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Fogle earns Olympic Boxing Trials berth

by Tim Hipps
Army News Service

Staff Sgt. Julius Fogle III became the eighth Soldier to qualify for the 2004 U.S. Olympic Boxing Team Trials with a silver-medal performance in the 2004 Everlast U.S. Boxing Championships in Colorado Springs Jan. 13 to 17.

Fogle, a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program lost a 25-17 decision to Airman James Johnson Jr. of Converse, Texas, in the 165-pound championship bout at the U.S. Olympic Training Center.

The top two finishers in each weight class earned a berth in the U.S. Olympic Boxing Team Trials Feb. 16 to 21 at Tunica, Miss. Thus Fogle, who won a national championship in 2002, accomplished his primary mission. He even considered bypassing the finale to begin preparations for the Olympic trials.

"I left it up to him because this is his last ride," Army boxing coach Staff Sgt. Basheer Abdullah said of Fogle, 32, a seven-time Armed Forces champion from Houston who says this is his final year of Army boxing.

"To me, the national championships and

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Photo courtesy Tim Hipps

Staff Sgt. Julius Fogle III, World Class Athlete Program, lands a left jab to his opponent in the 165-pound finale of the U.S. Boxing Championships. Fogle became the eighth Soldier to secure a berth in the Olympic Boxing Team Trials.

Soldiers can shorten wait for housing

Courtesy of

Fort Carson Family Housing

Fourteen Fort Carson families accepted housing on post Jan. 22 through Fort Carson's new "Hot Home Thursdays" program.

This new program is a way to minimize the waiting period for on-post housing by offering unoccupied, new or renovated homes to anyone on the wait list. Every Thursday morning the Fort Carson Family Housing office releases a list of unoccupied, new or renovated homes that are available for occupancy within the next few weeks — some as soon as the following day. Families currently on the wait list, or eligible to sign up for the wait list select one of the homes on the list and, in some cases, move in the next day.

Anyone interested in moving into on-post housing soon can pick up the offer sheet on Thursday mornings at 9 a.m. at the Fort Carson Family Housing Leasing Office (building 7301), complete the offer sheet and return it by 3 p.m. that day. By the next business day, families will know which home they will be moving into. They may be able to move in before the weekend.

Fort Carson Family Housing will still be offering, by eligibility date, the homes available for pre-lease every Monday and Friday afternoons. If your off-post lease is expiring in the next one to three months, contact the housing office to see if your wait list status is eligible to grab one of the homes before it is placed on the "Hot Homes" list. Check your eligibility status by coming in or calling 526-2323 or 226-2283.

Remember, the only way the housing office can contact families regarding housing availability is by the information provided on the housing application. Provide as much contact information as possible; such as current duty, home and cell phone numbers, as well as e-mail addresses. If this information is not updated every six months or is incorrect, you will be dropped off of the wait list because family housing won't be able to contact families. Update wait lists by calling the housing office or submitting the updates on line at www.fajoneshousing.com.

Peak-a-boo ...

In a small village outside Riyadh, Iraq, children try to catch a glimpse of a 4th Infantry Division Soldier. Soldiers visited the village to meet with local leaders. The division is playing a key role in bringing stability to Iraq.



Photo courtesy Department of Defense

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The Money Museum is free and open seven days a week.

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Tax center open

The tax center is open to Soldiers, retirees and their family members, as well as surviving family members. The hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and some Saturdays. Call the tax center at 524-1012 or 524-1013 for information.

Post Weather hotline:
526-0096

CG: Celebrations planned for Soldiers return

In December, Time magazine featured The American Soldier as the Person of the Year for 2003.

In the past, this honor has primarily been reserved for scientists, politicians, and world leaders, and it has been more than half a century since the magazine recognized the men and women in uniform in such a way. The decision to pay tribute to the American Soldier reflects both the immense impact that our Soldiers have had on the world in the last year, as well as the growing appreciation that people possess for the service and sacrifice of these warriors.

Currently, the U.S. Armed Forces are serving in more than 146 countries throughout the world, fighting the Global War on Terrorism, and since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson have mobilized, sustained, and deployed more than 25,000 Soldiers, both active and Reserve, in support of this war. In addition to strengthening the defense of our nation, these individuals have also helped spread freedom to people who

have only known suffering and repression.

In the coming months, the Mountain Post Team will deploy 1,300 more reserve component Soldiers and demobilize 4,700 others. During this time, we will also redeploy the Soldiers of 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment and 3rd Brigade Combat Team, who deployed to Iraq last Spring.

Fort Carson and the Colorado Springs community have a number of events planned to celebrate the accomplishments of the men and women in uniform who have deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Additionally, we will also pay tribute to those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for this nation.

Upon the Soldiers' return to Fort Carson, they will be reunited with their loved ones at a reception ceremony at the Special Events Center. Reintegration training will begin immediately in order to assist both the redeployed Soldiers and their loved ones to re-establish the

strong bonds which have preserved the foundation of their relationships. Prior to the units conducting block leave, they will conduct a recognition ceremony in which the leadership of the Mountain Post and Pikes Peak community will acknowledge the Soldiers' contributions over the last year.

May and June will be highlighted with more community events. Notably, the city of Colorado Springs will host a parade to pay tribute to all servicemembers who deployed in support of the War on Terrorism. Also, the Army Ball, commemorating the Army's 229th birthday, has been planned, in cooperation with Phil Long Ford, for June 12. This year's Army Ball looks to be the best one ever and will accommodate about 3,000 participants at the event, from both the Army and community. We will unveil a memorial in early June near the Kit Carson statue for the Soldiers who lost their lives during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

I am tremendously proud of the Soldiers who have selflessly served this



Wilson

country and of the families and our community who have supported them. I encourage everyone who is available to partake in the upcoming events and look forward to seeing you there. United we stand, an Army proud and ready. Bayonet!

*Maj. Gen. Robert Wilson
7th Infantry Division and Fort
Carson commanding general*

TF Soldiers will focus on warrior readiness

by Joe Burlas
Army News Service

Editor's note: This article is the first of a weekly series that will examine the 16 focus areas outlined by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker.

Incorporating the warrior ethos into all Soldiers of both the active and reserve components is one of the top priorities in ensuring all deploying members of the Army team are properly trained and equipped, according to members of a Fort Benning task force.

Task Force Soldier, a subordinate organization of Fort Benning's Infantry Center, has been charged by the chief of staff of the Army to analyze Soldier training, equipment and readiness needs for fighting the global war on terrorism and coordinate with other Army organizations to implement programs and policies to meet those needs.

The Soldier is one of the focus areas the Army will be directing its resources toward in a systematic and deliberate way in coming years," said Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker during October's Association of the U.S. Army annual meeting.

The warrior ethos statement contained within the new Soldier's Creed — "I will always place the mission first. I will never accept defeat. I will never quit. I will never leave a fallen comrade." — is a key aspect of The Soldier focus area, said Brig. Gen. Benjamin C. Freakley, chief of Infantry and Fort Benning's commanding general.

"This is about shifting the mindset of Soldiers from identifying what they do as a Soldier — 'I'm a cook, I'm an infantryman, I'm a postal clerk' — toward 'I am a warrior' when people ask what they

do for a living," Freakley said.

Task Force Soldier is helping to ensure that needed clothing and equipment for deploying Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians is issued in a timely manner. Those items include things like moisture wicking undergarments that help prevent chafing in a desert environment, wrap-around sunglasses and hydration systems.

Task Force Soldiers will identify clothing and equipment, not normally issued but commonly used by Soldiers, and they will try to get it into the system. Ideally, these items will become part of a Soldier's basic issue that he carries with him from post to post during his career but that will be an issue for the Army Clothing Board to decide."

For more information on Task Force Soldier, visit www.infantry.army.mil/taskforcesoldier.



What training improvements should be made to ensure Soldiers are first and foremost warriors?



Everyone should have field training at least once a month.

Spc. Lamont Jones
3rd Armored Cavalry
Regiment



Mandatory infantry training for all Soldiers.

Sgt. 1st Class Daniel E. Kimzey
379th Engineers
Battalion



"More live fire exercises on a quarterly basis."

Sgt. 1st Class Mike Nilson
379th Engineers
Battalion



"Stress military courtesy towards higher ranking officers and noncommissioned officers."

Pfc. Jacqueline Nicole
10 Combat Support
Hospital

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News

Guard retention concerns DOD

Exodus not expected after Soldiers return home

by Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Although the Army National Guard and Army Reserve, specifically the reserve components in general, have been meeting their recruiting and retention goals, Department of Defense officials are still concerned and are looking for ways to address retention.

But DOD officials do not expect an exodus of National Guard Soldiers after they return from duty in Afghanistan and Iraq, contrary to news reports.

Those reports cite a National Guard Bureau survey of 5,000 volunteers from 15 states that said the number of National Guard Soldiers who choose to leave the military could jump to 20 to 22 percent a year among those who have served long overseas tours. At the

end of 2003, the figure was roughly 16 percent.

“First, this is a ‘voluntary’ survey,” said Pentagon spokesman Army Lt. Col. Dan Stoneking. “If you have a survey at a dining facility about the food, who is going to fill it out?” But Stoneking said the National Guard deserves some credit for conducting the survey and anticipating problems. “This gives them time to put together a program for recruiting and retention,” he said.

National Guard officials said people should not overreact to the survey. It is just one tool they use to measure retention intentions, and it should not be viewed out of context, they said.

National Guard officials pointed out that history indicates many Soldiers who now say they intend to leave the

service will ultimately re-enlist once they get home and spend time with their families.

During a recent trip to Asia, Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, commented on recruiting and retention efforts during an interview with the newspaper, Stars and Stripes. He said American servicemembers are stepping forward to re-enlist, “as I would expect. We are a nation at war. This is the time for our military to rise to the occasion and serve the nation at a time like no other.”

Myers said active duty and reserve component personnel are stepping forward to serve. What’s more, he said, young Americans are enlisting to help fight the war on terror.

“This is the time to raise your right

hand and swear ‘to defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic,’” he said. “There has never been a more dire threat to our security — and not just to the United States, but to our friends and allies.”

As of Jan. 21, about 194,234 reserve component Soldiers were on active duty, DOD statistics show. The vast majority, 165,068, are National Guardsmen and Army Reservists. The Naval Reserve has 1,918 people on active duty, the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, 19,383 and the Marine Corps Reserve, 6,790. The Coast Guard has activated 1,057 reservists.

The numbers include members assigned to units and individual augmentees.

Soldiers get 'cool' options for promotion points

by Sgt. 1st Class Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Junior soldiers in a handful of job specialties have another option to gain promotion points.

As of Jan. 11, skill-based licenses and certifications from civilian sources are worth 10 points. There are 10 career fields participating in the initiative: adjutant general, air defense artillery, aviation, engineer, ordnance, quartermaster, signal, transportation, Army medical department and public affairs.

Promotable specialists and sergeants can add up to 50 points in technical certificates, but the points will only remain valid as long as the certificate is valid, said Sgt. Maj. Louisa Scott, the chief of Enlisted Promotions at U.S. Army Human Resources Command.

"The certificates can be added as a promotion action only when a Soldier has at least 20 points to add. Then, the expiration date on the certificate will be recorded. So, if a soldier needs to re-certify for his license to remain valid, and he fails to do so, then the points will be deleted," Scott said.

"This is a work in progress," said Jeffrey Colimon, the senior military analyst for the Training and Doctrine

Command's Personnel Proponency Directorate.

The initiative is new and will undergo a number of changes, Colimon said. However, Soldiers can stay abreast of what military occupational specialties have jumped on board by visiting the Web site for Army Credentialing Opportunities On-Line at www.cool.army.mil.

The different proponents have the latitude of analyzing the credentialing concept and determining if it adds value to their branch, Colimon said. Most combat arms proponents elected not to participate because of the lack of related certifications in the civilian arena, he added.

The promotion point incentive is the Army's way of encouraging soldiers who are not interested in college but still want to pursue professional development, according to officials in the Promotions Branch at the Human Resources Command.

"Far too many Soldiers go out and purchase civilian education mainly for promotion points with no degree intent at all," said Sgt. 1st Class Cedric Thomas, the chief of Junior Enlisted Promotions at HRC. "The certification incentive will give them the opportunity to use training in a progressive nature."

If Soldiers get hands-on training in their specific field, it can improve their job performance and make them more marketable in the civilian market, Scott said.

Sgt. Maj. James Herrell, chief enlisted career manager in the Ordnance Corps' Personnel Proponency Office, said developing a more competent Soldier was the driving force of the initiative.

"We're not trying to create a more marketable soldier. That is the last of our concerns. We were looking at ways to encourage our Soldiers to do self study."

Herrell did note however, that one of the benefits to receiving civilian certification is gaining experience that will benefit the Soldier in the civilian work force.

The COOL Web site serves as the home station to get information on the credentialing for points initiative. Credentials that are valid can be found on the site by clicking on the links that read "technical certification" and "promotion points fact sheet."

The COOL Web site is a recruiting, retention and now a promotion tool, Chartier said. COOL explains how Soldiers can meet civilian certification and license requirements related to their military occupational specialties, and since the site was launched in April 2002 there has been more than 400,000 hits, Chartier added.

Military

Home Front Cares begins new energy program

by Pfc. Stephen Kretsinger
Mountaineer Staff

Energy bills can be a concern to many people this time of year, and The Home Front Cares has a program that can help those military families in need.

The Home Front Cares recently received a grant to assist military families living in the Pikes Peak Region with their energy bill. This is a completely new program with completely different guidelines from past energy programs.

The dates for this program run from Monday to Oct. 31, and unlike previous energy programs, this program only covers gas and electricity.

This program is open to all military personnel to include activated reservists and National Guard, regardless of rank or pay grade. To be eligible for assistance, military families must reside in the Pikes Peak area and be assigned to Fort Carson, U.S. Air Force Academy, Peterson Air Force Base, Cheyenne Mountain Air Station or Schriever Air Force Base. Also, the family must be in financial need and be able to present a military identification card.

Last year, The Home Front Cares

had to return \$5,000 of its grant because not all of it was used.

"I don't want to have to return any of it this year," said Vicki Kounk, energy program coordinator and executive officer of The Home Front Cares. "I want people to use this program."

If a military family has a disconnect notice from one of its utility companies, The Home Front Cares will put that family to the front of the line for assistance.

"We don't want people to go without heat," said Kounk. "Disconnect notices get red flagged and we get right on those. We have a good rapport with the utility companies."

If you think you qualify for this program, see your unit finance noncommissioned officer, Army Community Services or call The Home Front Cares hotline.

The Home Front Cares is an organization that supports Pikes Peak Region military families who have loved ones deployed in harm's way. It does this through donations provided by individuals and businesses.

Applications for assistance are processed through Army Emergency

Relief. The Pikes Peak Community Foundation holds the donations, which are tax-deductible. Each donated dollar goes to help military families in the Pikes Peak Region.

"Everybody that goes through The Home Front Cares comes through us first," said Capt. Jesse J. McBride, loan officer, AER. "AER is governed by Army regulations. Whatever we can't cover for that family, that's where The Home Front Cares comes in; they fill that gap."

"The Home Front Cares raises all its own money, so they have limited funds," said McBride. "If we can help a family with military programs, we will. Home Front Cares acts as a safety net."

Whenever possible, funds needed for goods and services will be paid directly to the vendor by The Home Front Cares program through the Pikes Peak Community Foundation.

The Home Front Cares has a plethora of success stories. It has assisted military families with car repair bills, medical bills, utility bills, car payments, house payments, rent and more.

In many instances, AER can assist with these types of things, but if the

individual has a lot of debt, it would be like handing them another loan, and that wouldn't help the situation, said McBride. "In those types of situations, we hand them over to The Home Front Cares so they can receive a grant instead of a loan."

The Home Front Cares is primarily run by two individuals: Robert A. Carlone and Joseph Henjum, both retired Air Force colonels.

"A lot of the people helping out, such as caseworkers or other volunteers, are retired Air Force," said McBride. "It's all volunteer, they aren't getting paid. They're not getting anything out of this except the satisfaction of helping out Soldiers."

"These guys have been doing this since our troops have been deployed and ever since then they have been working very closely with us at AER to help out the families," said McBride. "They have been doing an outstanding job and we can't thank them enough."

For assistance, to volunteer or contribute goods or services, call 447-3838. For more information on The Home Front Cares, check out the Web site at www.thehomefrontcares.org.

Military Briefs

Misc.

West Point — The U.S. Military Academy at West Point is looking for branch-qualified company grade officers and noncommissioned officers in the rank of sergeant first class interested in an assignment to the USMA. NCOs should have drill sergeant or platoon sergeant experience with 12 to 15 years of service to be assigned to the staff and faculty as instructors and company tactical NCOs. Selected officers will normally attend advanced civil schooling for up to two years followed by a three-year tour at West Point. For application information, go to <http://www.usma.army.mil/adjutant-general> or write to Management Operations Branch, AG Division, West Point, N.Y. 10996-1926.

Go Warrant Officer — The Army is looking for highly motivated Soldiers to fill its warrant officer positions, open in all 45 specialties if you qualify. Soldiers with less than 12 years active federal service are encouraged to apply. For more information, contact the Warrant Officer Recruiting Team at www.usarec.army.mil/warrant or DSN 536-0484/0458/0488/0478/1860/0271.

CIF Hours

Central Issue Facility hours of operation:

Regular business hours

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to noon

and 12:30 to 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

Initial/partial issues

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

Direct exchange

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

Partial turn-ins

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

Full turn-ins

Appointments are scheduled Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Call 524-2006 or 526-2729.

Effective immediately:

Replacement will be scheduled Mondays, Thursdays and Friday mornings.

Demobilized units tentatively have Tuesdays and Wednesdays to schedule out processing.

Mobilization units will schedule unit direct exchange by appointment. Unit supply sergeants will collect Soldiers' DX items and schedule CIF appointments. A CIF employee will work one-on-one with a supply sergeant.

Active-duty units — Permanent Change of Station/End of Time and Service/chapters/retirees will make an initial out processing appointment Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays for turn-in. All follow-on appointments (14 OCIE items or less) will be scheduled if needed.

Bulk issue and turn-ins — by appointment only.

Appointments can be made with Connie Thompson at 526-4057 or 524-2006. POC for this information is Mark A. Rudd Sr., CIF supervisor at 526-6477.

Laundry Service

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

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

Briefings

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

The Army Career and Alumni Center briefing is required for all departing servicemembers. The current ACAP policy is to register personnel ETSing one year out and retirees two years out. Briefings are held Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Call 526-1002 or 526-0640 to schedule a briefing.

Are you ETSing? If you're with-

in 120 days of end of time in service, you must immediately call 526-2607 or 526-2599 to make your appointment for your mandatory Reserve Component Briefing.

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

Hours of operation

The Mountain Post Training and Education Center's hours for certain programs and services will change Monday.

Hours are:

eArmyU Testing center, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Army Learning Center and basic skills classes, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Counselor Support Center, Monday through Thursday 7 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Friday 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Claims Division hours — The Claims Division office hours are now Monday through Thursday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. The office is closed Fridays.

Personnel Claims hours:

Mandatory briefing: Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Submit DD 1840/1840R

Receive documents for filing:

Submitting completed Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Claims: 1 to 4 p.m. Closed on Friday.

If there is an emergency personnel claims issue on Friday, call Tina Kolb at 526-1352 to see if it warrants an appointment.

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

Colorado vehicle insurance law update

by 1st Lt. Dawkins Provost Marshal Office

In 2001, the Colorado General Assembly renewed the Motor Insurance Identification Program, a program used to identify uninsured motorists.

It is against the law to operate a motor vehicle in the state of Colorado without minimum liability insurance. Any driver who fails to meet the minimum liability insurance requirement will be subject to driver's license suspension. Additionally, drivers who provide fraudulent proof of insurance will be prosecuted, according to the

State of Colorado's fraud statutes.

Any person driving without insurance on Fort Carson will be issued a citation with a mandatory court appearance. If the motor vehicle operator is a military member, he or she will have to immediately park the vehicle and will not be able to drive the vehicle until he provides the Provost Marshal Office with proof of insurance. If the motor vehicle operator is a civilian, he or she will be given a citation, escorted off post by the military police and will not be allowed back on post until proof of insurance is provided.

Traffic Roll Up for Jan. 1 to 14

In the past two weeks, there was a total of 62 citations:

- 20 for speeding
- 4 for running a stop sign or red traffic light
- 3 for compulsory insurance
- 5 for driving on PT Route
- 4 for improper parking
- 26 for other violations (e.g.: malfunctioning equipment, passing on shoulder, lack of insurance or registration, improper vehicle operation, etc.)

Dining Schedule

Friday to Jan. 31 to Feb. 6

Weekday Dining Facilities

43rd ASG Cheyenne Mtn. Inn (building 1040)
3rd ACR CAV House (building 2461)
Mountaineer Inn (building 1369)
10th SFG (A) (building 7481)
3rd BCT Strikers Cafe (building 2061)

Weekday Meal Hours

Breakfast 5:30 to 9 a.m. (All facilities)
5:30 to 8:30 a.m. (Cheyenne Mtn. Inn)
Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Dinner 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Exceptions

- Patton House is closed until further notice.
- Strikers and 43rd ASG are open on Sat. and Sun.



Saturday, Sunday and Training Holiday Dining Facilities

3rd ACR CAV House. (building 2461)
43rd ASG (building 1040)
Mountaineer Inn (building 1369)
3rd BCT Strikers Cafe (building 2061)

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. 3 to 5 p.m. (Cheyenne Mtn. Inn)

Keeping an eye on your credit report

by 1st Lt. Theodore Stutz
4th Finance Battalion

A credit report is a snapshot of how you are viewed by potential lenders.

If you have missed or been late on payments, or if you carry an excessively large amount of debt you will appear to be more risky to an institution that is considering lending you money.

Your risk level is based on a very complicated scoring system. The bottom line is that scores above 650 get loans, around 650 should get loans, and way under 650 may have trouble getting loans.

As a Colorado resident, you are entitled to receive one free credit report per year (as are residents of most other states). It's always a good

idea to review your credit report on an annual basis or any time you plan to apply for any type of loan to ensure that nothing fishy appears.

Identity theft can be a legitimate concern. Reviewing your credit report also allows you to determine if there are any loans or attempted loans that have been made in your name by an identity thief. The earlier you catch these the less damage will be done to your credit.

Contact one of the three reporting bureaus directly using the contact information below. Request a free credit report, and they will provide one for you by mail.

www.experian.com
(888) 397-3742
www.equifax.com
(800) 685-1111

www.tuc.com (Transunion)
(800) 916-8800

Know your credit history before buying a car

Knowing your credit score before going to make a major purchase that will require a loan will keep the dealer or salesperson from making you think your credit score is worse than it really is. By convincing you that you have "bad credit" you will be offered a high-interest loan. If you think this is happening to you, especially when dealing with used cars, go to any bank before buying the car and apply for a loan and see what amount and interest rate the bank will approve you for. You do not have to finance the car through the dealership or their lenders. Dealers can make money off your loan; don't

let them.

Help Paying High Utility Bills is Available

A new energy assistance grant is available to all military personnel (active duty, reservists and National Guard) who are assigned and live within the Pikes Peak Region who are in need of financial assistance.

A one-time payment of an energy bill (gas, electricity, oil, coal, propane, firewood, or pellets, if only source of heat) will be made for those who qualify.

Need for assistance for payment must first be identified and verified by the Army Community Service or Air Force Family Support Centers. The program started Monday and is available through Oct. 31, 2004.

*Security clearances ...***No small matter**

by **Spc. Curt Cashour**
14th Public Affairs Detachment

Life is full of risks. The day-to-day risks we take determine the level of success we reach in our careers and personal lives.

Like the Soldiers who fill its ranks, the Army also faces risks. The sheer volume and variety of people the Army deals with is accompanied by a host of risks, causing Army leaders to ask a number of important questions. Will this person be a good Soldier? How will he or she react under pressure? Are they prepared to make sacrifices to accomplish the mission?

One of the most important questions an Army leader must ask is whether someone could possibly jeopardize security. At Fort Carson, the Installation Security Directorate helps answer this question.

ISD processes Fort Carson Soldiers and employees who need to obtain or renew secret or top-secret security clearances. The security-clearance process starts with a form known as the electronic personnel security questionnaire.

A lengthy document that solicits background information from an individual's personal, financial and employment histories, the EPSQ is the primary tool used in conducting Army security-related investigations.

Those who must complete an EPSQ should come to ISD prepared, said ISD director Larry Harlin. EPSQs for secret clearances seek information dating back seven years, and EPSQs for top secret clearances go back 10 years.

Once a Soldier completes his EPSQ, ISD sends the

document to the Defense Security Service, the government body that conducts security-clearance investigations of U.S. military personnel. Civilian EPSQs go to the Office of Personnel Management, the service's civilian counterpart.

Currently, secret and top-secret clearance investigations can take up to 18 months to complete, said Pedro Arellano, ISD security specialist.

Harlin attributes the timeframe to a growing number of Army deployments, especially in Iraq and Afghanistan, and to the fact that investigations have become more thorough since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"Right now, things are so backlogged. With the mobilization, all the reservists and National Guard Soldiers coming on, most of their clearances were out of date. It's really put a burden on the system at the national level," Harlin said.

If an individual needs a security clearance right away, ISD staff can issue an interim clearance, which is good for 180 days, said Maj. Carmine Naccarelli, ISD security specialist.

Interim clearances allow an individual to do anything a normal clearance would, including deploy, Naccarelli said.

Investigations don't have to take the full 18 months, however. It's when investigators encounter derogatory information, or problems with an individual's past, that investigation times tend to increase, Arellano said.

Derogatory information includes a wide variety of things, the most common of which are substance abuse

and financial problems, such as bankruptcy, Harlin said.

After an investigation is completed, staff at the Army's Central Clearance Facility review the results and make a decision to grant or deny the clearance.

Felony convictions, repeated bouts with substance abuse and financial trouble will all prevent people from getting a clearance, Harlin said. But one or two past instances of bad judgment don't necessarily prevent someone from earning a clearance.

"If a Soldier or the individual is showing that he is working to remedy the problem, either with a bankruptcy or drug and alcohol abuse program, it probably will not affect the clearance," Harlin said.

Once a secret clearance is granted it is good for 10 years, while top-secret clearances are good for five years.

Individuals should keep track of when their clearances are due to expire and report to ISD to start the renewal process six months before the clearance's expiration, Harlin said.

"The way the Central Clearance Facility is doing it right now, because of the backlog, if you're renewal packet is in before the expiration of your clearance, (the clearance facility) will probably honor your clearance until the investigation is done," Harlin said.

While many people who visit ISD aren't thrilled about the security clearance process, Harlin says the steps one must go through to get a clearance are necessary.

"People need to know that a clearance is not a right, it's a privilege," Harlin said.

Afghan NCOs train their soldiers

Story by 2nd Lt. Stephanie O'Connors

136th Regiment, Public Information Officer

Many Americans never heard of the country of Afghanistan until the Soviets occupied it in 1979 for nearly 10 years. It again gained attention after Sept. 11, 2001.

After the Soviets left, Afghanistan was weakened by years of war and decay; the fragile Afghan government was soon taken over by a group of Islamic extremists that called themselves the "Taliban." Its religious views took on an extreme view of Islam under the Mullah Omar from 1994 until 2002.

With the ousting of the Taliban by American and Afghan Northern Alliance forces, there are still challenges Afghanistan faces. The regrouping of this type of government or other terrorist groups is still a possibility. This is one reason coalition forces and Americans at Task Force Phoenix are here today in Afghanistan assisting the government in the creation of a national military force loyal to the central government.

Efforts to rebuild the infrastructure, such as roads and bridges, have had a positive effect on the local population. With the recent success of the new constitution, Loya Jirga and national elections scheduled for June, Afghanistan is on its way to a good start. With this new beginning, the country will soon be able to stand on its own.

The number one priority is security reform. From the building of a new Afghan National Army to developing a police training program, the people of Afghanistan will need to see for themselves peace, stability and security throughout the country. One way of doing this is for the ANA to be visible and responding to the immediate needs in the most vulnerable populations.

A part of this visibility comes from the training and operations the ANA soldiers go through. They are constantly in full view of the local Kabul citizens. Even as the basic training battalions prepare for weapons training, they are under constant watch from both their supervisors and the locals who travel through the area



Photo by 2nd Lt. Stephanie O'Connors.

Soldiers of the 15th KANDAK, the 15th Battalion in the Afghanistan National Army, sit patiently during weapons training at the Senior Sergeants Course. Coalition soldiers observe the ANA instructors teach their own soldiers during the transition phase from coalition to ANA instruction.

during the training.

Prior to any training exercise, military police are tasked with security detail. The soldiers who are assigned this duty take it quite seriously. On occasion, they have asked locals to leave the training area for their own safety.

U.S. and coalition forces, like the United Kingdom's 2nd Battalion, Royal Gurkha Rifles, are working together with the ANA to assist in promoting security and stability throughout the country. One way is through the U. K. soldiers who now transition from training the Junior NCO course to mentoring the ANA NCOs to instruct their own ANA soldiers.

As the ANA soldiers prepared for their weapons training, the instructors divided the 14th KANDAK soldiers into separate groups. As the Junior Sergeants Course or Junior Noncommissioned Officers course

began, one group remained near the range where they tested their knowledge of basic rifle marksmanship by firing an AK-47 and an automatic machine gun, which is an ANA soldier's primary weapon.

The second group received training on the necessity and use of range cards, how weapons are displayed and where the individual soldier's area of concern or sector of fire is. They also received instruction on the PKM, the equivalent of the U. S. 60-caliber machine gun.

For the most part, these soldiers of the 14th KANDAK, or 14th ANA Battalion, are receiving training that one day they will be responsible for teaching. Staff Sgt. Zebula of the 13th KANDAK, who only graduated Nov. 28, was there doing exactly that — training other ANA soldiers to be future leaders and instructors as noncommissioned officers in the ANA.



Photo by Pfc. Aimee J. Felix

Saying goodbye ...

A memorial service was held Friday at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel for Spc. Justin W. Pollard, 23, of Foothill Ranch, Calif. Pollard, a 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment Soldier, died Dec. 30 in Baghdad, Iraq, in a noncombat related incident. He is survived by his parents Bill and Sue, his brother Cameron and his sister Jennifer.



Photo by Kevin Abel

Visit to the troops ...

Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Cromwell, 115th Field Artillery Brigade, Wyoming National Guard, shows Wyoming Gov. Dave Freudenthal and University of Wyoming Sports Director Gary Barta how to use a Global Positioning System. Freudenthal and Barta visited Fort Carson Sunday. The Wyoming National Guard trained at Fort Carson in preparation for its deployment to Kuwait.

Community

Absentee ballots available to Soldiers

by Pfc. Aimee J. Felix
Mountaineer staff

All over the world, members of the military, other uniformed services and their eligible family members, and all U. S. citizens overseas are able to vote under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.

Although most Soldiers are away from their home state, they can still vote for primary and general elections as absentee voters, still registered with their home state.

Soldiers who are not yet registered voters, can register with their home state by filling out a Federal Post Card Application and mailing it to the county clerk at the Soldier's home of record, said Paul Damon, voting officer with the Directorate of Community Activities.

If a Soldier is already a registered voter, he can download an absentee ballot form from the Federal Voting Assistant Program Web site: www.fvap.gov. This Web site offers information about the schedule of primary elections in all states, a list of

answers to frequently answered questions and more information relevant to federal voting programs.

Soldiers can also apply for absentee ballots through their unit voting assistant officer.

The Department of Defense voting assistant office has trained voting assistant officers in all installations to make the absentee voting process simpler and more accessible for voting Soldiers, said Damon. Deployed Soldiers also have voting assistant officers available to them while overseas.

In all states, one form will suffice for the applicant to receive both primary and general election ballots. Most states allow forms to be faxed. Soldiers are allowed to use their unit's fax machine for such purposes, said Damon.

Also, some states have recently adopted an Internet form of voting, which the DOD has stated is secure enough to use.

For more information about voter registration and absentee ballots, call Paul Damon at 526-8419.

Primary election dates for February to April

State	Date	Primary
Arizona	Feb. 3	presidential
Delaware	Feb. 3	presidential
Missouri	Feb. 3	presidential
Oklahoma	Feb. 3	presidential
South Carolina	Feb. 3	presidential
Tennessee	Feb. 10	presidential
Virginia	Feb. 10	presidential
Wisconsin	Feb. 17	presidential
Puerto Rico	To be determined	presidential
California	March 2	presidential and state
Connecticut	March 2	presidential
Georgia	March 2	presidential
Maryland	March 2	presidential and state
Massachusetts	March 2	presidential
New York	March 2	presidential
Ohio	March 2	presidential and state
Rhode Island	March 2	presidential
Vermont	March 2	presidential
Florida	March 9	presidential
Louisiana	March 9	presidential
Mississippi	March 9	presidential and state
Texas	March 9	presidential and state
Illinois	March 16	presidential and state
Pennsylvania	April 27	presidential and state

Fogle

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ual titles don't mean anything right now," continued Abdullah, head coach of Team USA's boxers for the 2004 Olympic Games at Athens, Greece.

Fogle led 2-0 after the first round and 9-7 after two. He trailed 18-14 entering the fourth and final round, during which he endured a standing-eight count after taking a strong left hook to the chin. Johnson tallied 11 points in the third, mostly on wide hooks to the body.

Fogle's tourney was perhaps his most impressive since he secured a national middleweight crown two years ago at Las Vegas. In the preliminaries, he stopped Dale Cuny of Rapid City, S.D., in the first round and obliterated Shad Cramer of Spokane, Wash., 29-7.

In the quarterfinals, Spc. Clarence Joseph, who

qualified for the Olympic Trials last May in the Golden Gloves of America Tournament of Champions at Las Vegas, bowed out of the tournament to allow WCAP teammate Fogle to advance to the semifinals, where he posted a 24-23 decision over Joel Castillo of Bronx, N.Y.

Staff Sgt. Torrence Daniels, another WCAP Soldier who last December qualified for the Olympic Trials by winning an Armed Forces championship, also settled for a silver medal here after dropping a 19-18 decision to New York's Roberto Benitez in the 119-pound finale.

Staff Sgt. DeAndrey Abron withdrew from the tourney after winning an unpopular 27-26 decision over Jaidon Codrington of Queens, N.Y., in the 178-pound quarterfinals. Codrington floored Abron with a right in the second round, registered two standing-eight counts in the third, and bloodied his nose in the fourth. Yet,

Abron climbed out of the ring with a one-point triumph to a chorus of boos from the crowd. An exhausted and battered Abron managed to muster a right jab that scored the winning point in the waning seconds of the bout.

The next day, Abdullah decided Abron had boxed enough for one week.

Staff Sgt. Charles Leverette lost a 9-4 decision in the 201-pound semifinals to Matt Godfrey of Providence, R.I. In the quarterfinals, Leverette won an 8-4 decision over Marcus Olliveira of Lawrence, Kan. He also posted a 15-8 victory over James Downey of San Antonio.

The most painful Army setback of the week went to Spc. Rondale Mason, who suffered a broken jaw during his 20-6 preliminary loss to Vanes Martirosyan of Glendale, Calif. Mason underwent surgery the following day and had his jaw wired.

Community Events

Miscellaneous

DECAM Christmas tree recycling program

The Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management Wildlife Office will recycle Christmas trees again this year. The trees will be used to improve wildlife habitat for small animals such as cottontails and quail and to improve fisheries' habitat in our ponds and reservoirs. We will be operating two sites through Jan. 31. Drop off natural trees at the southeast corner of Wickersham Boulevard and Chiles Avenue, just inside Gate 3 and across the street from the DECAM Recycle Center.

The second site is located at the intersection of Harr Avenue and Sheridan Avenue. Please remove all ornaments and tinsel before dropping off your tree. Call the DECAM Wildlife Office for additional information, 576-8074.

Free paperbacks — Grant Library has boxes of new paperback books available for units deploying or going to the field for training. The popular books are free and may be kept by the soldier — they don't need to be returned to the library. No paperwork is needed. The person responsible for the unit just needs to come to the library where they will be asked how many troops will be leaving post and how long they will be gone. Boxes of books will then be distributed. For more information, call 526-8144 or 526-2350 or stop by the library. The library is open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Criminal Investigations — CID is looking for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the theft of two motorcycles from the privately owned vehicles sales lot Nov. 14 or 15. The vehicles that were taken are a 2002 Harley Davidson Dyna Glide Super T Sport. (vehicle identification number is 1HDI6LVL132Y315199) and a 1989 Yamaha YSR50 (VIN JYA2RRA05KA037121).

CID is also looking for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person or people responsible for the theft of a 2000 Vermeer SC252, serial number 1VRN071F6W10028008, and a 2000 Jay Hawk Tilt Trailer, serial number 1Z9SA1014XM093255, which were stolen between Nov. 14 and 17 from the parking lot adjacent to building 6286.

If you have any information, contact Special Agent Jason Dailey at 524-1086 or the military police at 526-2333.

Dessert Theater — The Catholic Women's Group is sponsoring "Dessert Theater" at 7 p.m. Feb. 6 at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. Barbara Daubenspeck of Denver will perform her dramatic rendition of "Mary and Martha." The program will be followed by dessert and coffee. This will be a great night out for couples, Soldiers, "waiting" wives and mothers. Child-care may be reserved by calling Melanie at 392-2983. For individuals who wish to participate in First Friday devotions, the program will be preceded by Rosary at 5 p.m., Mass at 5:30 p.m. and a light supper and announcements. For more information, call Delene at 393-1444.

Cultural and fine arts center — Fort Carson Directorate of Community Activities is in the planning stages of starting a cultural and fine arts center.

If you would like to assist in the planning and development of this center please attend a special meeting in building 1217 in the conference room Tuesday at 6 p.m. Please call 526-2151 or 524-1388 if you will be attending

Tax season — The Fort Carson Tax Center is now open. It is located in building 6264, on Woodfill Road, across from the Colorado Inn and the Elkhorn Conference Center. Free tax services are available for active duty servicemembers and their family

members; mobilized reservists and their family members; servicemembers receiving either retirement or disability pay and their family members; and surviving family members of active-duty, mobilized reservists and retired servicemembers.

The Fort Carson Tax Center will electronically file your return and have federal and state tax forms available. In order for your tax return to be completed, you will need to bring all W-2s, Social Security cards for yourself and all family members, a power of attorney, if filing for your spouse, and all relevant financial information.

Red Cross — The next cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Evans Army Community Hospital, Room 1801. Registration is \$40, which includes a skills card and information booklet. Call 526-7825 for more details.

Felicia Wilkinson is the new health and safety coordinator. Her office is at Evans Army Community Hospital, room 1801, and her phone number is 526-7825. Her work hours are Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

New and gently used formal wear is still needed for the Revolving Dress Collection. Dresses go to Army wives attending balls and other formal events. If you have a donation, call Theresa at 576-1767.

If you are interested in babysitting classes, call Tammy at 526-1058.

For swim lessons, call Crystal at 526-3122.

Gold Star Wives and Mothers — The Gold Star Wives and Mothers organization is working with Fort Carson's Casualty Assistance Office to ensure that eligible families receive a gold star pin. For more information about this program, contact JaNene Skinner at 597-5630 or visit www.goldstarwives.org and www.goldstarmoms.com.

The Barbara Jordan Health Policy Scholars Program — The Scholars Program is now accepting applications for the summer of 2004. The program brings talented African-American, Latino, Asian/Pacific-Islander, and American-Indian/Alaska Native college seniors and recent graduates to Washington, D.C., where they work in congressional offices and learn about health policy.

Through the nine-week program, June 1 through July 30, scholars gain knowledge about federal legislative procedure and health-policy issues, while further developing their critical thinking and leadership skills. In addition to an internship in a congressional office, scholars participate in seminars and site visits to augment their knowledge of healthcare issues, and write and present a health policy research paper.

Eligible candidates must be U.S. citizens who are members of a racial/ethnic minority group and will be seniors or recent graduates of an accredited U.S. college or university in the fall of 2004. Candidates are selected based on academic performance, demonstrated leadership potential and interest in health policy.

The deadline for applications is Jan. 30. For additional information, contact Patricia Rosas at 526-5818.

Harmony in Motion — Harmony in Motion is looking for vocalists and musicians. Anyone interested can call Staff Sgt. Lenora Gogins-Watkins at 526-4302.

Claims against the estate

Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of Staff Sgt. Stephen A. Bertolino, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact CW2 Robert A. Alequin at 201-7129.

Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of Staff Sgt. Dale A. Panchot, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 2nd Lt. Collin Bissell at 526-1567.

Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of Sgt. David J. Goldberg, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact Capt. Todd M. Gould



Army Community Service
Family Readiness Center
719-526-4590

Attend this month's Financial Readiness Program Money Trouble Solutions workshop

"Retirement Catch-up"



Thursday, 12 February
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6-7:30pm

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at 526-6806/6809.

Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of Spc. Raymond E. Cammel, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 1st Lt. Christopher Stutz at 556-7440 or 556-4677.

Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of Spc. Rian Ferguson, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact CW2 Robert A. Alequin at 201-7129.

Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of Cpl. Gary B. Coleman, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 1st Lt. Aaron Blanchard at 526-4082.

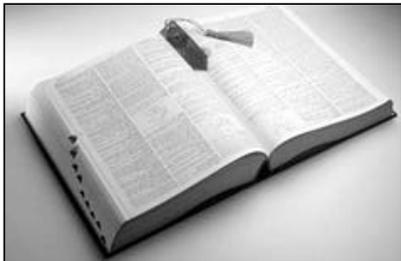
Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of Spc. Justin Pollard, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 2nd Lt. Paul Ramsey at 526-7266.

Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of Pfc. Nathan W. Nakis, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 2nd Lt. Julie Zavage at 526-4634.

Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of CW2 Ian D. Manuel, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact CW3 Eric M. Oleson at 526-6514 or 659-4097.

Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of Master Sgt. Kelly Hornbeck, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact WO1 3 Eric Brashears at 526-3978.

Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of Sgt. Michael A. DiRaimondo, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact Capt. David Blake at 524-1098 or 338-4646.



Chapel

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Religious education — Religious education is conducted each Sunday at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel, building 1500, (next door to the post exchange) for Protestant and Catholic children and adults. Protestant Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m. and Catholic Family Religious Education meets at 10:45 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Native American Sweatlodge ceremonies — 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, or Zoe Goodblanket at 442-0929 for ceremonial information and directions.

Day	Time	Service
M-W-F	noon	Mass
Tues., Wed., Thurs.	noon	Mass
Saturday	5 p.m.	Mass
Sunday	8 a.m.	Mass
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Mass
Sunday	10:45 a.m.	CRE
Sunday	11 a.m.	Mass
Sunday	12:15 p.m.	Mass
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	RCIA
Saturday	4 p.m.	Reconciliation

Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant
Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant
Sunday	11 a.m.	Protestant
Sunday	11 a.m.	Prot./Gospel
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Prussman
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School
Tuesday	9 a.m.	PWOC
Sunday	11 a.m.	Contemporary
Sunday	6 p.m.	PYOC

Sunday	10:45 a.m.	Lutheran
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For information and a schedule of Jewish Sabbath services, call the U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel at 333-2636.

Monday	6:30 p.m.	Family University
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Sunday	2 p.m.	LDS
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Chapel Schedule ROMAN CATHOLIC

Chapel	Location
Healer	Evans Army Hospital
Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez
Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez
Prussman	Barkley & Prussman
Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez
Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez
Healer	Evans Army Hospital
Provider	Barkley & Ellis
Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez
Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez

PROTESTANT

Healer	Evans Army Hospital
Provider	Barkley & Ellis
Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez
Prussman	Barkley & Prussman
Prussman	Barkley & Prussman
Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez
Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez
Veterans'	Magrath & Titus
Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez

LITURGICAL

Provider	Barkley & Ellis
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JEWISH

WICCA

Family University	Building 1161
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MORMON

Provider	Barkley & Ellis
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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 58 & Genesis 46-48

Saturday — Luke 1:68-79 & Genesis 49-50

Sunday — Luke 2:29-32 & Exodus 1-3

Monday — Psalms 59 & Exodus 4-6

Tuesday — Psalms 60 & Exodus 7-9

Wednesday — Psalms 61 & Exodus 10-12

Thursday — Psalms 62 & Exodus 13-15

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 and leaders of the U.S. Army Reserve, 63rd Reserve Support Command, headquartered in Los Alamitos, Calif.

Army: For the Soldiers, noncommissioned officers and officers of the Adjutant General Corps. May God bless these dedicated servants who lead the Army in managing the careers of its soldiers and families.

State: For all Soldiers and families from the state of California. Pray also for Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, the legislators and municipal officials of the Golden State.

Nation: For the thousands of workers and visionaries in the field of information technology. Pray that as this sector of our economy develops, God would guide people to shape it in just ways that assist people in creating better lives for themselves and their families.

Religious: For all Soldiers and families from the Bible Churches Chaplaincy. Pray also for all chaplains endorsed to serve on behalf of this community of faith. 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.

Chaplain's Corner

Keeping the faith

Finding the good in bad situations

Chap. (Maj.) Robert W. Leathers
10th Combat Support Hospital

Have you ever wondered how something good could come from such a bad situation? If so, you are in good company.

In Old Testament times there lived a family from Bethlehem that virtually "went through it all." A famine hit; the family was forced to leave their homeland; the father died; the two sons married; then they died, leaving behind a mother and two widowed daughters-in-law.

This story takes place in the book of Ruth. Set in the period of time referred to as "judges", this era is dominated by war and rumors of war and chaos. Ruth provides a ray of hope and happiness in spite of all that happens to her family. She recognized the hand of God at work in her life, even though she did not know exactly what would happen to her.

The hand of God was in fact at work, using the joys and tragedies of that family to put the right people in the right place at the right time. On one cold, crisp morning during the barley harvest in Israel, a faithful

alien named Ruth would "chance" to glean in the field of a faithful kinsman named Boaz. And, eventually they would marry and have a son, Obed, who would have a grandson, David, through whom would be born the Messiah.

From a crisis situation and much turmoil came the setting for the birth of the greatest gift given to man; the birth of our savior. Romans 8:28 says, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." So, keep the faith and wait for the good.

Special compensation

New Army Web site helps disabled retirees

Army News Service

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — A new Web site designed to assist disabled military retirees in applying for Combat-Related Special Compensation went online the week of Jan. 12.

The U.S. Army CSRC Web site, located at www.csrc.army.mil, provides information a disabled military retiree needs to apply for this special compensation, said officials from the Human Resources Command. The site provides program guidelines used to determine eligibility for combat-related disability benefits and application procedures for the program.

"The site includes an application form, which can be downloaded, and it gives detailed instructions of the appli-

cation process," said Brig. Gen. Gina S. Farrissee, the Army Adjutant General. "It also contains supporting documentation required to substantiate a claim and helpful tips on how to enable the timely application processing."

The Web site also provides:

- Guidance on how and where to file an appeal for retirees who previously submitted applications that have been determined ineligible or have been declined.
- A detailed listing of specific information and documentation that is frequently overlooked by applicants in their initial applications, as well as procedural and timing considerations.
- Phone and e-mail points of contact in the event customers have difficulty

navigating the site or need specific information about the CRSC program.

As a provision of the 2003 National Defense Authorization Act, CRSC allows eligible disabled military retirees to collect payments for both their military service and their service-related disability.

According to the legislation, a veteran with "combat-related" disabilities is any 20-year military retiree with at least a 60 percent combined disability rating, with injuries as a "direct result of armed conflict" or as a result of "hazardous" military service, while serving in "conditions simulating war" or incurred "through an instrumentality of war"

Automatic qualifiers include any military retiree with at least 20 years of

service who is rated as at least 10 percent disabled by injuries related to the award of a Purple Heart, officials said. Payments are retroactive to June 1 for those whose disability occurred before that date. Those who apply and are approved will begin receiving payments about 60 days after approval. Payments are deposited concurrently with standard military pay.

As of Jan. 1, CRSC eligibility will be expanded to include disabled military retirees with a 10 to 100 percent VA disability rating and Reservists and National Guard retirees eligible at age 60 who are receiving retired pay.

Editor's note: This article was submitted by U.S. Army Human Resources Command Public Affairs Office.

Ready, Aim, Fire

by Pfc. Stephen Kretsinger
Mountaineer Staff

A unit from the Colorado National Guard has upgraded from cannon fire to rocket power.

The 1st Battalion, 157th Field Artillery has upgraded to the Multiple Launch Rocket System M-270 Basic Launcher from the 1.5 M-109 self-propelled Howitzer and performed a live fire exercise at the artillery range on the Mountain Post Jan. 21.

"This is a great post to train on," said Capt. Charles Zakhem, S-2, 1st Battalion, 157th Field Artillery. "You get so much support from the tenant commands and from the 7th (Infantry Division). If we had our choice to train anywhere in the country, we'd still pick here."

The Multiple Launch Rocket System M-270 Basic Launcher is a derivative of the Bradley fighting vehicle. It is a full track, self-propelled, launcher/loader designed to launch 12 tactical, free-flight rockets or two Army Tactical Missile System Block 1 missiles and redeploy before the enemy can determine its position.

The MLRS can fire 12 rockets in 60 seconds at six different targets or two missiles in 20 seconds at two different targets. It has a maximum speed of 45 miles per hour, a range of 435 miles and is air transportable.

The crew of the MLRS consists of a driver, a gunner and a chief. The driver drives the vehicle from point A to point B. The gunner controls all the fire control panels and maintains the computer system on the vehicle. The chief makes sure all safety parameters are met and that everything is in the safe zone before any rockets are fired.

Munitions fired by the MLRS include the M-26 basic rocket, the M-26A1 extended range rocket, the M-28A1 reduced range practice rocket, the AT-2 mine war-head rocket and the Army TACMS Block 1 missile.

"The MLRS launcher has the capability to reload itself," said Lt. Col. Gregory A. Miller, commander, 1st Battalion, 157th Field Artillery. "It has winches and cables built into the Loader/Launcher Module that are able to hoist the launcher pods into the back of it."

Not only can the MLRS load itself, but also it calculates much of the equation in targeting the enemy.

"Once we decide what targets we should engage, we feed that information into our fire computation system," said Miller. "The MLRS launcher actually determines the firing solution and fires the rocket at the target."

"Typically, where you see the use of the MLRS launcher is right up on the front line of troops," said Miller. "Or counter-fire, which is the enemy shooting at us and then us returning fire, taking out the enemy."

"The MLRS supplements other weapons systems on the battlefield; cannon, aircraft, naval third party," said Miller.

"Our battalion was notified in October of 2001 that we were going to field the MLRS launcher," said Miller. "In September of '02, that was the last time this battalion fired a 1.5 M-109 self-propelled Howitzer."

One MLRS platoon, which is three launchers, has the same firing capability of one howitzer battalion, said Miller.

"In May of 2003, 1st Battalion, 157th Field Artillery was notified that it would be placed on active duty," said Miller. "Our primary mission is force protection. We work under 5th Army and provide force protection for 18 different installations in six different states."

The 1st Battalion, 157th Field Artillery needed to change its Mission Oriented Specialties before operating the MLRS, even while fulfilling the force protection mission.

"We were 13 Bravos, which is a cannon artilleryman, and we had to convert over to a 13 Mike and 13

Papa," said Miller. "What the Soldiers went through was a distant learning (program). The instructors were located at Fort Sill, and the Soldiers viewed the instructors through a distant learning terminal."

"We had to still maintain force protection and rotate everyone through the school to get the MOS certification," said Miller.

"Once we completed the MOS certification, that was at the Soldier level, then we needed to group them together at their section level and complete the section certification," said Miller.

"The final phase, which is where we are at today, is the platoon certification, which culminates with a live fire exercise this morning," said Miller.

"We've brought approximately 300-some Soldiers on active duty," said Miller. "I've sent 169 Soldiers off to school and reclassified them with new job specialties. I've had 81 Soldiers attend noncommissioned officers education school, and I've had eight of my officers attend officer education; all at the same time, we're conducting a force protection mission."

"The 1st Battalion, 157th Field Artillery is based in armories in Aurora, Denver, Longmont and Boulder, Colorado," said Zakhem. "That is where we draw most of our Soldiers, but we also have Soldiers who reside in Pueblo, Colorado Springs and Southern Colorado."

"As far as I know, no other National Guard unit has fielded a new weapon system in conjunction with another Title 10 mission," said Miller.

"This was the culminating effort of a couple of years of a conversion from cannon to rockets," said Zakhem. "This is the truth and reality where all the hard work, all the hours of study, all the training and simulations come together for our Soldiers to field a new weapon system on the battlefield. That's what it's all about."



Sgt. Jeremy Yuen, gunner, B Battery, 1st Battalion, 157th Field Artillery starts the engine of the Multiple Launch Rocket System M-270 Basic Launcher.



Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 157th Field Artillery fire a rocket from the Multiple Launch Rocket System M-270 Basic Launcher in a live fire exercise at the artillery range on the Mountain Post Jan. 21. The MLRS can fire 12 rockets at six different targets in 60 seconds or two missiles at two different targets in 20 seconds.



Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 157th Field Artillery demonstrate how the Launcher/Loader Module of the Multiple Launch Rocket System M-270 Basic Launcher moves into position before preparing to fire.



Lt. Col. Gregory A. Miller, commander, 1st Battalion, 157th Field Artillery, gives a briefing before the Multiple Launch Rocket System M-270 Basic Launcher live fire exercise.



Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 157th Field Artillery unload ammunition for the Multiple Launch Rocket System M-270 Basic Launcher from a Heavy Equipment Mobile Tactical Truck M-985 during a live fire exercise at the Fort Carson artillery range.

Photos by Pfc. Stephen Kretsinger

Sports & Leisure

Moms In Motion

Fitness program benefits mothers

by **Walt Johnson**
Mountaineer staff

The Moms-In-Motion program, designed to help mothers enjoy the full pleasure of childbirth, is quickly proving to be one of the best programs available at the Mountain Post.

Moms-in-Motion is a low-intensity, low-impact exercise program for pregnant and postpartum moms. It is a doctor-supervised program for women not in a high-risk pregnancy and is sponsored by Evans Army Community Hospital's OB/GYN care line.

Moms-In-Motion has been in existence here for three years, according to Rhonda Tullersa, program coordinator. Tullersa said the program is an informal and comfortable aerobic workout that gives people more than one benefit.

"I started working with the program a year and a half ago. There are so many benefits the program gives the people who are a part of it. It helps to maintain weight, decrease stress, maintain a healthy heart, helps with respiration, sleep and digestion.

"You meet very positive, progressive people all the time, which helps people going through pregnancy. Obviously with the ladies being in

the military and sometimes dealing with husbands being deployed, and not being around family is tough. They don't have the traditional immediate family support system, so we have each other. It gets to be a real tight group," Tullersa said.

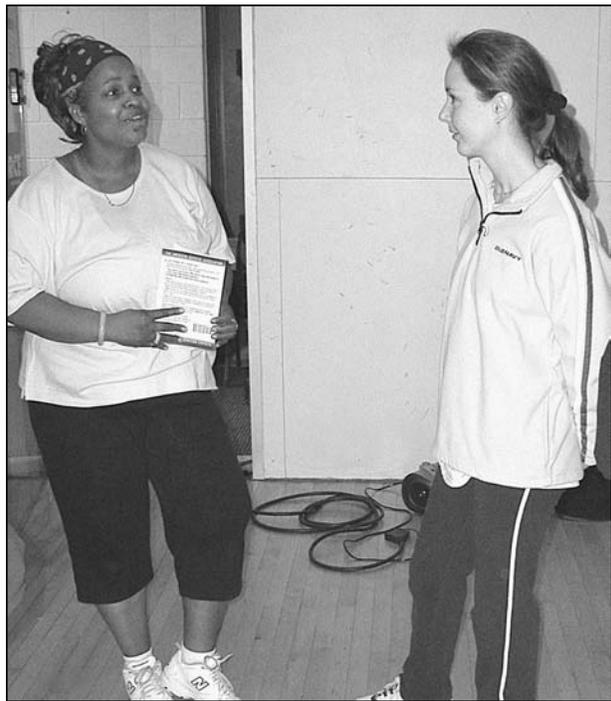
One of the best things about the Moms-In-Motion program is the bonding that takes place among women who have one thing in common, pregnancy.

"When a lady goes through this program and she delivers the baby, I do a hospital visit and present a certificate from Moms-In-Motion and a memento from the program. One of the really nice things is when the ladies in the program get together and present a gift basket to the new mom. That really gives people a good feeling," Tullersa said.

"The best and most immediate feedback we get is the ladies keep coming back to the class. Exercising is not an easy thing to start, and it is not an easy thing to maintain."

"After working out with this program, the ladies seem to feel much better and it helps them forget about the aches and pains associated with pregnancy and it is a great stress reliever," Tullersa said.

To register for the class, call 526-7030.



Photos by Walt Johnson

Rhonda Tullersa, left, Moms-In-Motion program coordinator, talks with a member of the class after a workout.



Members of the Moms-In-Motion program go through a light squatting exercise.



Members of the Moms-In-Motion program balance themselves against the wall of the racquetball court as they go through an exercise.

On the Bench

Air Force Academy hosts racquetball tourney Feb. 6



Johnson

by Walt Johnson
Mountaineer staff

The U.S. Air Force Academy will be hosting a racquetball tournament Feb. 6 to 8.

The tournament will feature competition in the A-B, C-D and women's open division. The entry deadline is today. For more information or to sign up for the tournament, call 333-4522 or 333-3531.

Forrest Fitness Center will be hosting a racquetball tournament Feb. 17 to 19.

Details for the tournament can be obtained by contacting Nick Nickerson at 526-2706. The deadline for sign up for the tournament is Feb. 11.

The Army's elite wrestling athletes are currently in training preparing for the All-Army team trials in late February.

The athletes selected for the team will compete in the Armed Forces championships scheduled to be held

March 4 to 8 at a Naval Station in New Orleans. The National championships will be held April 10 to 14 in Las Vegas.

What else would you expect at this time of the year than a special edition of "On the Bench" featuring your humble servant's Super Bowl picks?

Which quarterback will have to make a difference?

Carolina Panthers quarterback Jack Delhomme may have to play the game of his life, but the pressure in this game will really be on New England's Tom Brady.

Delhomme has a running game in the persons of Stephen Davis and DeShaun Foster, Brady has no running game to speak of. Sure Antwain Smith is capable of a 100-yard game, but this Carolina defense is not the defense you expect to have great running games against.

Delhomme will be in a position of not losing the game while Brady must win the game. Advantage: Panthers.

Which defensive line will control

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Photo by Walt Johnson

Going for the goal ...

Fountain-Fort Carson's Jacquelyn Booker drives to the basket around the defensive efforts of Mesa Ridge's Stephanie Smith. The Trojans will meet the Widefield Gladiators at Fountain-Fort Carson High School tonight at 7 p.m.



Photo by Walt Johnson

Let's run on them ...

Fountain-Fort Carson's Charles Moody, 44, grabs a rebound and looks to start a fast break Jan. 22 at Mesa Ridge High School. The Trojans will meet the Widefield Gladiators at Widefield High School tonight at 7 p.m.

Bench

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the line of scrimmage?

When you look at the New England Patriots defensive line you see a group of players that are so good together but not much individually, with the exception of Richard Seymour. Carolina has one of the best front fours in the game and should spend some time in the New England backfield harassing the Patriot's Brady.

The New England offensive line may be a bit better than Carolina's, so I think New England can win this battle and keep the game under control.

Advantage: New England
Which secondary will have the best game?

This is a lead-pipe lock, gang. New England's secondary may not be very busy because the Panthers Delhomme won't be throwing much based on past Panthers games. Brady will be airing the ball all over the lot so the Panthers secondary should have a busy day. Advantage: Patriots

Which team needs a great game out of its special teams?

The Panthers had better win

this battle if they have any chance to win the game. The one weak point in the Patriots team is the special teams. Sure they have a great kicker in Adam Veneteri, but they better not punt one time in this game or it could be devastating to the Patriots chance to win. The Panthers have one of the great punters in the game in Todd Sauerbrun and a cover defense on kickoffs and punts that gives no ground. Advantage: Panthers.

Before I get to my Super Bowl pick I want to share a story on two of the people who you see in the article on page 22.

Bonita Spears-Donnell said she may watch the Super Bowl but she still thinks the only Super Bowl worth watching will be when the Detroit Lions play.

Michael Resty Jr., left no doubt who he would have loved to see in the Super Bowl. Saturday he had so much red and gold on (the Kansas City Chiefs colors) that before he made his pick he had to write "Go Chiefs." on his card.

As for me, I think the Carolina Panthers will find a way to win this game and become world champions.

Carson community makes Super Bowl picks



Perry Becks
Carolina
24-21



Caleb Dodge
Carolina
27-10



Bonita Spears-Donnell
New England
21-17



Lorie Forcier
New England
20-10



Maylen Gaspar
Carolina
24-21



Larry Glass
Carolina
35-28



Ryan Gray
New England
31-7



Tom Gray
Carolina
17-10



Sylvia Grayer
Carolina
21-14



John Hasting
New England
28-3



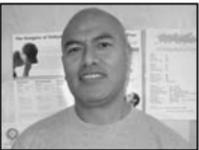
Crystal Holliday
Carolina
21-17



Antonio Howard
New England
17-10



Jerome Ajavon
Carolina
35-20



Pasi Lupeamanu
Carolina
24-17



Nick Nicholson
Carolina
27-14



Michael Resty
New England
34-14



Kendall Struxness
New England
21-17



Dan Templeton
New England
40-0

Boxercise program needs instructors

by Walt Johnson
Mountaineer staff

Walk into a boxercise conditioning program class and the first thing you notice is, this is not the typical workout of any kind.

Boxercise challenges each and every section of the human body and while the program makes your muscles sore and fatigued in the beginning, it makes your body feel like it just got "the most complete workout I have ever had," according to Shakira Fry, a boxercise participant.

For anyone who thinks boxercise is just another aerobics program, Lavell Sims has two words of advice. First, don't believe it and second, challenge yourself.

"I challenge anyone and any unit that thinks this is a regular aerobics program to give it a shot and see what the program really is. You won't believe the good effects this program will have on your fitness level until you give it a try," Sims said.

Fry gave the program a try after she gave birth to her son three months ago and was looking for a challenging way to get back in the best shape she could in the shortest amount of time.

"While I was pregnant I worked out in what is now called the Moms In Motion exercise program. It was a great program but I found I wanted to challenge myself to get in better shape after I had my child. I started working out in the boxercise class and realized it was the best workout I



Photo by Walt Johnson

Lavell Sims, right, boxercise program director, takes a class through a boxercise workout Saturday at Forrest Fitness Center.

have ever had and the results (better physical fitness) were evident in a short time," Fry said.

Boxercise classes currently are offered Monday through Friday at Garcia Fitness Center from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. On Feb. 16 the classes will move back to a permanent home at the

Special Events Center on post.

Sims said the program is currently looking for "people that are motivated and want to help Soldiers get a good workout," to become instructors. Anyone interested can call Sims at 226-0035 or Ayesha Bogart at 524-5102.

American Numismatic Association National Money Museum is located downtown



Story and photos
by Nel Lampe
Mountaineer staff
money is said to be
the root of all evil.

People can't seem to get enough of it. Children think it grows on trees, and this time of year, people seem to have too much month left at the end of the money.

Money is interesting. You can learn about it by visiting the American Numismatic Association's Money Museum at 818 N. Cascade Ave.

The museum opened in 1967 in Colorado Springs and has one of the world's largest collections of coins, medals and paper money.

The Money Museum facility, located near The Colorado College and the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, houses administrative offices, an editorial department and a library.

A few years ago the museum completed a \$3 million renovation

And when finished, the renovated museum housed a new, permanent display — the "Harry W. Bass Jr. Coin Collection."

Special exhibits rotate through other exhibit space on the main floor and on the lower level.

Presently two special exhibits are in the Money Museum.

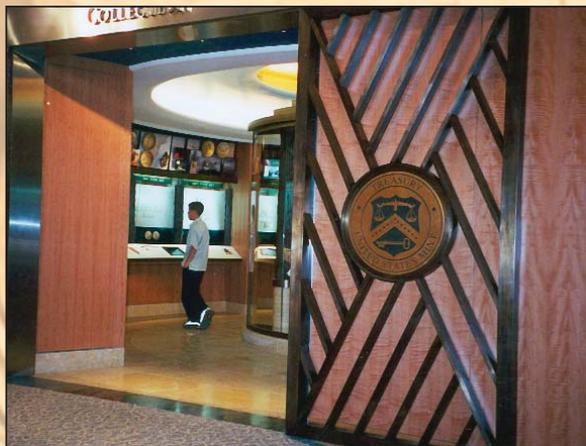
Upon arrival at the entrance desk, the attendant asks guests to sign in and gets them started on self-guided tours. Brochures about the exhibits are available.

The permanent display, the Bass Collection, includes the finest specimens from the collection of America's gold coins, assembled by the Dallas resident.

The Bass Collection is entered through vault-like doors. Bass' 100-piece collection includes gold coins, coin patterns and paper money, and is valued at more than 20 million. Audio and computer enhanced displays tell the story of the coins, while a timeline of drawings and photos encircle the room



The American Numismatic Association's Money Museum is located on North Cascade, near the Colorado College.



The Bass Collection is worth millions. It contains all known varieties of American gold coins.

at the top of the displays.

The Bass Collection includes all known varieties of early American gold coins issued by the U.S. mint, which date from 1795 to 1834.

An "audio wand" can be checked out at the entrance desk, which gives audio information about the displays in the Bass Collection.

"¡Viva La Revolucion!: the Money of the Mexican Revolution" is the special exhibit

on the first floor. This exhibit tracks the revolutionaries during the revolution — fighting among themselves while fighting against the government. The revolution lasted from 1877 until 1920. The story of that time can be seen in the coin and paper money that resulted. Revolutionary leaders, such as "Pancho" Villa and Emiliano Zapata made their own coins and printed their own paper or cardboard bills. Hundreds of specimens of coins and bills from the revolution are in the exhibit. Documents and photos depict the revolutionary time in Mexico.

This exhibit will be in place through the fall. Exhibits are labeled both in English and Spanish.

Historic mint equipment on the first floor include the massive scale once used to weigh gold bars. The scale is a 10,000 ounce beam balance and is so sensitive that the slightest weight is mea-



"Mountains of Money: A Colorado Story" is an exhibit on the lower level of the Money Museum. The display has been extended.

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Happy Coinists



Places to see in the Pikes Peak area.

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Money Museum

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sured.

The first steam press used by the U.S. Mint in 1836 is also on display.

In front of the building a glass enclosure houses a gigantic coin stamping machine, said to be the most powerful in the world.

A small gift shop is near the entrance, where bookmarks, key rings, caps, cups and other money-related gifts are sold. Money and coin collecting books and coin holder folders are available. Some foreign coins, magnifiers, pens, pencils, watches, T-shirts and ties are sold.

Near the gift shop, two valuable coins are displayed: an 1858 gold eagle piece, one of 30 in the world and worth more than \$200,000 is in one case. Nearby is an eight reales coin from 1538, the only known one in the world, is worth \$1 million.

"Mountains of Money: A Colorado Story," is on the lower level. The exhibit was to end Saturday but has been held over until March 15.

This exhibit traces the story of mining in Colorado, from the first big gold rush through the late 19th century when silver took the lead. Colorado's history and growth was heavily linked with mining. Colorado Springs' history is particularly woven closely to the discovery of gold in the Cripple Creek area.

People couldn't exist forever by paying for products they needed with a little bag of gold dust. Besides, gold from Cripple Creek didn't come in a dust form. People needed money for daily living — to ride the trolley, buy milk or food. Private minting companies quickly began making gold into coins for general use. A private minting company, Clark, Gruber and Co. operat-

ed out of Denver in 1860 and 1861 minting coins called the Pikes Peak Issue. Soon, these coins were the primary money used in Colorado.

Denver eventually got its own Mint which is still in operation today. A special section of the Mountains of Money exhibit covers the creation of the mint, from its early days as an assay office to the day the first U. S.

coins were struck. In 1861 an act of Congress established a government-owned mint should be established in Denver. The government took possession of the Clark and Gruber building. However, the mint actually operated as an assay office.

Money was appropriated for a new mint building in 1895 but construction didn't begin until 1899. About four years later, the offices of the old mint were moved to the new mint. Coins were finally minted in the Denver Mint beginning in 1906.

Historic machinery from the Clark and Gruber Mint, a punch press and an upsetting (rim) machine are in the Money Museum exhibit.

Historic photos, coins, early checks, a bullion box, gold ore, nuggets, scales, scrip, medals, tokens and souvenirs are also displayed.

A case with model trolleys depicting the gold-era transportation scene includes a Denver and Rio Grande railway pass signed by Gen. William Palmer, the founder of Colorado Springs and the D&RG.

An unexpected benefit of the Mountains of Money display is the art on the walls depicting mining or early Colorado, including two pieces by Charles Craig.

The museum is open from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., and Sundays from noon until 4 p.m. except for holidays.

The building housing the Money Museum also houses the world's largest circulating collection of numismatic books. Correspondence courses are offered for young collectors under



"¡Viva La Revolucion!: the Money of the Mexican Revolution" is the special exhibit on the first floor of the Money Museum.



A visitor checks out an early steam press used for making coins.

18 years of age.

Guided tours are given to groups of 10 or more by previous appointment. Call 632-2646 to make a reservation.

There is no admission fee to visit the museum.

From Fort Carson, take Interstate 25 north to the Bijou Exit. Continue to Cascade Avenue and turn north. The Money Museum is near the Fine Arts Center, a half block north of Dale Street, on the west side of the street. Park streetside or use the small parking lot north of the museum.



History of the Denver Mint is depicted in the Mountain of Money exhibit. Historic photos and equipment are displayed.



A visitor learns about an exhibit in the Bass Collection by listening to the audio wand.

Just the Facts

- **Travel time** 20 minutes
 - **For ages** families
 - **Type** museum
 - **Fun factor** ★★★ (Out of 5 stars)
 - **Wallet damage** free
 - \$ = Less than \$20
 - \$\$ = \$21 to \$40
 - \$\$\$ = \$41 to \$60
- (Based on a family of four)

Get Out!

Denver concerts

Sting is in Fillmore Auditorium, 1510 Clarkson in Denver, Feb. 5 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$62.50, call 520-9090.

Denver appearances

Bill Cosby is in the Buell Theatre at 14th and Curtis in downtown Denver at 5 and 8 p.m. Feb. 28. Call Ticketmaster at 520-9090 for tickets.

Chris Rock performs at 8 p.m. Feb. 26 in Buell Theatre in downtown Denver at 14th and Curtis. Call Ticketmaster, 520-9090 for tickets.

Big Band Dance

A **Big Band Dance** commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of Glenn Miller is set for Feb. 28, from 6:30 to 10 p.m. in the Colorado Springs City Auditorium. Active duty military in uniform with valid ID will be admitted free to the dance.

World Arena concerts

Neil Young and Crazy Horse are in the World Arena Feb. 29. Tickets start at \$39.50.

Barebacked Ladies are set for March 22; tickets start at \$35.;

"Disney on Ice" is March 17 through 21. The jungle adventures have various show times. Tickets are at the World Arena box office or call 576-2626.

Broadway theater

Next in the Broadway Series in the Pikes Peak Center Series is "Fame," Feb. 17 and 18. Call 520-SHOW for tickets. The next performance in the series is "Rent," March 16 and 17.

Courthouse exhibit

A special exhibit in the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum, "Capture the Courthouse:

Architectural Detail as Art" marks the 100th anniversary of the building which originally was the El Paso County Courthouse. The exhibit of art calls attention to the art and architecture of the 1903 building. The exhibit and the museum have free admission. It is at 215 S. Tejon St., and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fine Arts theater

The Fine Arts Center's next repertory production is "Sweet Charity," a comedy by Neil Simon. The production opens Feb. 6 in the theater and runs through Feb. 22. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets in advance are \$23 and \$25 at the door. Call the box office at 634-5583 to make reservations.

Comedy

The Second City improv comedy troupe makes an appearance at the Fine Arts Center theater Feb. 11 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$27 at the door; call 634-5581.

Mining museum

Super Saturday program at the Western Museum of Mining and Industry is "Model Engineering Excitement" at 1 p.m. Feb. 14. The price is \$3 per person; call 488-0880. Learn about building models. Admission is \$3.

A program Feb. 28 is "The Princeton Expedition!" at 1:30 p.m. Steve Veatch has uncovered expedition diaries, journals and photographs of an expedition taken by Princeton students 125 years ago. Reservations are required; regular museum admission is charged.

March 13's Super Saturday is "Angel Food Faults and Peanut Butter Folds." Admission is \$3 per person, reservations suggested.

The mining museum is at 1025 N. Gate Road, just opposite the Academy's north gate.

Pikes Peak Center

B.B. King, along with the Erica Brown

Band, are in concert Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Denver Zoo

The Denver Zoo has a free admission day all day Monday, as well as Feb. 14. The Denver Zoo is in Denver's City Park. Take the Colorado Exit off Interstate 25 north to City Park, watch for signs. There's free parking at the zoo.

Imagination Celebration

"Anne of Green Gables" is the Kennedy Imagination Celebration production at the Pikes Peak Center March 5 at 7 p.m., at 2:30 and 7 p.m. March 6 and at 2:30 p.m. March 7. Call 520-7469 for tickets, which are \$9.50.

Hot rods and cool bikes

The 14th annual Super Show and Swap Meet features Southern Colorado's best indoor custom car and /bike show Feb. 14 and 15, at the Southern Colorado Expo, 1801 N. Union. There'll be 100 custom and antique motorcycles and 100 street rods or custom cars, a tattoo competition, a door prize and much more. Hours are Feb. 14 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Feb. 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Adults are \$9, children 12 and under are free.

Carnivale

The annual Mardi Gras-type celebration, called Carnivale in Manitou Springs, is set for Feb. 21. The parade begins at 1 p.m. at Manitou's Memorial Park and meanders west along the main street. In conjunction with Carnivale, the gumbo cook off begins with judging at 11 a.m. in Soda Springs Park. Following the judging, the gumbo is available for tasting. To enter the parade or gumbo cooking contest, call the Manitou Chamber of Commerce, 685-5089.

Cirque in Denver

Cirque Du Soleil's "Varekai," the newest production, opens June 3 at the Pepsi Center. Tickets start at 38.50 and go on sale Feb. 1; call (800) 678-5440, Ticketmaster at 520-9090 or go online at www.cirquedusoleil.com.



Photo by Nel Lampe

100th anniversary ...

An exhibit, "Capture the Courthouse: Architectural Detail as Art," marks the 100th anniversary of the Pioneers Museum building, originally the El Paso County Courthouse. It is shown through Feb. 28. Admission is free. The Pioneers Museum is at 215 S. Tejon St.

Program Schedule for Fort Carson cable Channel 10, today to Feb. 6.

Special Program: President George W. Bush addresses the Soldiers, civilians and family members of Fort Carson. Airs at 7 a.m., noon, 7 p.m. and midnight.

Army Newswatch: stories on Stop Loss and bonuses, new helicopter test and Mad Cow disease (repeat). Airs at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

Navy/Marine Corps News: stories on Mad Cow disease, the USS Gozalez and Marine anti-terrorist teams. Airs at 8 a.m., 1 p.m., 8 p.m. and 1 a.m.

Air Force News: Special Edition: 2003 year in review. Airs at 8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m.

The Mountain Post Community Forum, held monthly, airs at 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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