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Construction accident leaves 1 dead



A concrete girder leans against a concrete wall after collapsing Monday at the site of a future 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division operations center.

Story and photo by Michael J. Pach

Mountaineer staff

Construction operations were abruptly halted on a new 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division operations building Tuesday when a precast cement girder collapsed, killing one worker and injuring three others.

The accident occurred when precast panels were being erected as part of the roof and wall structure. A precast girder being placed on top of precast wall panels slid from the top of the wall and collapsed.

Of the four injured workers, two were on the ground, one was guiding the girder from a boom lift and one was working from above. All were employees of Hard Rock Structures, Inc., the subcontractor in charge of erecting the panels. A total of eight Hard Rock employees were on the scene.

Fort Carson emergency services agencies responded to an alarm at 12:50 p.m. They arrived on the scene to find two workers critically injured and two others with minor injuries.

One worker, Billy Needham, 39, of Cañon City fell from the top of the structure. He was transported to the trauma center at Memorial Hospital where he was later pronounced dead.

The employee in the boom was critically injured and was flown by Flight for Life to Penrose-St. Francis Hospital. His name is Paul Snow and his condition has been upgraded from critical to serious.

Another worker on top of the structure who was not injured had to be rescued with an aerial ladder truck. Minor injuries were treated on scene and all other workers were checked by paramedics and emergency medical technicians.

Mortenson Construction, the contractor for the project, has put a hold on construction while it, the Army Corps of Engineers, post safety personnel and the Occupational Health and Safety Administration conduct an investigation into the cause of the accident.

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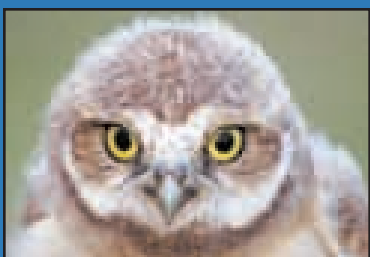
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Owl research is a hoot.
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Word of the month: **Encouragement**



Photo by Michael J. Pach

Arriving on a jet plane

Soldiers from the 169th Fires Brigade, Colorado National Guard, get a warm welcome at the Colorado Jet Center at the Colorado Springs Airport Tuesday. The 169th FB is a command and control coordination unit, and 101 Soldiers returned from a year in Iraq. A welcome home ceremony was held at the Special Events Center where Soldiers were greeted by family and friends.

Support found in many forms

by Sgt. First Class Jose A. Colon Rivera

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Why is encouragement needed? Human beings have some very basic needs; two of these are acceptance and recognition. We all have seen the Soldier who says: "I don't care for an end of the tour award," and realize later that this Soldier is feeling down because his award did not come through. We all have been there. We do the best we can at every turn and suddenly someone notices, shakes our hand or gives us the thumbs up. It feels good to know that someone noticed. Males especially; I should know since I am one, are raised to be stoic, self motivated, and face life usually thinking that our job is to work, be the provider - the tough one in the family. Whether we are recognized or not really does not matter since we know we are doing what is expected of us. This is partially true. Sex-role socialization occurs early in life. We learn what is expected of our gender, and with rare exception, that is how we live our lives.

What is not encouragement? Encouragement in my opinion is not a way of coercing someone to do what otherwise they would not. It is not a reason to preach or nag. It is not based in the encourager's personal needs.

I do not abdicate for a softening of the male role in society. I simply state that males and female equally can benefit from the occasional "pat in the back."

The Army Equal Opportunity Policy applies to military personnel, Department of the Army Civilians, and Family members. Think about it. As tough as a Soldier can be, our civilians who sometimes deploy with us, also put their lives on the line for our country when they go to a combat zone. A great number of these DA civilians are prior military and it is not necessarily the first time they have seen the hardships of war.

The spouse silently watches Soldiers pack bags, kiss children, and go to a gym or large facility, kiss the spouse goodbye, and then are locked in, on the way to a danger zone, somewhere on planet Earth, without knowing if they will see us again or not. The child who is too young to recognize the dangers that

we will face, but a few days after our departure starts asking the tough questions: when will mommy be back? Will I see daddy again?

Soldiers, remember to say thank you to our DA civilians who work with us, or at least, let them know you appreciate their service. Husbands and wives, do let your loved ones know that you appreciate their support. Remind your children that you care. These simple acts do more for the morale of our work and home environment than we tend to realize.

Soldiers, we do what we do because we love our nation. We fight the good battle every day because deep down inside ourselves we care. Remind your battle buddy that you are there for him or her. Leaders, let your Soldiers know that you care, too.

All of these things amount to nothing more than encouragement. Our troopers, our civilians, and our Families, all go through life expecting nothing. A simple word can brighten someone's life, and as a result, improve that person's quality of life, efficiency and morale. It does not take a lot, a simple "thank you" sometimes does the job.

POST TALK: Who gives you encouragement?



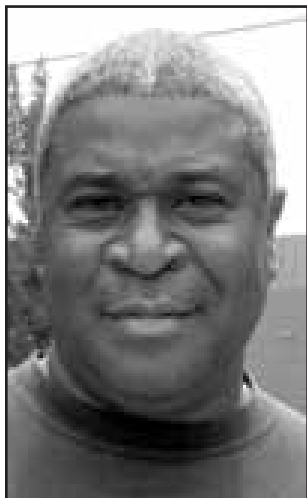
"My wife is really hard working. She does lots of volunteering and other work for free."

Staff Sgt. Brian Ratterree
759th Military Police Battalion



"My fellow soldiers encourage me. I find a lot of what they do inspiring."

Sgt. First Class Matthew Norbeck
3/61 Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team



"God and Christian beliefs. I think it helps to treat people well."

Frankie Allen
Army retiree, civilian employee



"My 7-year-old son encourages me. He's had two open heart surgeries, but it doesn't slow him down."

Aggie Peck
Military Spouse



"My parents. They came over from Ireland with nothing and raised four kids."

Maj. Kenneth Hynes
10th Group Special Forces

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NEWS

Engineers sweat it out at NTC

Story and photo by
1st Lt. Martin Sigli
4th Engineer Battalion

How hot is it going to get? That was the question that the 62nd Engineer Company, 4th Engineer Battalion, asked themselves for 28 days during their first National Training Center rotation where temperatures reached 120 degrees. The 62nd Engineer Company (Sapper) met up with the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Irwin, Calif., for a joint force operation in preparation for 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment's rotation to Iraq this fall. The completion of rotation '07-'09 will play a huge role in the future of the 62nd. With the valuable training received at the NTC the Company now has an idea of where these engineers are now and where they're headed. With the company still in its infancy, only nine months after its activation in October 2006, the training and assessment was truly needed.

The company also served as a scouting element for the 4th Engineer Battalion who has yet to conduct a rotation of its own. By sending the 62nd Engineers ahead of the rest of the battalion, lessons learned can be implemented into training in order to make their rotation more successful. The 4th Engineer Battalion is scheduled for its first NTC rotation this August in support of 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division out of Fort Hood.

The mission for the 62nd Engineers consisted of route reconnaissance and clearance. By conducting route reconnaissance and clearance, the 62nd Engineers allowed 3rd ACR to move freely throughout the battle space at the NTC without the threat of improvised explosive devices along main and alternate supply routes. With the threat of IEDs in Iraq and simulated heavily at NTC, 3rd ACR needed additional Engineers for support to

See **Sweat** on Page 4



Sgt. Timothy Brown, 62nd Engineer Company, 4th Engineer Battalion, is testing the internal communications between vehicles during a mission at National Training Center. Brown relays a message about a possible improvised explosive device to his platoon leader.

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accomplish their mission. The route clearance mission for the 62nd Engineers is a new mission altogether for engineers across the board. With the constant use of IEDs in Iraq, route clearance has become an essential tool for coalition forces.

The 62nd Engineers, commanded by Capt. Jeffrey R. Nordin, arrived at Fort Irwin, Calif. on June 15th where during the first week the company immediately hit the ground running. The company was engaged in many classes taught at NTC during the first week. The classes received were essential to the engineers mission. Classes ranged from equipment use, tactics and technique training, equipment and personnel management, to enemy familiarization. Specific training was on equipment such as the Mine Protected Clearance Vehicle Buffalo (an interrogation vehicle for IEDs), interrogating robots (such as

the TALON, MARCBOT, MINI ANDROS), the SPARK system (a forwarding equipment with a roller system for finding pressure plate mines), and electronic counter IED systems (such as the DUKE, ICE, RED, and GREEN Warlock jamming systems).

The reason that these classes were important to the engineers of the 62nd is because of their rarity. With a limited budget for traveling and equipment coming out of home station, the Engineers do not usually get as many personnel slots to attend classes such as the ones taught at NTC. In addition the equipment that Soldiers get trained on is a valuable asset in the development of the Company. Sgt. Michael Kolb, stated that, "The opportunity for my Soldiers to train on the equipment at NTC was a huge part of our success during our rotation. It helped us tremendously during (Full Spectrum Operations)." This training was critical to the overall mission success because the more time Soldiers get on a piece of equipment, or what Soldiers call "stick

time," the better prepared they will be for their potential mission in Iraq.

Once the Soldiers received their equipment and training during the first week, Soldiers are sent to the "Box". The "Box" is the actual training area where FSO is conducted, where the evaluation begins, and where the training and equipment is put into use during a 14-day simulated war zone. Soldiers and leaders alike were receiving missions to recon and clear routes of IEDs for follow-on forces to move freely within the "Box". During FSO, Soldiers were seeing the integration of almost every Army asset available to accomplish one mission: such integration support as air support, cavalry, infantry, and logistical support. In a typical mission leaders were coordinating with M-1 Abrams, M-2 Bradley's, and Apache air surveillance, while still fighting the threat of IEDs for follow-on forces.

Soldiers of the 62nd Engineer Company found over 42 IEDs that were armed and ready to be used by insurgents.

The company also interdicted over 30 insurgents attempting emplacement of IEDs. The Soldiers of the 62nd took seven insurgents captive and "killed" more than 15 while clearing their routes in a 14-day period. The NTC evaluators stated that the 62nd Engineer Company set the record for NTC with the most IEDs found in one rotation. Many Soldiers of the 62nd have been recognized by their graders and command for their valiant effort. The company is getting better and better each day at its job. Such Soldiers as Pfc. Hector Garcia who found three IEDs on one mission alone. Garcia, stated that, "This is some of the best training I have received in the Army. I value the chance I get to make myself better and keep my brothers around me alive even if it's just training. Cause I know one day it will be real."

With a continuous effort to improve the 62nd Engineer Company and 4th Engineer Battalion Soldiers and leaders are waiting for their chance to fight for the freedom of others and their own.

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Striker Organizational Day

Soldiers, families mix it up

by Spc. Paul J. Harris

3rd Brigade Combat Team,
4th Infantry Division Public Affairs Office

Although the mercury was rising at Ironhorse Park, it did not stop Soldiers and their Families from enjoying 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division's Organizational Day.

The day was made up of a range of events from horseshoes to a human chariot race. Each battalion earned points in the events that determined the overall winner. For most Soldiers, it was a chance to bring their Families to mingle with their coworkers.

"I think it is just nice to be able to put the faces to the names I hear so much when my husband comes home from work," said Staff Sgt. Shannon Wyatt, promotions noncommissioned officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3rd BCT, 4th ID. Her husband is Staff Sgt. Nathan Wyatt from 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery, and the organizational day was a prelude to their second wedding anniversary.

"We hear the names so much but we can't actually put faces to the names. Here we can see who the people are by the way they dress, sit back and just relax," Shannon said.



Photo by Sgt. Zach Mott

Soldiers from 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 68th Armored Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, conducted a brigade run in the early morning hours Friday. The run kicked off Organization Day for the 3,800-Soldier unit in which families and friends were invited to share a day of food, fun and games.

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Carson honors fallen hero



Sgt. William E. Brown
Dec. 22, 1981 - June 23, 2007

Brown was born and raised in Daleville, Ala., and joined the Army June 20, 2002. He attended advanced individual training at Fort Eustis, Va., and graduated as an AH-60 aircraft mechanic.

Brown was assigned to Company C, 2nd Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (formerly the 571st Medical Company) at Fort Carson in February 2003. He was a crew chief in the 1st Forward Support Medical Team and deployed to Iraq where he was killed in action in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Brown's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, The Purple Heart, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Citation, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Combat Action Badge and Aircraft Crewmember Wings.

Brown is survived by his wife Rachel, his sons Ethan and Tyler and his mother Theresa Kyser.

Right: Sgt. William E. Brown's flight helmet rests atop his memorial display at Veterans' Chapel Monday.



Photos by Michael J. Pach



Left: Peter Harty, Pikes Peak Highlanders, plays "Amazing Grace" as he exits Veterans' Chapel.

Right: A 1st Cavalry coin leans on Sgt. William E. Brown's boots.



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Retiree Appreciation Day — is 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at Peterson Air Force Base. This free event will feature a barbecue, guest speakers and an information fair. A barbecue luncheon will be held 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Eagle Park. An information fair will be at the fitness center. Parking is available at the base auditorium and shuttle buses will run from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. This event is open to anyone who has access to Peterson. For information, call the retiree office at 556-7153.

4th Division Reunion — The National 4th Division is holding a reunion at the Doubletree Hotel in Colorado Springs Monday through July 22. The Alumni Association will have two hospitality suites and A 1-8 Infantry Company will have a junior hospitality suite open to all Soldiers from Fort Carson.

Joe Gmelch Wounded Warrior Welcome socials — are held the third Thursday of the month at 3:30 p.m. at Alternate Escapes to recognize wounded Soldiers who came home separate from their units and did not participate in a welcome home ceremony. The next social is Thursday and all are welcome.

Harmony in Motion — is holding auditions for basses, tenors and sopranos. Any Soldiers interested may contact Sgt. Scott Dickson at 524-3618, 338-2340 or scott.d.dickson@conus.army.mil.

Organizational Clothing and Individual Equipment — As of June 1, Soldiers currently assigned to a modified table of organization and equipment unit with permanent change of station orders within the continental United States are required to retain certain OCIE and will be allowed to ship one duffel bag containing OCIE to their new duty station. For a list of items or if you have questions, call Directorate of Logistics supply contacts Dale Caddick at 526-6140 or Frank Howard at 526-6477.

\$500 Reward — The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Detachment is offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the damage to U.S. government property and fires in motor pool building 1882 on May 2. If you have information about this or any crime, contact CID at 526-3991 or the Military Police desk at 526-2333. The \$500 reward offer expires May 11, 2008.

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- Repair and utility/self-help — Call Gary Grant at 526-5844. Use this number to obtain self-help tools and equipment or a motorized sweeper

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Monday-Thursday from 12:30-3 p.m.

Full turn-ins

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Unit issues and turn-ins

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Butts Army Airfield — Monday-Friday 7-9 a.m. (breakfast), 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. (lunch) and 5-6:30 p.m. (dinner). Weekend hours are 7:30-9 a.m. (breakfast), 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. (lunch) and 4:30-6 p.m. (dinner).

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Commanding General's Hotline

by Maj. Gen.
Robert W. Mixon Jr.
*Commanding General,
Division West, First Army
and Fort Carson*



Mixon

The Commanding General's Hotline exists to provide Mountain Post Team members a channel to express their concerns and good ideas directly to me.

It is in everyone's interest to share information and solve problems efficiently and quickly. The Commanding General's Hotline is one way to successfully resolve difficulties.

Communication is a two-way street, and this is one way I use to communicate with Soldiers, family members, civilian employees and contractors of the Mountain Post team.

There are two avenues to communicate concerns, complaints, suggestions or praise: call the hotline, 526-2677, or go online to www.carson.army.mil, click on "contact us" and complete the form.

Your issue will be worked by me and my staff, but please try to resolve conflicts through traditional means first, including your chain of command.

So that we may process your concern, suggestion, complaint, problem or praise, please give us your name, rank, unit and as much information about the situation as possible.



The Fort Carson Special Reaction Team jumps out of its armored vehicle as it enters Carson Middle School to rescue an "injured victim" during a training exercise.



From right, Fort Carson police officers Evan Caldwell, Victor Forzani and Jennifer Mullins portray hostage takers during a training exercise at Carson Middle School June 27. "Hostage" Syramed Jimenez, left, acts distressed as she listens to their demands.

Carson Middle School used for hostage exercise



The Fort Carson Special Reaction Team delivers the negotiation phone to the "hostage takers" at Carson Middle School.

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Story and photos by Michael J. Pach

Mountaineer staff

Fort Carson's emergency service agencies used Carson Middle School June 27 as a training area to evaluate their response to a simulated hostage situation.

Deputy Provost Marshal Capt. Ryan Triplett and Fort Carson Police Officer Capt. John Bonk coordinated with Justin Schilske, Fort Carson Fire and Emergency Services training officer and the Criminal Investigation Detachment to run a scenario they hope never occurs on post.

"This is another one of those scenarios that everybody hopes and prays never happens, but recent events have told us that things like this can happen," said Triplett. "It's extremely important, not only for law enforcement agencies, but for all emergency services involved, to go through and rehearse this type of situation in case it were to occur, so we'd have a feel for how to work through it and make sure it gets resolved smoothly."

Each agency involved was responsible for providing certain types of support. The police handled the law-enforcement response, the fire department provided emergency medical services and CID handled negotiations and the relaying of intelligence.

To make the exercise realistic, people from various agencies played roles as hostage takers, a hostage, bystanders, concerned parents and the news media.

"We want to give it as much realism as we can by having live action wherever possible because the training is going to be a judge of our overall incident response," said Triplett.

The scenario began with a call to the police that there was a disturbance at the school. Patrol officers responded to check out the situation and discovered two

"victims" at the front office. Information was relayed to the officers who called for additional assistance. "Shots" were fired at the officers by the hostage takers-escalating the situation into an active-shooter scenario.

Other officers arriving on the scene tried to neutralize the threat and discovered they were dealing with a barricaded subject/hostage situation, one with three "hostage takers" and about 30 "hostages" (one live, the others simulated) inside a classroom area.

Once officers discovered the "hostage situation," they backed off and escalated the response. The hostage negotiation cell was activated as well as a special reaction team.

The hostage takers "demanded" the release of four prisoners from the maximum-security prison in Florence who were associated with terrorist cells and insisted on talking to the governor. Their antics were designed to judge the law enforcement agencies' reactions.

The Fort Carson Police and CID incident command vehicles rolled out and set up a perimeter. Provost Marshal Maj. Shannon-Mikal Lucas arrived on the scene to establish command and discuss what was to happen and how their plans were to work.

The SRT delivered a phone set up by CID to the hostages that was used for negotiations. After negotiations failed, the SRT made a dynamic entry and neutralized the threat and recovered the hostages.

After the exercise, the agencies involved performed an after-action review to evaluate all aspects of the scenario, such as how long it took patrol officers to figure out what was going on and to call for assistance, how officers responded to the active shooter portion of the situation, and how the agencies interacted with those playing the roles of news reporters and concerned parents.



Fort Carson Police officers Jeff Castro, left, and Doug Peck, communicate with officers inside Carson Middle School during a hostage exercise.



Fort Carson Police officers Cpl. Chris McGuinness and Lt. Joe Roberts sweep a hallway at Carson Middle School as they approach the location where the "hostage takers" are held up.

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Organizational Day

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In addition to a relaxing day away from the office, Soldiers and their Families were able to participate in a raffle for prizes donated from local businesses and family readiness groups. Prizes ranged from a bath-and-body-oil gift basket to a two-night getaway at local hotels.

"My favorite part was watching everybody light up when they won their opportunity baskets," said Raylene Hort, senior advisor to the 3rd BCT, 4th ID family readiness group. "This is also to make sure the new (spouses) see where their spouses work and have a connection. So when we do deploy they are not just left out by themselves."

Nine thousand dollars worth of food was donated to the event so Soldiers could dine on barbecue prepared by Striker Brigade cooks. The cooks had to start the smoking process two days earlier to be prepared for more than 6,000 people in attendance.

Whether it was the good food or the motivation they received from their battalion commander almost winning the Iron Soldier competition the day before, the Soldiers from 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment dominated the competition easily taking first place overall.

"We spent two weeks preparing for this tournament," said Sgt. John Josendale, infantry team leader, Company B, 1-8th CAB, "It is important to represent my battalion, my company, my unit. (We) show that we are serious about it and we are the best at what we do."

Josendale was grateful for the opportunity an event like this provided his younger Soldiers.

"It gives them a chance to interact with other parts of the Army that they might not see on a regular basis," Josendale said. "The other side of it is, if you are a younger Soldier and your battalion wins, it gives you bragging rights. You gotta brag: it's an Army thing."



Above: Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel A. Dailey, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, struggles to finish the potato sack race during the Striker Brigade Organizational Day at Ironhorse Park.



Left: Carson Hamrick, 4, son of Chaplain (1st Lt.) Matt Hamrick, 2nd Squadron, 9th Cavalry, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, dons a helmet from a Fox vehicle at the "metallic petting zoo" during the Striker Brigade Organizational Day at Ironhorse Park.



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INDEPENDENCE DAY BLAST



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After firing 58 rounds for a salute battery, Soldiers from Battery A, 3rd Battalion, 16th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, enjoy the fireworks display at the annual Independence Day festivities at Memorial Park.

3-16th FA Soldiers fire salute for city celebration

by Spc. Rodney Foliente

2nd Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs Office, 4th Infantry Division

Soldiers from Battery A, 3rd Battalion, 16th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, coordinated with the Colorado Springs Philharmonic and fired a salute battery for the annual Independence Day festivities at Memorial Park and a follow-up show in Woodland Park July 5.

The cannon blasts started the fireworks show for approximately 80,000 spectators as the philharmonic played Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture.

The symphonic 4th of July celebration has been going on for about 30 years, said Susan Greene, executive director, Colorado Springs Philharmonic. Fort Carson Soldiers have provided a salute battery every year for the event.

"The purpose of the event is to provide Colorado Springs with an opportunity to come together for a patriotic and free concert and fireworks show to celebrate the birth of our nation and to pay tribute to our military," said Greene. "To that end, all of us are delighted to have these Soldiers play such a critical role in the execution of this performance."

The 2nd BCT celebrated its official welcome to the Mountain Post June 29, and was eager to participate in the event and celebrate with the city, said 2nd Lt. Brian Lucas, platoon leader, Battery A, 3-16th Field Artillery Regiment, who arrived to Fort Carson in March.

"We're glad to show that we're willing to contribute to the community. We're glad to see that everyone is out here behind us and supporting us," said Lucas. "A lot of people look at it like we're working on the Fourth of July, but this is fun, this is something different that we get to do and we're excited to be out here."

"We're helping them celebrate," added Staff Sgt. Hilton McKay, Battery A, 3-16th Field Artillery Regiment. He said the Soldiers are glad to add to the enjoyment of the festivities and they have in turn appreciated all the support from the audience.

Crowds of people thanked the

Soldiers and asked questions about the military and the cannons.

"I loved it. It was a blast, literally," said Rick Vestal, who came out to watch the show. He said the salute battery was his favorite part of the day.

"We were way back there and you could actually feel it in your chest," he said excitedly. "You very rarely get to see this stuff up close and in person, even living in a military town. We got to talk to the Soldiers and learn about what they do. It was great."

The salute battery fired a total of 58 rounds out of six 75 mm Pack Howitzers, with 42 of those rounds fired in quick succession as Soldiers fired at will.

Many people attend the celebration just to see and hear the salute battery, said Greene. "It's something very few other July 4 performances anywhere have as part of the show.

The 2nd BCT, though new to Colorado Springs, is already part of Colorado Springs, said Greene. "The Soldiers' commitment is to our nation and should always be part of the community. They reside here and therefore should always be included. We are glad to have them and we appreciate them. They clearly consider the community a part of their lives. It's quite inspiring.

"It's an honor for us that they would participate in the largest community gathering in Colorado Springs and to be able to have so many people welcoming these Soldiers who would sacrifice their holiday time to give the community this gift," said Greene.



Photo by Spc. Rodney Foliente

Soldiers from Battery A, 3rd Battalion, 16th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, coordinate with the Colorado Springs Philharmonic and fire a salute battery during the fireworks show at the annual Independence Day festivities at Memorial Park.

Spouses receive scholarships

by **Rebecca E. Tonn**
Mountaineer staff

Aleut Management Services, organizers of the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo Parade, awarded two college scholarships to spouses of wounded or fallen Soldiers Saturday.

John Baily, chief executive officer of Aleut and director of Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo Parade Scholarship Fund, said, "This is our first year to have scholarship recipients. We worked together with the Military Affairs

Council (of the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce) to award these scholarships. Gerri and Nannette really represent who the spouses of our Soldiers are: dedicated, hardworking, honorable people."

Recipients Nannette Byrne-Haupt and Gerri Quinones were thrilled to receive \$6,000 college scholarships. Both women are currently in school and still paying student loans from prior degrees. They said the scholarships

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Photo by Rebecca E. Tonn


Above: Gerri Quinones, left, scholarship recipient, waves to the crowd with her daughter, Cornelia, at the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo Parade Saturday.




Photo by Rebecca E. Tonn

Left: Nannette Byrne-Haupt, left, and Gerri Quinones, middle, receive scholarships from John Baily, chief executive officer of Aleut Management Services Saturday before the start of the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo Parade.

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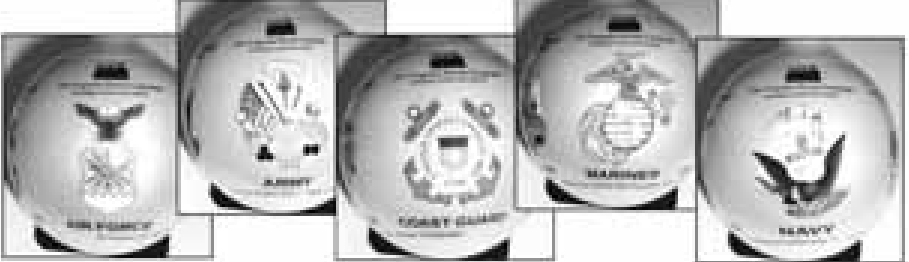


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Scholarships

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would ease financial hardship, allowing them to concentrate on their studies.

Gerri Quinones is married to Staff Sgt. Pedro Quinones, 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry



Courtesy photo Staff Sgt. Ryan E. Haupt is shown in a photo from July 2005.

Division, who received a Purple Heart Nov. 5, 2004, for wounds suffered Oct. 16, 2004, in Ar Ramadi, Iraq.

Quinones earned a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice from Cameron University in Lawton, Okla., in December 2002. Presently, she is pursuing a Master's of Science in marriage and family counseling from the University of Phoenix and plans to graduate in 2009. She is an office automation assistant at Evans Army Community Hospital, and she and her husband have five children, ages 7-18. Quinones was surprised to learn she would receive a scholarship; she had not applied for one nor received one before.

"This scholarship is wonderful. I'm really determined to get my degree. It's just a blessing to receive this," Quinones said. She intends to pursue a career in counseling and eventually open her own multi-facility practice which will work hand-in-hand with churches, police departments, correctional facilities, schools and other institutions.

"Society recognizes and sympathizes with those who have physical wounds, while those who have internal (emotional) suffering carry the pain for years, unrecognized," Quinones said. She wants to help people who hurt on the inside and may not even know why they are hurting.

Both scholarship recipients have a desire to help others.

Byrne-Haupt is the widow of Staff Sgt. Ryan E. Haupt, assigned to the 1st Battalion, 68th Armor Regiment, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, who died Oct. 17, 2006, in Baqubah, Iraq, of injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle.

Byrne-Haupt earned a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and criminology from Denver University in June of 2005. However, her career goals changed after the death of her husband.

"Ryan loved people and he loved the Army. So I am going to continue his passion for life by becoming a nurse and dedicating myself to caring and serving others, just as he did when he was (alive). This is my way of showing appreciation for the ultimate sacrifice my husband made for us and this country. Ryan is my driving force. I see everything differently now. I want to carry on his passion for people and life," Byrne-Haupt said.

Currently, she is taking first-year prerequisites at Pikes Peak Community College to pursue a Bachelor of Science in nursing degree from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. She plans to graduate in 2010.



Courtesy photo Staff Sgt. Pedro Quinones poses after receiving a Purple Heart Nov. 5, 2004.

Baily congratulated both recipients after the scholarship presentation and wished them success in their endeavors.

"These scholarships are a small way for Aleut employees to say 'thank you' to our brave servicemembers and their families for their outstanding service to our country," Baily said.

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Peterson Air Force Base's west gate — will be closed July 30-the end of October for construction. During this time, the north gate will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and the east gate will be open 5 a.m.-10 p.m., Mondays-Fridays, and 6 a.m.-10 p.m. weekends.

Fountain-Fort Carson School District 8 — will have a regular meeting July 31 at 6 p.m., in the board room of the Central Administration Building at 10665 Jimmy Camp Road, Fountain. The agenda can be viewed at www.ffc8.org or at the administration building.

Spouse Support Group — Are you feeling lonely, anxious or fearful about this deployment? Join this group of caring spouses. To register call Army Community Service at 526-4590. Free child care is available for registered children. The support group meets Tuesdays from 12-1:30 p.m. at the Family University, building 1161.

Exceptional Family Member Program workshop: School Advocacy 101 — Army Community Service will host two workshops this summer to assist families with children with special needs. The workshops will be at ACS's Family Readiness Center, building 1526, Wednesday, from 9 a.m.-noon or Aug. 15 from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Deadline for the Aug. 15 workshop is Aug. 8. Information about being an advocate for your child or children will be provided, including: special education laws, rights and responsibilities; Colorado special education process; tactics and strategies for effective advocacy; and available community services and support.

Seating is limited; to register or for more information call ACS at 526-4590.

National Military Family Association's Family Award — is given to 12 servicemember families that exemplify the best of the military family lifestyle. Each month, one winning family will receive \$500 and a \$250 donation to the charity of its choice.

In June, one family from the previous 12 months is chosen as Family of the Year, which includes \$1,000, a trip to Washington, D.C., a reception with key military leaders and program sponsors, and \$500 to the charity of its choice.

Eligible families include: active duty, reserve or retired components or families of servicemembers injured in the line of duty within the past three

years, even if the servicemember has since been discharged.

Anyone can nominate; only online nominations will be accepted. For more information or to nominate a family go to www.nmfa.org and click on the blue NMFA Family Award icon on the right side of the home page.

Education Center parking lot construction — is under way, south of building 1117, at the northwest corner of Specker Avenue and Ellis Street. Repairs will continue until mid-July.

Job openings — Fountain-Fort Carson School District 8 has job openings for food service workers for 2007/2008. Call 382-1334 or apply in person at 11355 Old Pueblo Road, Fountain.

Donated annual leave needed for Fort Carson civilian employees — May Harris, Army Community Service, and Barbara Dowling, Directorate of Information Management, had medical emergencies and have exhausted all available leave.

Harris and Dowling have been accepted in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program. To donate annual leave, call or e-mail Connie Griffin, Garrison Resource Management, at 526-1839 or Connie.Griffin1@us.army.mil to obtain form OF-630A: "Request to Donate Annual Leave." Griffin's fax number is 526-1838.

Neuro Support Group — Head-Way is a support group of independent adults who have experienced a neurological event (traumatic brain injury, cerebral vascular accident, tumors, etc.) and meet to socialize. Head-Way meets Wednesdays, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Fargo's Pizza Co., 2910 E. Platte Ave. For more information call Valerie Gardner with Memorial Hospital Adult Rehabilitation at 365-1264.

Military Spouses Support Group — meets Tuesdays from 2:30-4 p.m. at Evans Army Community Hospital, fourth floor, room 4846.

Learn more about: communication difficulties, coping with a spouse's mental health issues, coping with loneliness, combat stress and post-traumatic stress disorder, readjustment issues, single parenting, depression, stress, anxiety and other hardships. For more information call Dr. Jacqueline Delano at 526-7013.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings — are held each Wednesday from 7-8 p.m. at the Colorado Inn, corner of Sheridan Avenue and Woodfill Road, building 7301, room 203. Call 322-9766 or 471-1625 for more information.

Ongoing road closures — Questions about the closure or disruption of traffic along Butts Road can be addressed to Fort Carson's Directorate of Public Works Traffic Engineer, Rick Orphan, at 526-9267 or Fort Carson's Army Corps of Engineers Transformation Resident Office, Maj. John Hudson, at 526-4974.

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It's all about us

**Commentary by
Lt. Col. David
A. Pollok, Jr.**

*Evans Army Community
Hospital, Chaplain*

Sometime in our American culture, marriage began to take a turn. In many respects it has lost the focus that made it great. Today it seems that so many (maybe 50-60 percent) marriages are simply two individuals living together. There is no sense of "team," no sense of "US!"

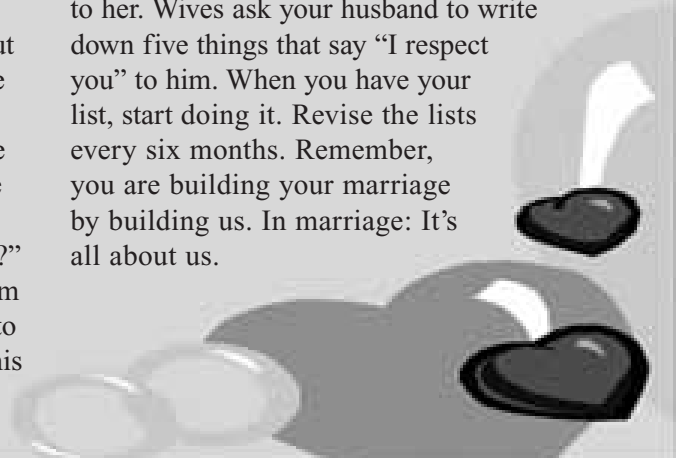
Many who are married have the idea that marriage is about me; my wants, my needs, my issues, my way. There is no real partnership. There is only "king me" and "queen me" warring against each other. Wasn't it said that "A kingdom divided against itself can not stand?" And who is the real loser when the kingdom falls? The innocent victims are the children.

God has a better idea for the marriage relationship. He says, "Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ." (Ephesians 5:21) Marriages that work well are those that the couples work to make good. It takes effort, it

takes team work, and it takes a focus on us to produce a long lasting, enjoyable marriage. It can't be just about me or just about you, it must be about us. It is really that simple — Christ gave himself for us so in turn we give ourselves for our spouse. How does that look? Something like this. On my way home from the unit I think, "I have a loving wife at home who has been through I don't know what. How can I make her day better when I walk through the door?" In answer to this question I may stop and spend \$5 on flowers for her; I may decide to give her a huge hug and big kiss; I might stroke her hair back, hold her face in my hands and say "you are the most wonderful woman in the world, I love you." The focus is on her, not me. It's all about us. It could look like this as well. I look at the clock and I know he will be on his way home soon. I think, "I have a loving husband and he may have had a bad day. Things may not have gone the way he planned. When he walks through the door how can I make his day better?" Answering the question I may plan to grab him and shower him with kisses. Or I might plan to sit him down when he comes in and remove his

boots and rub his feet. Maybe I would just plan to take his hands in mine, step back a little and look him in the eyes and say, "you are the most amazing man in the world, I love you!" The focus is on him, not me! It's all about us.

Developing a good relationship in your marriage is all about making the marriage about US. It is the hard work of submitting to each other by focusing on meeting your spouse's needs, thinking about him or her first. To build US you focus on serving each other. A good way to begin serving your spouse is to ask a question. Husbands ask your wife to write down five things for you to do that say "I Love You" to her. Wives ask your husband to write down five things that say "I respect you" to him. When you have your list, start doing it. Revise the lists every six months. Remember, you are building your marriage by building us. In marriage: It's all about us.



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Chapel

Protestant Women of the Chapel — is on its summer schedule. Meetings will be in Ironhorse Park July 10, July 24 and Aug. 7, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Children are welcome. Bring a sack lunch. For information call Jennifer Hinz at 559-5103. Please check the chaplain's page on the Fort Carson Web site for other summer events.

New Sunday evening Mass — There will be a Sunday evening Soldiers' Mass at 6 p.m. at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. This is on a trial basis through Sept. 16.

AWANA — is an international, nondenominational organization whose goal is to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and train them to serve him. AWANA on Fort Carson is sponsored by the Fort Carson Chaplain Program.

The Fort Carson AWANA Club has adjourned for the summer. For more information, call Stacy Chapman at 382-3970.

Native American Sweatlodge — The sweatlodge was established on Fort Carson about 11 years ago for the primary benefit of military, Family members, civilian personnel and Native Americans. These lodges are traditional Lakota spiritual ceremonies for cleansing, purification and prayer, and are fully sanctioned and supported by the Fort Carson Chaplain Command. Anyone interested in attending should contact Charlie Erwin 382-8177, or Zoe Goodblanket at 442-0929 for more information and directions.

Chapel Schedule

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Day	Time	Service	Chapel	Location	Contact Person
Mon., Wed., Fri.	noon	Mass	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Gagliardo/526-7412
Tues., Thurs.	noon	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Goellen/526-5769
Saturday	5 p.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Goellen/526-5769
Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Goellen/526-5769
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	CRE	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Pat Treacy/524-2458
Sunday	11 a.m.	Mass	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Gagliardo/576-7412
Sunday	11 a.m.	Mass	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Goellen/526-5769
Tuesday	7 p.m.	RCIA	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Pat Treacy/524-2458
Saturday	4 p.m.	Reconciliation	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Goellen/526-5769

PROTESTANT

Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Chap. Cartee/526-7387
Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant Communion	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Mitchell/650-8042
Sunday	11 a.m.	Protestant	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Hartz/526-8011
Sunday	11 a.m.	Prot./Gospel	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Borden/526-5973
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Borden/526-5973
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Dr. Scheck/526-5626
Tuesday	9 a.m.	PWOC	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Hartz/526-8011
Tuesday	6 p.m.	Adult Bible Study	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Mr. Love/526-5229
Sunday	11 a.m.	Contemporary	Veterans'	Magrath & Titus	Chap. Lesh/526-8890
Tuesday	7 p.m.	PYOC	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Ms. Scheck/231-9511
Sunday	9 a.m.	Samoaan	Veterans'	Titus	Chap. Lesh/526-3888

JEWISH

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

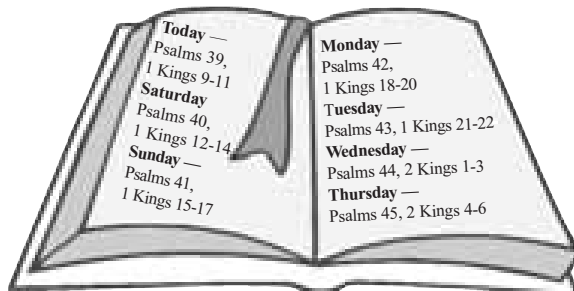
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NATIVE AMERICAN SWEAT LODGE

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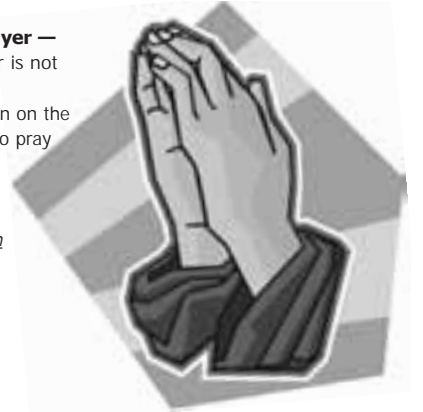
Daily Bible readings: To assist in regular Scripture reading, the following Scriptures are recommended. These Scriptures are part of the common daily lectionary, which is designed to present the entire Bible over a three-year cycle.



The Army Cycle of Prayer —

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Soldiers on parade

Above: Soldiers from 4th Engineer Battalion and 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division march past the military VIP bleachers during the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo Parade Saturday. **Left:** The Fort Carson Mounted Color Guard rides in the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo Parade Saturday.

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Face to face

by Rebecca E. Tonn, Mountaineer staff

Part 7 of an occasional series on the Youth Services Center staff

Otis champions area youth

Theodis Forrest, assistant facility director for Youth Services Center, better known as “Mr. Otis,” was born in Winona, Miss., in 1966. Forrest’s mom moved the family to Colorado Springs in 1974. One of six siblings, he grew up in an extended family with his maternal grandmother, aunts and cousins. Although his mom worked two jobs, he did not feel neglected.

“It was always mom and us. It was a family tradition to go downtown to the (annual) street breakfast; we went to all the parades and to the Balloon Classic. During holidays, we all met at grandma’s house. She had the biggest tree and the most presents,” Forrest said.

At age 7, he started attending Boys & Girls Clubs of the Pikes Peak Region each day after school and on Saturdays. He looked forward to winning the youth of the month award, achieving his goal at the ripe old age of 8.

From the time he was involved with Boys & Girls Clubs, he knew what he wanted to do when he grew up: work with children.

“I definitely knew it was something I was going to do (in life). I remember how I felt as a kid at the Boys & Girls club. It was a place to go play with our friends. Nobody was grading

us, no report cards. We could relax, be ourselves and hang out with friends. I learned how to ski; I met Sugar Ray Leonard and Lyle Alzado (a former Denver Bronco); and I did a week-long rafting trip to Utah,” Forrest said.

In 1984, Forrest won the Boys & Girls Clubs’ Youth of the Year award; he was an Olympic torch bearer (and again in 2002) in Garry Berry Stadium; he graduated from high school; and he joined the junior staff at the Boys & Girls Clubs. “That was a really good year,” he said, smiling at the memory.

In elementary school, his favorite subject was spelling. Forrest had severe ulcers as a child, spending 10-15 weeks at a time in the hospital. Unable to play most sports, he joined band at Carmel Middle School, where he discovered the joy of playing drums.

“When I found the drums, I found a home,” Forrest said. While in middle and high school, he helped elementary children learn to play drums. He was in three bands at Harrison High School: pep, marching and concert. He also performed in plays at St. John’s Baptist Church.

Wanting to go to college, he joined the Army in 1987, to take advantage of the GI Bill of Rights.

The recruiter told him he could choose any military occupational specialty he wanted, since his Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery score was so high. He chose infantry, was stationed at Fort Ord, Calif., spent a year in Panama and did a tour in Egypt.

During leave from the Army in January 1990, he went to dinner with his former Colorado Springs’ neighbors and became reacquainted with their daughter Jacqueline.

“Jacqueline was grown up and gorgeous. We kept in contact (after that) with letters and I flew her out to California for Valentine’s Day (1990),” Forrest said.

Returning to Colorado Springs in 1991, he attended Denver Technical College, worked as a forklift driver at Current Inc., and earned an associate degree in sports medicine in 1994.

Meanwhile, Forrest and Jacqueline married in June of 1992 and had two sons: Theodis Jr. in 1999, and Theodore in 2001. The family enjoys going for bike rides, continues the tradition of attending events downtown, and does just about everything together, Forrest said.

“I work evenings, but I get home in time to have them (his sons) read me a story, and

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we say our prayers," he said.

Forrest coached middle and high school basketball at The Colorado Springs School, from 1999-2003, leading the middle school boys' team to the school's first division championship; the team took first place.

After reading in a local newspaper in 2002 that the Boys & Girls Clubs in the Pikes Peak Region were to be closed, he appealed to the board that children needed its programs. After management learned Forrest had a background and a degree in sports, they hired him to be the physical education director and the club stayed open.

Forrest was named mentor of the year in 2003 for the Boys & Girls Clubs. In 2004, he quit his part-time job at Current and was promoted to branch director at the club.

In December 2004, he accepted the position of assistant facility director at Fort Carson's youth center.

"The kids are my favorite part (of his job)," he said, smiling widely. "I take pride in greeting them when they come in the front door. They'll let me know if I miss them. 'You didn't even say hello to me, Mr. Otis.' If I'm having a rough day — it's not their fault. They come to me, innocent to all the hoopla, and they can make me smile in an instant.

"I can't believe I get paid for coming to work because I absolutely love it," Forrest said.



Theodis Forrest, assistant facility director for the Youth Services Center, poses with the 2007-2008 Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Colorado Youth of the Year Tara Cantu, of Fort Carson, at the regional Youth of the Year competition in Dallas, last month.

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Storm drains pose danger for children

by Stephanie Carter

Department of Environmental Compliance and Management

Storm drains can be found on streets in neighborhoods or downtown in major cities. Storm drains are everywhere and are designed to act just like the drain in a bathtub. When there is any type of a rain or snowmelt event, the storm drain carries the water away in order to avoid localized flooding. Some of these storm drains will also have covers in order to keep people and debris out of them.

Sudden rainstorms are common along the Front Range and typically result in rapidly rising water levels in local creeks and drainages. These same conditions will also be found in storm drains and can rapidly and easily trap someone under water.

High water levels during a rainstorm may be easy to see, but invisible danger can also lurk in storm drains. These dangers may consist of slippery conditions, steep inclines, toxic gasses, lack of oxygen and overall unsanitary conditions.

The Fort Carson Stormwater Program is currently assessing all of the storm drains on the installation in order to determine if a drain cover is present and, if not, will one be required. Some areas may not be able to support a drain cover due to the potential for flow restriction and debris buildup.

Residents are always advised to exercise caution and not enter these structures. Parents are highly encouraged to educate their children about areas off limits for playing, including storm drains.

For more information, call the Fort Carson Stormwater Program manager at 526-1697.



Photo by Sgt. Zach Mott

Town Hall

Col. John H. Hort, commander, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, speaks to the crowd at McMahon Auditorium during the Striker Brigade's Town Hall meeting. During the hour-long briefing, Hort discussed the upcoming training timeline for the brigade and addressed concerns that people might have regarding future operations.

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Mountaineer staff

Stacey Hollis, a biological field technician from the University of Arizona, was on post June 25-30 to conduct a study on burrowing owls downrange. Hollis is traveling to several military installations in the western states to study migrations and shifting populations of burrowing owls. According to Hollis, there have been decreases in populations of northern owls and she is trying to determine if burrowing owls from northern states are migrating south and staying there. Hollis was assisted by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service technicians Tracy Perfors, Krystal Phillips and Nina Nedrow, and Innovar biological science technician Rick Clawges, all of whom work with the Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management. Since burrowing owls use abandoned prairie dog tunnels to nest in, the biologists went downrange each night before dark to scope out prairie dog colonies for owl activity.

Once owls were spotted flying around an area, the biologists checked out nearby prairie dog holes for signs that owls were using them. The presence of droppings (whitewash), food such as bugs left by adults for the nesting babies to eat and other decorative items surrounding the outside of a hole were good indications owls were inside. Two-way traps made from wire and burlap were placed over any potential burrows, allowing the owls to be captured without being harmed. Spring traps were also placed near burrows that used a caged gerbil to lure adults hunting for food. When an adult tries to grab the gerbil, it triggers the trap, capturing the owl and leaving the gerbil unharmed.

After placing traps in one area, the biologists traveled to another prairie dog colony to look for other owls and set more traps. They returned to the original area after about an hour to check for any captured owls.

Hollis took any captured owls back to her vehicle to weigh them, measure their wings and legs and determine their age. She also took blood and feather samples and banded them with an identification ring. The blood samples are used to determine if the genes of northern owls are present in southern birds. Isotope studies performed on the feathers determine where the bird was from.

Most of the baby owls found were about 25 days old and almost fully grown.

Each owl was gently returned to its burrow after Hollis collected data and the biologists moved on to check the traps they set in another area.

Hollis has been working on this study for two years. After visiting Fort Carson, she spent a week at the Army's chemical depot in Pueblo where she caught 12 owls in one night.



Photo illustration by Julie M. Lucas



Left: Stacey Hollis, University of Arizona biological field technician, uses a Global Positioning System unit to mark the location of a two-way trap that she placed on a prairie dog tunnel that she thinks contains burrowing owls.



Rick Clawges, Innovar biological science technician working for Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management, weighs a young burrowing owl.

Left: Rick Clawges, Innovar biologist working for the DECAM, left, and Stacey Hollis, set up a spring trap to try to catch some burrowing owls.



Stacey Hollis, University of Arizona, measures the wing on a 25-day-old burrowing owl that was trapped for a study. The hood shown is placed over the owl's head to keep it calm while Hollis measures the wings, takes feather and blood samples and weighs the owl.



A burrowing owl is placed back into its burrow after measurements have been taken, samples collected and it has been tagged.



Mayoral elections

Give Fort Carson Villagers a Voice

by **Joey Bautista**

Fort Carson Community Volunteer Services Manager

Fort Carson is not just a military post, it is also a community a community of families working and living together. As such, these families, these villagers need a voice. They need dedicated and willing people to serve as advocates for them. These people are mayors. Each village on Fort Carson has an elected mayor, someone to speak for their residents. It's time for villagers to make their choice. It's time to decide who will represent you. It's time to vote.

Every year all residents have the chance to elect a new mayor for their designated village. Village mayor positions are open to everyone living within Fort Carson Family Housing. There are 14 villages throughout Fort Carson. If you are interested in running for a village mayor position, you need to fill out an application prior to Aug. 10. The election will be held on Aug. 22 and 23. Residents can vote from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at various locations: Army Community

Service, Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Commissary, and Evans Army Community Hospital. A military van will also be driving

through the villages on these two days to accommodate all residents who wish to vote.

How well a village operates is



Photo by Michael J. Pach

Spc. Billy Talley, seated, casts his vote for mayor of Pawnee Village with the help of Community Volunteer Mayoral Program Manager Joey Bautista, in the Directorate of Morale, Welfare, and Recreation's recreational vehicle, while incumbent Pawnee Village Mayor Margie Adams looks on.

based on how hard a mayor works. Being a mayor is a challenging task but a rewarding job. Mayors are your link to key information on events within the Fort Carson and Colorado Springs communities. Mayors publish and distribute monthly newsletters, gather village issues, concerns, and suggestions within each village.

Each month mayors attend a meeting chaired by the Garrison Commander, Garrison Command Sergeant Major and representatives from each of the various offices: GMH Military Family Housing, Provost Marshal Office, Directorate of Public Works-Housing, and other community partners. At the meeting, they are your voice to insure that your quality of life is constantly improved and sustained. As a whole, they pursue for the best interest and welfare of their village and service the needs of their friends and neighbors. If you want to play an active role in your village community be a MAYOR!!

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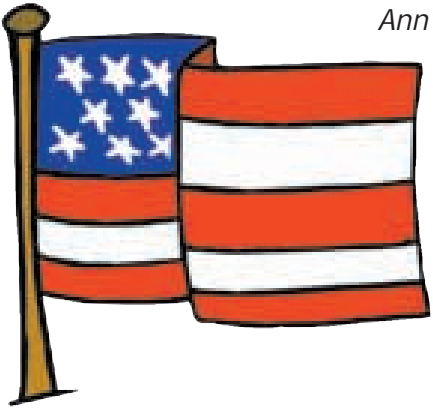
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Fourth of July celebration on the 3rd



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Above: "Gilligan" and "Mary Ann" hold a limbo contest for adults at the Fourth of July celebration at Ironhorse Park July 3.
Right: Children at the Fourth of July celebration on post enjoy a foam shower.





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'Let Freedom Ring'

Spending the Fourth of July in Iraq

Story and photo by Spc. Courtney Marulli
2nd Brigade Combat Team,
2nd Infantry Division Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE LOYALTY, Iraq — The Fourth of July is the celebration of American independence, but it's also a reminder to those deployed to Iraq of just how important freedom is. Being away from loved ones, Soldiers find ways to celebrate America and take pride in what they are doing for another country.

Sgt. Stewart D. Tignor, a member of 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division's personal security detachment, said the Fourth of July is a time to get together with family and friends to celebrate the independence they have, the choices they can make.

Tignor is on his third deployment, his second to Iraq, and has missed several Independence Days at home, but that makes him even more appreciative of what he's missing.

It's the small things in life that Soldiers really miss, especially around the holidays.

Being away from home on the Fourth of July while fighting for the independence of another country causes conflicting feelings.

"It makes me a little bit torn," he said. "One side makes me want to say, 'Do something to get these guys their independence and then we can go home.' But, the other part (of me) is proud to be trying to help these people gain independence like what we have and to help them gain rights to live how they want to live."

Tignor said despite the drawbacks of being deployed, he takes great pride in knowing that he's part of a cause trying to bring people a better way of life.

To celebrate, "I'm going to sit in my room, drink a 'near beer,' play guitar with Sgt. (Mark) Zimmerman, and tell a whole lot of stories about back home until we have to roll out on a mission," he said.

Sgt. David L. Williams, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment (currently attached to Company C), is on his second deployment and will be missing another Fourth of July.

Spending time with disabled veterans is something else Williams said was important since both his mother and grandmother work for Disabled American Veterans.

From Boston, Williams said he has seen some

of the best fireworks shows and attended some of the best barbecues.

"Veterans Day and the Fourth of July are the only time, along with major holidays, that we all (his family) get together," he said.

Being in Iraq changed Williams. He said he always saw advertisements for donating money to help the poor or to help fund the education of children in foreign countries, but he didn't really understand the need until he came to Iraq.

"Here, you really see it," he said.

In order to celebrate the Fourth of July, Williams said he will be calling his family and spending a lot of time on the phone.

Growing up with American pride and pride in the Soldiers defending the freedoms he enjoys, Williams said joining the military didn't change him, but he sees the change in others.

"It makes me happy to see the change of heart in the other guys," he said.

Spc. Cody J. Heath, a deployed theatre accountability system specialist with HHC, 2nd BCT, 2nd ID, is on his first deployment and is missing holidays with family and friends for the first time.

Heath said he loves to cook out and celebrate the holidays with family and friends.

"I've got nothing to complain about compared to those guys who go outside the wire every day and sometimes stay outside the wire," he said.

"People died to gain our country's independence and now it's like a replay but for another country," Heath said. "I kind of know what they're talking about."



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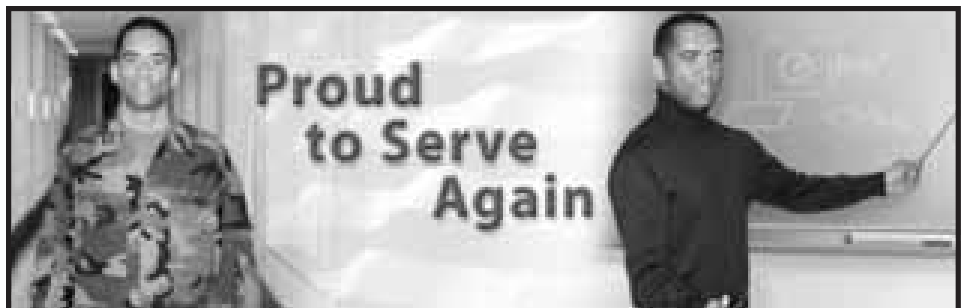
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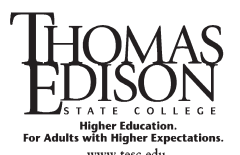
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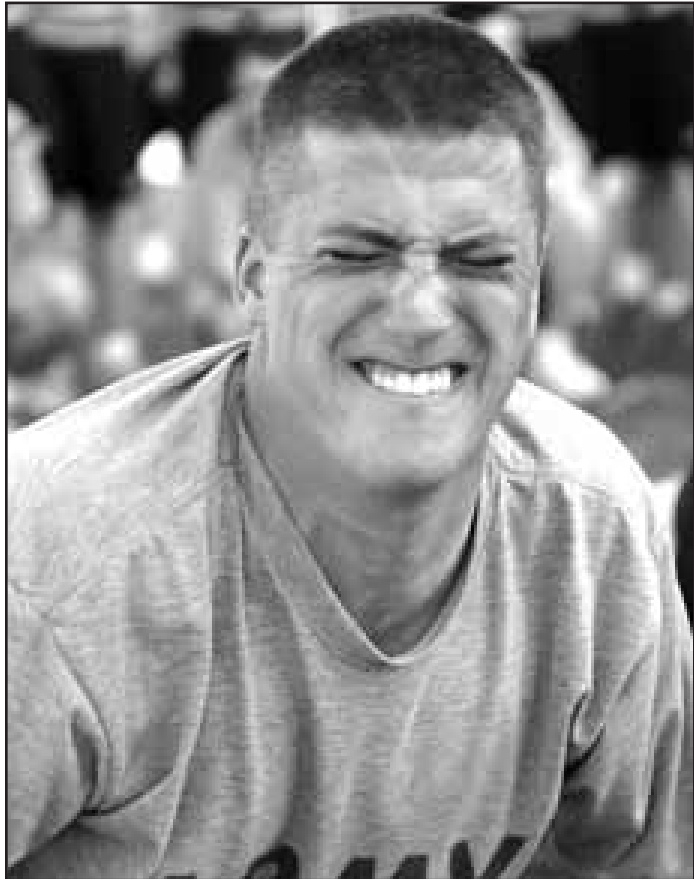


Photo by Sgt Zach Mott
Spc. Jason Winchell, Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, uses every ounce of his strength to complete the 150 push-ups required in the Striker Iron Soldier competition. Male competitors were required to complete 150 push-ups, 150 sit-ups, a six-mile-run in Interceptor Body Armor with dummy weapon, a 100-meter swim and a 200-meter sprint.

by Sgt. Zach Mott

3rd Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs Office

Exerting every ounce of strength and endurance was a requirement for Soldiers competing in the first-ever Striker Iron Soldier competition July 5 at the Mountain Post.

This was the first time the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, conducted such an event. Male competitors were required to complete 150 push-ups, 150 sit-ups, a six-mile run wearing Interceptor Body Armor and carrying a dummy rifle, a 100-meter swim and a 200-meter sprint. Female competitors were required to complete 90 push-ups, 90 sit-ups, a six-mile run wearing Interceptor Body Armor and carrying a dummy rifle, a 100-meter swim and a 200-meter sprint.

This grueling challenge pushed the Soldiers to their limits, but with help from fellow Soldiers they were able to push themselves to the finish.

"You don't always train all the time with your IBA on," said Sgt. Hunter Tate, a competitor from Troop C, 2nd Squadron, 9th Cavalry. "So that kind of kicked my (butt) but you just gotta deal with it."

Tate completed the course while other members of his troop ran alongside to the finish line. "It feels awesome (to have them run with me)," he said as he caught his breath after the race. "That's awesome camaraderie. It's just a feeling that you can't (always) get. These guys are with you in and out. So it's a good feeling."

One of the most senior ranking competitors in the race was also one of its top finishers.

Lt. Col. Christopher Johnson, commander, 1-8th Combined Arms Battalion, completed the course in 1 hour, 12 minutes and 57 seconds — good enough for second place. "I wanted to go out and have fun, enjoy it and contribute to part of the battalion for organization day," he said. "I'm kind of an old guy; I can go for a long time. I'm not very fast though."

Johnson was outdone by one of his own Soldiers — Staff Sgt. Trevor Pruett, Company A, 1-8th CAB, finished 39 seconds ahead to win the competition. 1st Lt. Matt Vigeant, Company D, 1-68th CAB, finished in third place at a time of 1 hour, 13 minutes and 38 seconds.

In the female category, 2nd Lt. Delaney Brown, Company A, 3rd Special Troops Battalion, was the top finisher with a time of 1 hour, 26 minutes.

"It's a good feeling," she said about her win. "I was really nervous going into it. I know a lot of them (participants) were good runners and swimmers and I wanted to see how I measured up to them. But coming out on top is a really good feeling."

Brown was followed by 2nd Lt. Lynnette Murray, Company C, 64th Brigade Support Battalion, in second with a time of 1 hour, 32 minutes and 45 seconds and Staff Sgt. Anita Vega, Company A, 3rd STB, with a time of 1 hour, 32 minutes and 56 seconds.

Another Striker Iron Soldier competition is tentatively scheduled for September.

"I've heard a couple of people say they wanted to do another one and see if they could finish better," Brown said.



Photo by Spc. Paul J. Harris
Spc. Franklin Belvin, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, receives motivation from his Noncommissioned officer Staff Sgt. Dwayne Smith, during the Striker Iron Soldier competition on Fort Carson.



Photo by Sgt Zach Mott
2nd Lt. Delaney Brown, Company A, 3rd Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, crosses the finish line as the first female in the Striker Iron Soldier competition. She completed the course in 1 hour 26 minutes.

On the Bench

Forrest Fitness Center to host Directorate Challenge contest

by **Walt Johnson**
Mountaineer staff

Forrest Fitness Center will be the site of one of the most challenging fitness events held on post this year when the center's Fitlinxx program sponsors the Battle of the Directorates July 31-Sept. 25. The basic criteria for the program has been released by fitness center officials via global e-mail and people may sign up at Forrest FC.

Directorates interested in signing up to compete in the competition can do so until June 20. The center is looking to have 13 directorates battle for prizes during the eight-week competition.

The program will consist of members completing three exercise sessions each week for the eight-week period. To determine the winner of the competition, points will be calculated from each competition goal and the team with the most points will be declared the winner.

In the event of a tie, the team with the most body fat lost will be declared the winner.

Prizes that can be won by the competitors include: trophies, hats and T-shirts, participation certificates, and a major team prize. There will also be individual achievement awards in the "Hot to Trot" (most cardio time), "Blast that Fat"

(most weight lost) and "Hercules" (most weight lifted) competitions.

For more information on the program contact Ann Tsuyama or Cynthia Lucero at 526-2706.

What happens when you have players that are good enough to make a varsity softball team but there aren't enough roster spots for them?

Why, you make another team. That is exactly what the Fort Carson In-laws softball team did. The team consists of players that for one reason or another could not play on the post team this year but still possess the skills to play at the varsity level, according to Jason Wolf, In-laws coach.

"We decided to go with the name In-laws because about six or seven of the guys on the team used to play for the post team which is called the Outlaws. Just to spark a bit of a rivalry with the post team, we decided to call ourselves the In-laws. We are not on the same level with them but we are working to get to the point they are at now. We're still good friends with most of the guys on the team so we felt it would create some competitive spirit for them and us," Wolf said.

The In-laws participated in the military state softball tournament last weekend and played very competitively. After the tournament Wolf said

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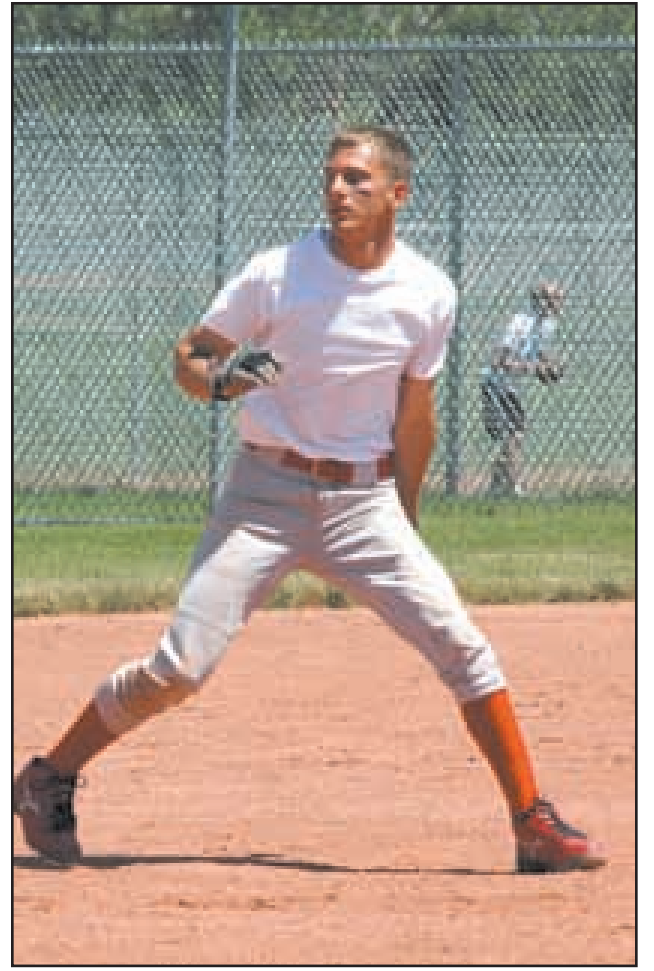


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Inching away

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Fan of the Week

Daniel Garnett, right, doesn't have to worry about hitting tips or anything else when he plays intramural softball because his favorite fan, his wife Katie Garnett, is always on hand to cheer him on and offer advice to keep his softball game top notch.

Bench

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playing the games meant more to his team than the fact it didn't win it because it allowed them to step up and play against better competition than it normally faces.

"This is our first tournament together. A lot of us play for different teams in the city league so for this tournament we decided to throw a team together and play against the C-level competition. We consider ourselves a D-level team right now but it's not really fun for us to play against lower level competition so we wanted to step up and play against some better competition," Wolf said.

Sunday was a very busy day at Falcon Stadium on the Air Force Academy as the 2007 Computer Sciences Corporation's Veterans Home Run 5K Run/1K Walk was held.

Congratulations are in order for the following Fort Carson people the race organizers reported as representing the Mountain Post at the event. In the men's division, Ed Kalick finished 20th overall with a time of 20 minutes and 52 seconds. In the women's division, Elizabeth Carlisle, 30 minutes and 42 seconds and Jami Carlisle, 32 minutes and 13 seconds. Each finished in the top 55 people in their category.

The Veterans run is a patriotic fun run/walk fundraiser in support of the Colorado Veterans Resource Coalition's Crawford House. Crawford House supports veterans in need and is located in downtown Colorado Springs. Visit www.pprun.org for more information on the organization or call Jack Anthony at 205-1741.

The opening ceremony for the 2008 State Games of America, which will be held in Colorado this year, is drawing closer. It begins Aug. 2, and the athlete chosen to light the torch to open the game has been selected.

In the tradition of the Olympic Games, the State Games of America will feature an opening ceremony, at the Colorado Springs World Arena, to celebrate the beginning of the State Games of America weekend. Olympic Figure Skater Michelle Kwan has been chosen for the honor of lighting the flame that will begin the State Games of America competition.

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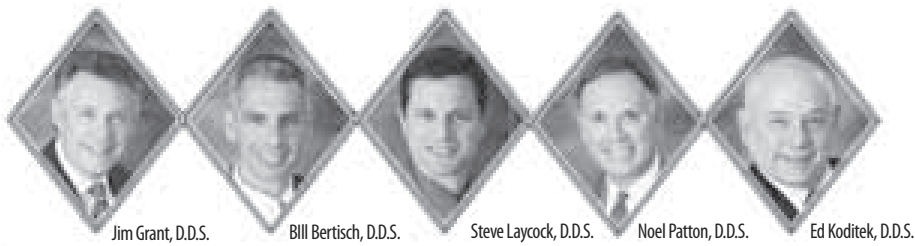
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Mountaineer Athlete of the Week

Richard Sosa

Sports Position: Intramural softball player

How did you get started in sports?

I got started in sports about the age of 5. Baseball has been running through my family for a long time. I have cousins who played in the pros and my father has played semi pro baseball.

What is your best personal sports moment?

I was playing on the 3rd Infantry Division team at Fort Stewart, Ga., and we were playing in the championship game. We had to go to extra innings. I was the leadoff batter in the 12th or 13th inning. On the first pitch I hit a game-winning home run. It was exciting for me because it was one of the first tournaments I ever played in.

What is your best professional sports moment?

I am from Tampa Fla., and during my first deployment the Tampa Bay Buccaneers won the Super Bowl. My brother teased me about how the Bucs would get to the Super Bowl while I was deployed. I was watching the game in Kuwait when the Bucs won the Super Bowl and that was my best moment watching professional sports.

Who would you like to speak to in professional sports?

I would have to say Michael Jordan. As cliché as this sounds, here's a guy who didn't make his high school basketball team and he turned out to be one of the greatest sports athletes ever. I would like to talk to him about overcoming being cut and then achieving what he did.

What would you change about sports today?

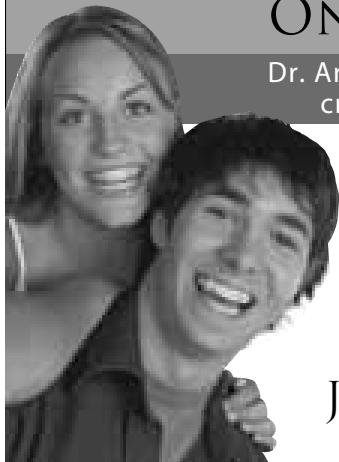
I would definitely change the way enhancement drugs are being used. If I had my way I would want everything about the game to be natural. I would like to see the game have natural athletes like it used to.



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Outlaws finish second in military tournament

Story and photo by **Walt Johnson**
Mountaineer staff

The Fort Carson Outlaws, the post varsity softball team, finished second in the Colorado Military State Games Saturday at the Mountain Post Sports Complex.

Peterson Air Force Bases team came from the losers bracket to secure the Colorado Military Games title after the post team defeated it in an earlier round game in the tournament.

Both the Peterson and Carson teams played excellent games in their first outing of the tournament, to set up the matchup between the two teams. Both teams played well in the game which saw the post team take a 20-16 victory. Rudy Rutterboris, Carson team coach, said the game featured the two teams most people felt would battle for the championship and the intensity of the game is just what good softball is all about.

“When the brackets were drawn up and we were opposite Peterson, we knew we would meet them in the finals of the winner bracket and eventually again, no matter which team would go to the losers bracket and have to fight back to play for the championship. We played a good game against them the first time we played and beat them 20-16,” Rutterboris said.

The victory would turn out to be the last victory for the post team in the tournament as the Peterson team shook off its loss to win two games over the post team and claim the championship. Joey Quiroz, Peterson head

coach, said his team knew it could play better than it did in the first game with the Carson team and did just that when it was time for the championship round.

“We had about a three-hour break between the time we played our last game and the game we played Fort Carson in the winner-bracket final. We got into the air conditioning, put some food in our bellies and got a little lazy. Our bats were slow and in this heat that took so much out of us. It took us a game to get back to playing our game,” Quiroz said.

Rutterboris said it was no surprise to him that the Peterson team was able to come back and win the tournament because of its experience and its talent level. He said the post team played a bit short handed but that takes nothing away from why the Peterson team is as good as it is.

“In the first two games of the tournament we hit very well as a team and we played very good defense. In the last two games, the defense was there at times but we allowed them to score a lot of runs with two outs. When a team can score a lot of runs with two outs, it motivates the team that is scoring and takes a little out of the opposing team. We just made some silly mistakes. It wasn’t one player’s fault, it was just a matter of us not playing the kind of fundamental softball that we can play. One of the good things about them (Peterson players) is they are an experienced ball team. They have played together a lot. On the other hand we haven’t played together that long,” Rutterboris said.



Outlaw outfielder Nate Sonnier fires the ball back to the infield after making a catch Saturday at the Mountain Post Sports Complex.

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THE 85th ANNUAL PIKES PEAK INTERNATIONAL HILL CLIMB

by Nel Lampe
Mountaineer staff

Automobiles were so new that some people referred to them as “horseless carriages” when the first one made it to the top of Pikes Peak in 1915. It’s said that the two Denver men in a steam engine car may have pushed it as much as they drove it up the trail to the top of the Peak — 14,110 feet high.

The Broadmoor Hotel’s owner, Spencer Penrose, paid for the construction of what is known as “the Pikes Peak Highway,” although it’s part gravel. When Penrose and some investors decided to build a road to the summit of Pikes Peak to attract motorists, they estimated the investment would be \$25,000; but it actually cost \$500,000 before it was finished.

To draw attention to the “highway” and to entice tourists and motorists to use the road, Penrose started the “Pikes Peak Hill Climb” in August 1916.

Penrose offered a purse of \$2,000 and an oversize trophy for the winner. He got Barney Oldfield, a famous racer at the time, to agree to compete. Oldfield raced but came in fifth. The winner, Rea Lentz, made the trip in just under 21 minutes. That oversize trophy is displayed in the Carriage House Museum near the Broadmoor Hotel.

Today, the race is on the same route, and the record time has been reduced to 10:04.06 minutes. The road has 156 turns and the route is part gravel. Drivers may reach 126 mph on straightaways.

The hill climb is the second oldest auto race in the nation, next to the Indianapolis 500, and probably is the toughest race course in the world. This will be the 85th race.



Photos by Rupert Berrington

The Pikes Peak International Hill Climb attracts competitors in nine classes of vehicles.



Race fans have a close view of the open wheel competition in last year’s Pikes Peak International Hill Climb.



A truck kicks up dust on a gravel portion of the Pikes Peak Highway in the 2006 Pikes Peak International Hill Climb Big Rig class competition.

Now known as the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb, the annual event is July 21 this year. Usually held around Independence Day, the race was delayed this year because of road work on Pikes Peak Highway, according to Bob Gillis, vice chair of the PPIHC board. Although part of the highway is still gravel, it is all scheduled to be paved by the year 2010.

The Pikes Peak hill climb is indeed a different kind of race; it is not held on an oval with bleachers surrounding the track. Fans bring their own chairs if they want them and set up along the road. Some fans arrive the night before and sleep on the mountain. Other fans arrive at the race site very early in the morning. The Pikes Peak Toll Road opens at 4 a.m. on race day. Fans must be above the starting line and finish line before 8 a.m. and remain there until the race is over and the drivers are back down the mountain.

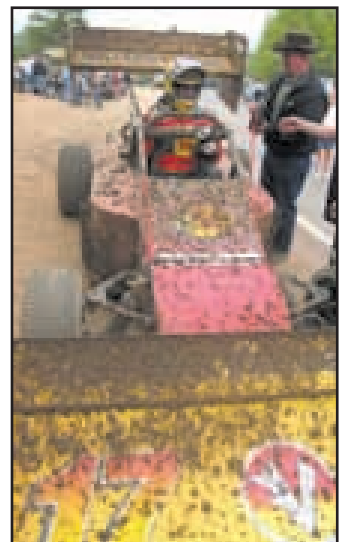
Race tickets entitle fans to attend practice sessions as well as the race. The practices are listed on the PPIHC Web site, www.ppihc.com; click on “Competitors” and then the “Race Week Schedule” link. Tickets sell for \$40 per person and are available at Tickets West, 576-2626, King Sooper stores and the World Arena box office. The race ticket includes the toll for Pikes Peak

Highway on race day. Half-price tickets will be available to active duty servicemembers at the toll road ticket booth.

As many as 5,000 fans will be on the mountain each of the three days.

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Fans Begin



Places to see in the Pikes Peak area.

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PIKES PEAK INTERNATIONAL HILL CLIMB



Photo by Rupert Berrington
A helicopter filming the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb records motorcycles with sidecars making a curve on Pikes Peak.

PPIHC

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Limited overnight camping is allowed this year, but campers must have a permit. It is the only time camping is permitted on Pikes Peak. Permits are \$100 each, and sold at Sportsman's Warehouse in the Citadel Mall.

Fans can bring their own food and water, but no alcohol is allowed. Cooking is permitted with proper equipment: no open fires or self-contained charcoal grills. Gas or propane stoves with shut-off valves are permitted.

Fans and campers must pack out their own trash.

Fans are reminded that Pikes Peak can be significantly cooler at the top than it is at the entrance and the sun is more intense because of the thin air. During some races, snow has fallen above 8,000 feet.

Fans of the Pikes Peak Hill Climb may be aware that the well known Unser family, also has connections to the Pikes Peak Hill Climb. The Unser family once

lived in Colorado City. The three teenaged Unsers started their racing careers in the hill climb. Four generations of Unsers competed in the Race to the Clouds over the years.

Today's fans are more familiar with the names Vasholtz, Schranz, Bruning and Casebier, names that have become familiar at the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb.

Classes of the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb are:

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- 🏍️ Super Stock Car
- 🏍️ Open Wheel
- 🏍️ Pikes Peak Open
- 🏍️ Showroom Stock
- 🏍️ Big Rig



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- **Type:** motor sports race
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- **Wallet damage** \$\$\$\$ entry
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 - \$\$ = \$21 to \$40
 - \$\$\$ = \$41 to \$60
 - \$\$\$\$ = \$61 to \$80
 (Based on a family of four)



Photo by Nel Lampe
The trophy for the Pikes Peak hill climb is displayed in the Carriage House Museum near the Broadmoor Hotel, along with cars from an early hill climb.

- 🏍️ Motorcycles/Side Cars
- 🏍️ Quads
- 🏍️ Time Attack

Car technical inspections are at the Sheraton Hotel parking lot are July 16, from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and are open to the public.

Prior to the race, "Fan Fest" is held in downtown Colorado Springs, at the corner of Pikes Peak and Tejon July 19. Race cars and drivers will be on hand, as well as bands and cheerleaders. A chili cook-off and a beer garden will be part of the fest, and a motorcycle jumper will thrill the crowd.

There's no admission for Fan Fest.

To reach the entrance to Pikes Peak Highway, take Highway 24 west to the small town of Cascade, follow the signs to Pikes Peak Highway and North Pole. Show your race ticket at the toll road or purchase a half-price ticket there.

The Carriage House Museum at the Broadmoor is open 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Mondays-Saturdays and 1-5 p.m. Sundays. The museum has several race cars from early PPIHC races on display. Admission is free.

Park in the garage and have the ticket stamped during your visit to the museum for free parking.



Photo by Susan Appar
The green flag signals the start of the race.



Photo by Rupert Berrington
Fans arrive very early on race day, or in some cases, camp out the night before, to ensure they have a good view.

Get Out!

Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo

The Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo, a long-time Colorado Springs attraction, runs through July 15, in Norris-Penrose Equestrian Center. Fort Carson Night is Saturday at 7:30 p.m. There's a carnival before the rodeo. Call 635-3547 for information; tickets are at Tickets West, 576-2626.

Free concerts

Old Colorado City hosts a summer concert series on Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. through Aug. 17. It's in Bancroft Park, in downtown Old Colorado City, on Colorado Boulevard. The free concerts are from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Bring a picnic and a blanket.

Greek festival

The Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church, 2215 Paseo Road, hosts its ninth annual Greek Festival, which runs today through Sunday. Admission is free and there are activities for everyone, including Greek food, music, jewelry and clothing for sale. Hours are 4-10 p.m. today, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday.

El Paso County Fair

The El Paso County Fair is in Calhan, July 21-28. Calhan is about 40 miles east of Colorado Springs on Highway 94. The fair includes a carnival, petting zoo and arts and crafts exhibits. There are dances, tractor pulls,

miniature horses, monster trucks, camel rides, a demolition derby and other entertainment. Gate admission for adults is \$7, \$3 admission for youths. Children under 3 are admitted free. American Heroes Day is July 28, when Soldiers and their families get a \$1 discount. Go online at ElPasoCountyFair.com, to see a schedule of events and entertainment.

Colorado State Fair

The Colorado State Fair is Aug. 24-Sept. 3 at the State Fairgrounds in Pueblo. Concerts at this year's fair include Josh Turner, Clay Walker, Daughtry, Weird Al Yankovic, Peter Frampton, Los Lonely Boys and the Doobie Bros., Ted Nugent and the Dodge Rodeo. Concert tickets are at Ticketmaster, 520-9090.

Fan Fest

In connection with the 85th running of the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb, there's a Fan Fest in downtown Colorado Springs Thursday. The Fan Fest is a big street party and includes race cars, drivers, a motorcycle jump, a chili cook-off, a beer garden, bands and cheerleaders. There's no admission fee and refreshments will be available from 5-10 p.m.

Titanic exhibit at Museum

Denver Museum of Nature and Science has the display "Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition" in the museum through Jan. 6, 2008. This popular exhibit has been traveling around the nation for several years and includes artifacts from the wreckage. Admission to the Titanic exhibit is \$10 for adults, plus regular

admission. Student tickets are \$8 for the Titanic exhibit. Soldiers and their immediate family members receive free admission to the museum with current identification, and will have to pay only for admission to the special exhibit. For more information go to www.dmns.org.

Molly Brown Museum

Denver resident Molly Brown was a survivor of the Titanic disaster, where she acquired the nickname "Unsinkable." In connection with the Titanic Exhibit at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, related programs are at the Molly Brown House Museum, 1340 Pennsylvania St. in Denver. An Unsinkable Activities Tent will be on site, and visitors can learn about what Brown packed for her voyage, learn about Victorian-era clothing, participate in trivia games and learn more about the Titanic voyage. Admission to the Molly Brown House Museum is \$6.50 for adults, and \$3 for ages 6-12. Tours of the house are 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Sunday hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Soldier Show

The Soldier Show is at McMahon Auditorium Aug. 4-5. There will be a show Aug. 4 at 7 p.m. and two shows Aug. 5 at 2 and 7 p.m. There are no tickets but the show is free, first-come, first-served.

Jerry Seinfeld

Jerry Seinfeld fans might want to catch his appearance at the Pikes Peak Center Aug 18 at 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$48; call Ticketmaster, 520-9090 for information. The Pikes Peak Center is at 190 S. Cascade Ave. in Colorado Springs.

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Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo

The Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo is in Norris-Penrose Special Events Center through Sunday. Fort Carson night is Saturday and the performance begins at 7:30 p.m. Soldiers get a \$2 discount on tickets, which are \$10 and up for adults and \$5 and up for children. The carnival on the grounds runs from 1-11 p.m. Norris-Penrose is at 1045 W. Rio Grande, between 8th and 21st streets, on the city's west side.

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by James Boroch



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