a combination of good clean fun, Bible memory and spiritual teaching. AWANA is an international nondenominational organization dedicated to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with young people. The group is similar to scouting and participants wear uniforms, earn badges and are motivated through awards. Meetings are held Thursdays from 5:15 to 7 p.m. Spaces are available for adults who want to be ministry leaders. The leadership training is free. For information, contact Susan Webb at 538-9306.

Chapel Schedule

ROMAN CATHOLIC					
Day	Time	Service	Chapel	Location	Contact Person
M-W-F	noon	Mass	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Gagliardo/526-5769
Tues., Wed., Thurs.	noon	Mass	Soldiers’	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
Saturday	5 p.m.	Mass	Soldiers’	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
Sunday	8 a.m.	Mass	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Mass	Soldiers’	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
Sunday	10:45 a.m.	CRE	Soldiers’	Nelson & Martinez	Jim Siegel/526-5744
Sunday	11 a.m.	Mass	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Gagliardo/526-7386
Sunday	12:15 p.m.	Mass	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	RCIA	Soldiers’	Nelson & Martinez	Jim Siegel/526-5744
Saturday	4 p.m.	Reconciliation	Soldiers’	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
PROTESTANT					
Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Chap. Simmons/526-7387
Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Drake/526-4206
Sunday	11 a.m.	Protestant	Soldiers’	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Kincaid/526-8011
Sunday	11 a.m.	Prot./Gospel	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Pair/526-2811
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Pair/526-2811
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School	Soldiers’	Nelson & Martinez	Dr. Scheck/526-5626
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	GWOC	Soldiers’	Nelson & Martinez	
Tuesday	9 a.m.	PWOC	Soldiers’	Nelson & Martinez	Ms. Scheck/524-1166
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Contemporary	Veterans’	Magrath & Titus	Chap. Ellison/526-8890
Sunday	1:30 p.m.	PYOC	Soldiers’	Nelson & Martinez	Ms. Scheck/524-1166
LITURGICAL					
Sunday	10:45 a.m.	Lutheran	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Bauer/526-5279
JEWISH					
For information and a schedule of Jewish Sabbath services, call the U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel at 333-2636.					
WICCA					
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.		Family University Bldg. 1161		Ms. Costantino-Mead
MORMON					
Sunday	2 p.m.	LDS	Provider	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Lloyd/526-3888
For additional information, contact the Installation Chaplain’s Office, building 1550, at 526-5209. Normally, free child care is available during on-post worship services.					

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

Friday — Psalms 4 & Acts 25-26

Saturday — Psalms 5 & Acts 17-28

Sunday — Psalms 6 & Joshua 1-5

Monday — Psalms 7 & Joshua 6-8

Tuesday — Psalms 8 & Joshua 9-11

Wednesday — Psalms 9 & Joshua 12-16

Thursday — Psalms 10 & Joshua 17-26

The Army Cycle Of Prayer — Each week the Office of the Army Chief of Chaplains will highlight Army units, the Army at large, the nation and religious organizations to focus prayer. You are invited to join with the chaplain community and pray for these individuals and organizations. Please pray this week for the following:

Unit: For the soldiers, families and leaders of the 7th Army Training Command, headquartered at Grafenwoehr, Germany.

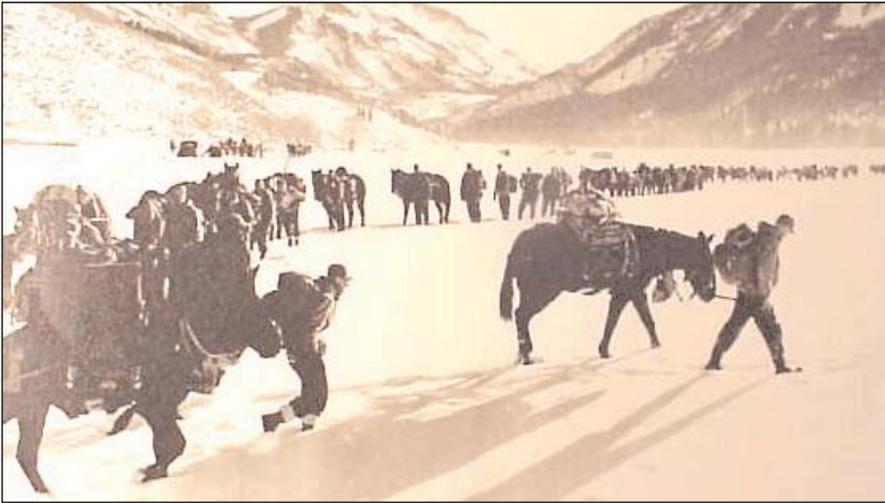
Army: For all the thousands of volunteers throughout the Army, who define selfless service and whose work builds enduring and productive Army communities. From grateful soldiers everywhere: thank you.

State: For all soldiers and families from the state of Iowa. Pray also for Gov. Tom Vilsack, the state legislators and municipal officials of the Hawkeye State.

Nation: For the director and thousands of agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who daily ensure our nation is secure from criminal elements who would undermine our freedom.

Religious: For the Christian celebration of Pentecost, at which the Holy Spirit manifested himself among the disciples of Jesus and empowered the Church to go into the world. For more information on the Army Cycle of Prayer, or to pray for items from previous weeks, visit the cycle’s Web site at www.usarmychaplain.com.

Happy **228th** Birthday Army



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Yesterday ...

Soldiers from the 10th Mountain Division trained at Camp Hale near Leadville, during World War II. Mule trains were common forms of transportation the soldiers used to traverse the Colorado Mountains.



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Today ...

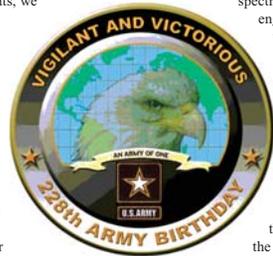
A Bradley Fighting Vehicle tears through the Iraqi desert as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment and 3rd Brigade Combat Team are currently in Iraq assisting with stabilization.

228 years and counting ... At War and Transforming

Even as U.S. forces engage in combat action, the Army continues to embrace change. Today's Army will win today's fight, but given the uncertainties of emerging threats, we must transform now to acquire and develop full-spectrum capabilities to fight and win the battles of the future.

The Army is fighting as a key component of a Joint/Coalition Team in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom while providing for Homeland Security, remaining forward deployed in Korea, remaining engaged and training in more than 110 other countries and continuing to transform to preserve future readiness.

The 228th birthday of the U.S. Army and the logo for this year's theme recognize our efforts to



transform this, the most respected Army in the world, into a force that is strategically responsive and dominant at every point along the spectrum of operations — all while engaged in the ongoing global war against terrorism.

Since its birth, June 14, 1775 — more than a year before the Declaration of Independence — the U.S. Army has played a vital role in the growth and development of our nation. Soldiers have fought 10 wars, from the American Revolution through the Cold War, the Gulf War, to the current War on Terrorism.

This 228th birthday is a recognition of the Army's history, traditions and service to the nation. The Army — At War and Transforming.



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Weapons training has always been an important part of the military. Here, Fort Carson soldiers train on automatic weapons in 1959.



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Seeking refreshment anyway they can, soldiers from the 4th Infantry Division drink from coconuts in Vietnam.



File photo
The "transformed" infantryman of the future — enhanced communications systems, weapons and computer-enhanced vision goggles will become standard issue.



File photo
The Army named its new Interim Armored Vehicle the "Stryker" in February, 2002. The Stryker is, named for two Medal of Honor recipients, the combat vehicle of choice for the Army's new Interim Brigade Combat Teams.



File photo by Ahmad Terry
Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, search a damaged building for gunmen May 1 in Tikrit, Iraq. No gunmen were found.

Messages from the top ...

Chief of Staff's message to troops



Shinseki

The Army will celebrate its 228th Birthday June 14. We cannot predict the myriad ways soldiers will be serving on our Army's birthday. But there is no doubt — soldiers will be on point for the nation around the globe. They will be guarding the freedom and privilege we all enjoy. And they will be doing it with the same courage, determination and plain grit that they have for 228 years.

We will ensure that our soldiers — past and present — receive the recognition they deserve and have been earning since before the birth of our republic.

This year's Army birthday theme is "U.S. Army — At War and Transforming." It is a reminder not only of our accomplishments over the last 228 years, but also of our on-going commitment to the nation today. Americans are grateful for our soldiers' service.

Gen. Eric Shinseki
Chief of Staff
U.S. Army

CG: This year's Army birthday theme recognizes soldiers, families

This year our Army birthday theme is "Soldiers and Families — Service and Sacrifice." It recognizes our soldiers and families and their sacrifices and accomplishments over the last 228 years. There is no greater honor than to serve in uniform; there is no greater sacrifice than to give one's life in the service of your country.

Since June 14, 1775, soldiers have been on point around the world, preserving our freedoms and protecting our national interests.

While the world focus has been on Iraq, the Army remains busier than ever around the globe — more than 154,000 of our Reserve Component soldiers have been mobilized, and there are more than 307,000 soldiers deployed or forward stationed in more than 120 countries around the world. Our soldiers are trained and stand ready to fight and win our nation's wars.

And we are continuing to transform to meet the full spec-

trum challenges of our evolving strategic environment.

Yet, rest assured that the Army's strength lies in our people; the men and women in uniform and the families who support them.

The 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson has mobilized, sustained and deployed more than 25,000 soldiers, both active and reserve, to provide the formations required to fight and win the global war on terrorism and liberate the people of Iraq.

Those of you here today, as well as those deployed forward, represent the Army's strength and ongoing commitment to the nation.

I am tremendously proud of the soldiers who selflessly serve this country and the families who support them. No group of individuals understands the meaning of these words better, and none exemplifies these virtues more accurately.

Soldiers and their families are our investment in America. It is through them that we continue



Wilson

to build on the values and liberties that make this nation great. Bayonet!

Maj. Gen. Robert Wilson
Commanding general
7th Infantry Division and
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Sports & Leisure

Carson Middle School ...

Celebrates summer with a carnival

by Bill Scharton
Mountaineer staff

It truly was a carnival-like atmosphere at Carson Middle School May 30.

The annual spring carnival at the Fort Carson based middle school signaled the end to the 2002-2003 school year.

Many of the students in attendance expressed ambivalent feelings during their final school day of the academic year. Carson is not a typical middle school because many of the students are from military families. This usually means they move around a lot and are parting ways with school chums on a fairly regular basis.

Ajasta Blake just finished her 7th-grade year at Carson Middle School and is typical of this scenario. Her family will be packing the bags once again this summer for another move, this time to Fort Huachuca, Ariz. During her short lifetime, Blake has already lived in Germany, Oklahoma, Maryland and Colorado.

"Moving again will be tough," Blake said. "Especially (moving) to Arizona in the middle of summer." She was on the Carson Middle School track and field team this spring and she thinks participating in sports helps with the adjustment to a new school. "Playing sports helps me focus. I think it helps me get better grades."

Another 7th-grader, Candice

Buckles, will get to finish her middle school experience at Carson. She played basketball and ran track for the Eagles this past year.

"Seventh grade turned out great for me," said Buckles. "I kept an A average all year and participating in sports was fantastic and exhilarating." She plans more of the same — school and sports — for the summer.

Ashley Broughton and Kelly Parker, teammates on the 8th-grade girls basketball and track teams, will be staying in the area but heading to different high schools next year.

Broughton heads off to Fountain-Fort Carson High School and will try out for the varsity basketball and track teams.

"I am going to try really hard to make the varsity basketball team as a freshman," Broughton said. Her exceptional point guard skills should give her a realistic shot at making the team.

Parker lives in school District 12 and will be attending Cheyenne Mountain High School in August. "I am hoping to play softball, basketball and lacrosse at Cheyenne Mountain," Parker said. She might get a chance to go up against Broughton on the court someday.

Rose Terrell, a Carson Middle School language arts teacher and the head coach for track and field, said Broughton was hardly recognizable the previous evening at the school's

"crossover" ceremony (symbolic of crossing over to high school). "You should have seen her (Broughton) last night," Terrell said. "I had a dress on," Broughton said.

Carson Middle School physical education instructor and volleyball coach Michelle Secor was in charge of the carnival along with students from her leadership class. The student leaders come from Eagle Pride, National Honor Society and Welcome Everybody. The carnival raised funds for the school's Parent/Teacher Organization.

Two of the more popular events at the carnival included the dunk tank and pie-in-the-face booth for some of the teachers and administrators.

Students lined up for this opportunity to pay back their teachers and principal.



Photos by Bill Scharton

Carson Middle School 6th-grade social studies teacher Christy Garrell was splattered with many whipped cream pies thrown by students at the school's carnival May 28. The carnival served as a fund-raiser for the school's Parent/Teacher Organization.



Michelle Secor, volleyball coach and physical education teacher at Carson Middle School, heads for the water during her time on the dunk tank at the school's carnival May 28. Students lined up for chances to dunk teachers and administrators at the event.



Face painting was a popular activity at the Carson Middle School carnival May 30. Sixth-grader Samantha Meiers gets her face painted by Puebloan Joni Giarratano, the mother of Carson Middle School teacher Michelle Secor.

Lady Mountaineers ...

Winning streak ends, Little Rascals thump team 25-14

by Bill Scharton
Mountaineer staff

Call it a reality check. This is what Lady Mountaineers' player/coach Julie Wetherington said following the team's first loss of the season May 28. The Lady Mountaineers were thumped 25-14 by the Little Rascals in Colorado Springs Park and Recreation women's slowpitch league play.

The Lady Mountaineers put together three straight victories at the start of the season, but the Little Rascals managed to bring the squad back down to earth in this contest.

"This way, the players will not get too cocky," Wetherington said. "Hopefully, they will use this as a learning experience and they will bounce back in strong fashion."

In the top of the first inning, two Lady Mountaineers' fly ball errors by outfielder Donna Wright and shortstop Dawn McCarty provided the Little Rascals with four unearned runs.

The Lady Mountaineers came right back with five runs of their own in the bottom of the first frame. Outfielder Pam Norris delivered a run-scoring single and two other runs came home due to bases-loaded walks.

Heading into the top of the second inning with a slim 5-4 lead, the Lady Mountaineers' defense was shoddy once again. Norris suffered a bloodied nose while attempting to catch a fly ball in the outfield. The ball hit the heel of her glove, ricocheted,

smacked her squarely in the nose and then fell safely to the ground. Norris had to leave the game. Several hits and a couple of more errors later, the scoreboard showed that the Little Rascals had tallied eight runs in this at bat.

The Lady Mountaineers' offense produced three runs in the bottom of the second inning on a bases-loaded walk and a two-run error. After two frames, the Lady Mountaineers trailed 12-8.

In the top of the third inning, Nina Dawson took over on the mound for the Lady Mountaineers. Despite the change, the Little Rascals continued to pound the ball and the Lady Mountaineers continued to falter in the field. The Little Rascals put another eight spot on the board before the half inning ended and led 20-8.

Once again, the Lady Mountaineers' offense responded in the bottom of the third inning. Singles by Kim Routon, Lenore Moskey, Jeri Gallus and Dawson knocked in runs for the Lady Mountaineers. This six-run at bat narrowed the deficit to 20-14.

Due to a time limit, the fourth inning would be the last one in this contest. The Lady Mountaineers' defense would need to shut down the Little Rascals offense in order to have a realistic shot at winning the game. With two outs and the bases loaded, a Little Rascals' player smacked a grand slam homer. The Little Rascals added another run before the third out



Photo by Bill Scharton

Lady Mountaineers' outfielder Emily Hvizdos stirs up some dust with this slide into second base. Hvizdos was called out on the play, and the Lady Mountaineers went on to lose their first league game of the year May 28.

Tee-time event attracts crowd at 4th annual V.I.P Golf Classic

by **Bill Sharton**
Mountaineer staff

The fourth annual V.I.P. Golf Classic sponsored by the Fort Carson Officers'/Spouses' Charitable Association took place May 30 at Fort Carson's Cheyenne Shadows golf course.

The annual golf outing is the single largest fundraising event for FCOSCA and proceeds from the event go back into the Fort Carson and Colorado Springs communities. Some of the funds are used for educational scholarships for graduating high school and family members, continuing education family members and military spouses. Other uses include financial donations to both military and civilian organizations on post and in the Colorado Springs area.

A scramble format was used at this year's event and the annual classic attracted 157 participants, a record number for this event, according to classic organizers. These organizers included event chairpersons

Peggy Rudesheim, Sue Teeples and Angie Powell.

Golfers were divided into three flights. The team winners for each flight included:

First Flight—
Grant/Green/Landhuis/Fisher; Second Flight—
Lewis/Bales/Davidson/Brusanhan; Third Flight—
Dietz/Jones/Causey/Johnson.

Awards were also handed out in five special categories. Jay Hanson won closest to the pin, Tony Goodman had the straightest drive, Greg Frick hit the longest drive, Art Chargulaf came through with the longest marshmallow drive and Dave Cruz drained the longest putt.

Lynn Wilson, wife of 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson Commanding General Robert Wilson, was impressed with the event's organization. Prior to heading out for her first tee shot, she told some of the classic volunteers, "This event is very organized. You all have done a great job putting this together."



Photo by Bill Sharton

Maj. Gen. Robert Wilson, Fort Carson and the 7th Infantry Division commanding general, loosens up on the driving range before teeing off at the fourth annual V.I.P. Golf Classic May 30 at the Fort Carson Cheyenne Shadows golf course. Wilson and his wife Lynn played in the scramble format event, a fundraiser for, and sponsored by, the Fort Carson Officers' and Enlisted Spouses' Charitable Association which attracted more than 150 participants.

Softball

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and led 25-14 heading into the final at bat for the Lady Mountaineers.

The bats of the Lady Mountaineers went silent in the bottom of the fourth inning, and the result was no runs scored. The 25-14 loss dropped the Lady Mountaineers' season record to 3-1.

Addressing the defensive woes of the team

following the game, Lady Mountaineers' player/manager Catherine Satow said to the players, "You have to throw the ball to somebody. If the ball is rolling around, the opponents are going to keep running.

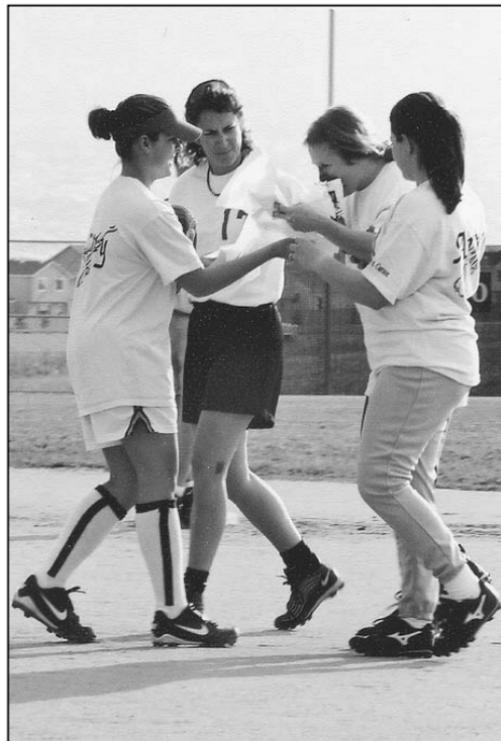
"This loss is no big deal. You don't have to win them all. You just have to win the rest of them."

The next game for the Lady Mountaineers will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday on Field 4 at the Skyview Softball Complex.



Photos by Bill Scharton

Lady Mountaineers' third base starter Lenore Moskey strokes a run-scoring hit for the squad May 28. Moskey and teammates suffered loss number one of the season.



Pam Norris (second from right), a Lady Mountaineers' outfielder, suffers a bloody nose after a fly ball ricocheted off her glove and smacked her in the face during the May 28 game. She is escorted from the field by teammates (left to right) Lenore Moskey, Catherine Satow and Amber Barker.

Two Army boxers capture Golden Gloves national titles

by **Bill Scharton**
Mountaineer Staff

Two boxers from the Fort Carson Army World Class Athlete Program boxing team won national Golden Gloves championships last Saturday in Las Vegas.

Clarence Joseph captured the national Golden Gloves crown in the 165-pound weight class and DeAndrey Abron earned a national Golden Gloves title at the 178-pound weight division. The national Golden Gloves titles also earn an automatic Olympic trials berth for both boxers.

Joseph went to battle five times en route to earning his national Golden Gloves title. In the championship bout, he blanked his opponent, Jesus Gonzales of

Glendale, Ariz., by the score of 5-0. Abron competed in four matches during his march to the national Golden Gloves title. The title bout was the toughest of all as Abron earned a close, hard-fought 3-2 decision over Johnathan Banks of Detroit.

Army boxer Torrence Daniels (119-pounds) lost in the championship bout for the second year in a row.

Daniels was decisioned 5-0 by Sergio Ramos of Sacramento, Calif., in the title match.

Army boxing teammates Edward Joseph and Rondale

Mason had to face each other in the second round of the 152-pound weight class. Joseph decisioned Mason 5-0 in this match but then lost to Abdon Lozano Jr. of Las Vegas in the quarterfinals.



The other two Army boxers who competed in the national Golden Gloves championships were Keith Mason (141-pounds) and Aaron Bensing (137-pounds). Bensing

made it to the semifinals before bowing out of the tournament while Mason lost in the quarterfinals to the eventual weight class champion.

Memorial Day softball tournaments decided

Three of the four Fort Carson intramural 1-pitch Memorial Day softball tournaments came to a conclusion this week at the Mountain Post Sports Complex.

In the Mount Oxford tournament, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 2nd Battalion, 91st came through the losers' bracket to capture the title. After losing to 759th Military Police Battalion earlier in the tournament, 2nd Bn., 91st came back to defeat 759th MP Bn. twice, 22-1 and 23-13, to win the Mount Oxford championship.

Soldiers in the 32nd Transportation Company won the Mount Belford tournament title. The squad went undefeated in this tourney. Medical Activity came back through the losers' bracket to win the Mount Lincoln coed tournament, defeating 3rd Battalion, 361st for the crown.

The Mount Yale tournament started this week and the championship game(s) is slated for Thursday.

Regular season play for Mount Lincoln, Mount Oxford and Mount Belford leagues will get under way Monday. Mount Yale regular season play begins June 18.

Christmas in June



Story and photos
by Nel Lampe
Mountaineer staff

Young park visitors head for the shop in the U.S. Post Office at the North Pole. It is in the Christmas-theme park.

Christmas can come early in Colorado — especially when Santa's Workshop at the North Pole is just a few miles away.

Children may hear about nearby Santa's Workshop, a Christmas-theme park, from friends or see it on television. They'll be asking their parents for a visit to the North Pole.

Santa's Workshop at the North Pole is best described as a Christmas-theme amusement park. It's a village to fulfill a child's fantasy: dozens of colorful rides to enjoy as many times as they wish, gingerbread-style buildings, magic shows, animated singing and talking characters, live animals and

Santa Claus. It's a great place to make memories that last a lifetime.

June is a good time to visit Santa's Workshop as the park observes "Coca Cola Family Fun Days" throughout June. Anyone turning in an empty Coca Cola product can at the ticket counter gets \$4 off the admission price. The park observes this promotion every June and turns the cans over to a charitable cause.

The Christmas theme park is quite popular with local families as well as out-of-state visitors. The parking lot usually has a lot of out of state cars. Some family groups in the park include three generations. For many families, the Christmas park is their vacation destination.

Santa's Workshop at the North Pole opens in mid-May each year and begins daily operation June 1. It is open through Christmas Eve.

A cutout of Santa and his reindeer atop the entrance sign and the brightly colored entrance building is enough to get young children excited. Once they hear the Christmas music and see the giant red and white peppermint slide, they know Santa is nearby.

The most special place in the theme park is Santa's house. Except during his lunch break, Santa is on hand to greet children who visit the house. Visitors can buy a photo of their children with Santa.

Rides are designed to attract children, colorfully painted in primary colors or in a Christmas theme of red, white and green. Some rides have Christmas-related themes, such as the Christmas Tree Ride and the Peppermint Slide.

Many of the rides and attractions



The "world's highest" Ferris wheel is at Santa's Workshop at the North Pole.

are clearly appropriate for younger children, perhaps up to pre-teens. But teenagers, parents and grandparents also find rides they enjoy, such as the Tilt-a-Whirl, electric cars and the train or aerial tram. Some rides in the enchanted forest are geared for older visitors: the Scrambler, the Sky Ride, Space Shuttle, haunted house and the Ferris wheel.

There's a variety of rides scaled for young children, such as boats, motorcycles, lady bugs, rockets, a small roller coaster and a child-size Ferris wheel.

Children must be 48 inches tall to board many of the rides or be accompanied by an adult. All rides are equipped with seat belts or safety bars.

The amusement-park village seems lifted from a book of fairy tales, with an emphasis on Christmas. Large, col-



Cliff Kelley enjoys a ride on the car track by the Peppermint Slide.

REPORTS



Places to see in the Pikes Peak area.

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North Pole

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orful sculptures of elves, snowmen and mushrooms are throughout the park. Real animals — llamas and deer — are in the park. There are ducks, swan and geese. The forest-setting is a perfect complement to the colorful fairytale village. Holiday music fills the air. Paths are paved and benches are throughout the park.

Santa's chapel, a water wheel and a U. S. Post Office are in the village, along with a candle shop and a Christmas shop with thousands of ornaments and decorations.

A teepee contains Indian-style gifts and souvenirs. There's a Girls' Shop and a Boys' Shop. shows . A brightly painted red and white striped



Santa's Enchanted Forest contains many rides and attractions at Santa's Workshop at the North Pole.



Old-fashioned games in the arcade provide a diversion from the rides at the Christmas-theme park at the foot of Pikes Peak.



The small-size roller coaster provides a thrill for young visitors in the enchanted forest at the Santa's Workshop at the North Pole amusement park.

building is the Magic Show House.

During summer months there's live entertainment, such as animal characters in costume and magic shows. Show times are announced on the park's loud speaker.

Miss Muffett's snacks and the Ice Cream Parlor and Café are near the antique carousel. The carousel is a rare 1919 Herschell-Spillman, one of only 200 carousels left from the thousands made in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The carousel has several original wooden horses; the reindeer were made especially for the Christmas-themed park.

Mother Hubbard's snackbar is near the always-frozen "North Pole" in the center of the village.

Foods available in the park's snack bars include hamburgers, hot dogs, fries, nachos, funnel cakes, ice cream, soft drinks and hot cocoa.

A popcorn stand is in the village and fudge and candy can be purchased in the Boys' Shop.

There is a picnic area near the entrance for visitors to enjoy a lunch brought from home. No alcoholic beverages or fires are permitted.

The train ride and aerial tramway are behind the picnic area.

Santa's Workshop at the North Pole opened in 1956, according to Tom Haggard, general manager of the park. The design was inspired by a New York Santa village.

The North Pole park was a year old when the Haggard family bought it. It was quite small — just Santa's house and a few shops. The new owners added a stage coach, train and slide. Almost every year new attractions are added, and the park has grown to include 40 rides and attractions.

The park is located at a higher altitude than Colorado Springs and is in a forest. It can be



Children stop by Santa's House in the Christmas theme park village.

several degrees cooler than the city, so dress accordingly.

The theme park has several steep paths. Strollers can be rented at the entrance.

Visitors receive "purchase cards" as there are no cash transactions in the park except at the arcade. Sales transactions are recorded on the card and upon exiting, the purchases are totaled and payment can be made by cash, Visa, Discover, MasterCard or personal checks, with acceptable ID.

Admission to Santa's Workshop is \$14.95 for ages 2 to 59. Admission includes all shows, rides and attractions. Remember to bring an empty Coca Cola can for each person for the \$4 discount.

Santa's Workshop is open every day from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. until Labor Day, when the hours are shortened and the park closes a couple of days during the week. Santa's Workshop is open through Christmas Eve.

Children's birthday parties can be celebrated in the Rainbow Party Room by arrangement; call 684-9432.

To reach Santa's Workshop at the North Pole, take Cimarron Street/Highway 24 west, from either Interstate 25 north from Fort Carson or from Highway 115 north. Go west about 10 miles, past Manitou Springs. After the small town of Cascade, turn left at the sign for Pikes Peak Highway. Santa's Workshop is just off the Pikes Peak Highway on the left-hand side. Watch for the entrance sign. There's plenty of free parking in front of the entrance.

Just the Facts

- **Travel time** 30 minutes
- **For ages** families
- **Type** Santa's Workshop theme park
- **Fun factor** ★★★★★ (Out of 5 stars)
- **Wallet damage** \$\$\$

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Get Out!

Declaration of Independence

A rare copy of the Declaration of Independence will be at the Carnegie Library at Penrose Public Library, 20 N. Cascade Ave., through Wednesday. The declaration can be seen from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. today and Saturday and Sunday, from 1 to 5 p.m. Entrance is free.

Races

The Pikes Peak International Raceway's next race is the Indy Racing League June 14 and 15. Tickets are half price for military; call 382-7223 or buy them at the track. PPIR is south of Fort Carson on Interstate 25.

New Zoo exhibit

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo has opened its new exhibit, the African Rift Valley. Now giraffes, gazelles, hippos and lions share a natural setting with other hooved animals from the zoo. The zoo is at 4250 Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Road. Parking is free. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children ages 3 to 11. Children 2 and under are admitted free.

Denver Theater

"Footloose" is featured at the dinner theater at the Country Dinner Playhouse in south Denver, just off Interstate 25. The buffet begins at 6 p.m. and the performance follows. Tickets start at \$25.50. Call (303) 799-1410. The show runs through June 22.

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"Cher" is set for the Pepsi Center in Denver June 17, with tickets starting at \$34.50; call 520-9090.

"42nd Street" is in Denver's Buell Theatre downtown June 24 through July 6. Tickets start at \$25; call 520-9090.

Local theater

"There's Gold in Them Thar Teeth" is now playing at the Castaways Dinner Theater, 103 Manitou Ave., in Manitou Springs. Dinner and show are \$33. Show-only tickets are available for \$22. Call 685-3700 or 685-3300 for tickets.

"Montana Serenade" is at the Manitou Springs Iron Springs Chateau, 444 Ruxton Ave. through September. Dinner and show cost \$23.50 at 685-5104. Dinner is at 6 p.m., with the show at 8 p.m.

"Stuart Little" is in the Fine Arts Center theater, 30. W. Dale, Monday through June 14. Performed by the Fine Arts Center Theatre for Children, shows are at 10 a.m. and noon. The tickets are \$3; call 634-5583.

The melodrama "Rocky Mountain Flyer," by the Cripple Creek Players, begins June 14 in the Butte Opera House in Cripple Creek. Tickets start at \$6.50 and performances are Wednesdays through Sundays. Call (800) 500-2513 for times.

"Alison Krauss and Union Station" are set for the Pikes Peak Center Aug. 20. Call Ticketmaster, 520-9090.

Denver events

Christina Aguilera and Justin Timberlake appear together June 23 at the Pepsi Center. Call Ticketmaster at 520-9090. Prices start at \$39.50.

"The Eagles" are in the Pepsi Center June 24 at 8 p.m.; get tickets at 520-9090.

Grammy winner Norah Jones is at Red Rocks Amphitheatre in the Denver area Aug. 15. Tickets are at Ticketmaster, 520-9090.

State Fair concerts

Concert tickets are for sale for the Colorado State Fair at Ticketmaster, 520-9090, and the State Fair Box Office. An appearance by Weird Al Yankovic opens the series Aug. 16. He's followed by Kellie Coffey and Gary Allan, and Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo. Other performers are Rascal Flatts; Sawyer Brown; Last Man Standing; Lonestar; Jaci Velasquez; Tom Jones; 3 Doors Down and Chicago. Professional bull riders, super tough trucks, a demolition derby and amateur boxing are also on the agenda. A Charreada rodeo is at 5 p.m. Aug. 31.

Renaissance Festival

The annual Renaissance Festival at Larkspur is set for June 14 to Aug. 3. Admission is \$15.95 for adults and \$8 for children 5 to 12 years of age. The festival is Saturday and Sundays only, rain or shine. More information available at www.coloradoarenaisance.com.

Blues and Bones fest

The annual Denver Blues and Bones Festival is set for June 14, 15 and 16, at Invesco Field at Mile

High — just think "music" for blues" and "barbecue" for bones. This popular fest features music groups and a barbecue-cooking contest. There'll be refreshments for purchase. Go online at www.bluesandbones.com for information.

Cheyenne Frontier Days

The 107th annual Frontier Days in Cheyenne, Wyo., is July 18 to 27. Entertainment includes nine rodeos, a carnival, parades, free pancakes, a cookoff and a show by the Air Force Thunderbirds. Entertainment include Alan Jackson, Willie Nelson, Toby Keith and Staind as well as professional bull riders. Call (800) 22-RODEO or go online at www.cfdrodeo.com.

Ride the rails

The Royal Gorge Route Railroad has started its summer season. Trains run twice each day, at 9:30 and 12:30 p.m., and beginning June 14, a third excursion is at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$26.95 for adults and \$16.50 for children. This year, for eight Saturdays a twilight dinner excursion at 7:30 p.m. is offered for \$69.95. Reservations are recommended, call (888) Rails-4U.

Stomp

Stomp, the popular group that makes noise into an art form, performs at the Pikes Peak Center, 190 S. Cascade July 15 to 20. Tickets start at \$28.50 and may be arranged at 520-7469.

"Hot Club of Cowtown" is in the Pikes Peak Center June 14. 190 S. Cascade. Call the box office at 520-7469.

Free concerts

Several free music concerts are available in the Colorado Springs area:

Thursdays at noon throughout June, July and August, there's pipe organ music and a silent film at the Municipal Auditorium.

Mondays at 7 p.m., the Little London Winds perform in Soda Springs Park in Manitou Springs.

The Air Force Band of the Rockies performs at Cottonwood Creek Park June 12 at 6 p.m.

Gem show

The Pikes Peak Gem and Mineral Show is June 28 and 29 at the Masonic Hall, 1150 Panorama Dr., from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Speakers, a special room for children, special exhibits and dealers will be featured. Call 632-9686 for information.

Happenings



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State Fair concerts ...

“Three Doors Down” makes an appearance during the Colorado State Fair at the fairgrounds in Pueblo. The State Fair begins Aug. 16 and runs through Aug. 31.



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

Army Newswatch: includes stories on job fairs in Bagdad, the children’s hospital in Kirkuk, Iran, and National Guard transformation. Airls at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

Navy/Marine Corps News: includes stories on the Naval Academy graduation, the USS Harry S Truman and Marines at Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. Airls at 8 a.m., 1 p.m., 8 p.m. and 1 a.m.

Air Force News: includes stories on Operation Northern Watch completion, Air Force civil engineers in Bagdad, Iraq and the Secretary of the Air Force moves to Army (repeat). Airls at 8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m.

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

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

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