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Silver Wings Golf Course teed off the spring golf season with its invitational tournament last weekend.
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BEST OF THE BEST

The U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker honor its women of the year during a ceremony today at 10:30 a.m. at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. All are invited to attend.

SELFLESS SERVICE

The U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker recognize the volunteers within the community during the Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony Monday at 11:30 a.m. at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. All are invited to attend.

BLUE DAY

The Blue Day Campaign takes place at Fort Rucker April 7 as part of a communitywide effort to recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month. Members of the local community are asked to wear blue as a visible commitment to support child abuse prevention, and to encourage everyone else to wear blue in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month.
For more information, call 255-3898.

POWER OUTAGE

A scheduled power outage will take place April 10 from 12:01-4 a.m. The outage will affect the entire Fort Rucker Cantonment Area, including the main post, Lowe Field, Hatch Field, Hanchey Field, Knox Field, Ech Field, the Lake Tholocco area and Family housing. The purpose of the outage is for workers to perform required testing and preventive maintenance on the Electrical Distribution System.

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High **68**
Low **48**
A.M. T-storms



FRIDAY

High **80**
Low **58**
Sunny



SATURDAY

High **85**
Low **54**
Sunny



PHOTO BY BREANNA WALTON

Put to the test

Staff Sgt. Cory Morrel, Fort Rucker Military Police patrol supervisor with the 6th MP Detachment, drags a predetermined length of hose line to a target to simulate advancement of a fire attack line and applying water to the seat of the fire.

Fort Rucker's Directorate of Public Safety hosted its quarterly skills challenge Saturday at the firefighter training grounds that put the post's emergency responders to the test. Nine teams competed in a basic skills competition between firefighters and other teams, including military police and Flat Iron Air Rescue. Tested skills included advancing a hose line to simulate advancement of a fire attack line and applying water to the seat of the fire, forcible entry, victim rescue, hoisting a weighted object to simulate raising a piece of equipment via a rope to an elevated position.

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Army Suggester of the Year: improvement 'a team effort'

BY RUSSELL SELLERS
Army Flier Staff Writer

Army UH-60 Black Hawk pilots will soon have better protection while flying or on the ground thanks to the Army's Suggesters of the Year.

CW 4s Merle Goodall, TF Eagle

Assault Black Hawk standardization instructor pilot at Fort Campbell, Ky., and Fort Rucker's James Lemons, F Company, 1st Battalion, 212th Aviation Regiment UH-60M maintenance test pilot course track chief, made the

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PHOTO BY RUSSELL SELLERS

CW4 James Lemons, F Co., 1st Bn., 212th Avn. Regt. UH-60M maintenance test pilot course track chief, demonstrates the current ballistic armor wing panels sliding mechanism on the UH-60 Black Hawk at Lowe Army Heliport Monday.

New gate hours foster faster commutes

BY JENNY STRIPLING
Fort Rucker Public Affairs

A change in the operating hours of Newton and Faulkner gates should help Aviation personnel — including Soldiers, civilian employees and contractors — have reduced travel time to and from work.

The Newton and Faulkner gates at Fort Rucker are now open from 4:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., which went into effect Monday.

Gate hours were extended to open a half hour earlier and close a half hour later, Directorate of Public Safety officials said.

"Personnel working directly with flying and maintenance missions arrive early in the morning, and previously they had to take alternate entries

to post because their work schedule began before the Faulkner and Newton gates were open," said Marcus McDougald, director of Public Safety at Fort Rucker.

"With earlier gate openings, people's commutes may be shorter, and the change in hours will reduce travel times for some personnel and may also help reduce the amount of gas used.

"The purpose of this one-hour increase is to better support the Aviation training mission."

He went on to say that many who are new to Fort Rucker or had previously been stationed here before often wonder why Faulkner and Newton gates are not open 24 hours, seven days a week as they

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AFAP conference IDs 16 new quality of life issues

BY LT. GEN. RICK LYNCH
*Installation Management Command,
commanding general*

ARLINGTON, Va. — Earlier this month, I discussed the progress we made resolving 17 of 40 quality-of-life issues at the Army Family Action Plan General Officer Steering Committee held in February.

During the same week, AFAP delegates representing Army garrisons and commands worldwide met in our nation's capital to review and prioritize 88 quality-of-life issues that had been identified throughout the year at mid-level AFAP conferences across the Army.

As the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management and the overseer of the AFAP process, I had the privilege to speak to these delegates and impress upon them the great responsibility of identifying the most critical issues for the Army to work. Delegates were comprised of Soldiers, spouses, Department of the Army civilians, Wounded Warriors and survivors.

Each brought their own ideas, perspectives and experiences to share in the decision making process. The task before them was not an easy one, yet they met the challenge with an overwhelming sense of enthusiasm and energy. They reviewed, they discussed and they challenged each other on the issues. At the conclusion of the conference, 16 new quality of life issues were identified and reported out to senior Army leadership.

The top five issues identified to senior Army leaders are:

- ID cards for surviving children with an active duty sponsor that annotate both active duty and Survivor status
- Wounded Warrior caregiver



Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch

training

- Medically retired servicemembers' eligibility for concurrent receipt of disability pay
- Military Child Development Program fee cap
- Medical retention processing time restrictions for Reserve Component Soldiers.

Currently, there is no way to annotate both dependent survivor status and active duty status on an identification card. This issue affects dependents of dual-military parents when one military parent dies or children of a surviving parent who remarry a servicemember. This may cause undue emotional stress when survivors must justify their survivor status in order to qualify for survivor-specific services. The delegates recommend ID cards annotate both dependent survivor status and active duty status to ensure survivors quickly receive all services available.

Delegates also recommend providing caregivers of Wounded Warriors formal standardized training on self-care, stress reduction, burnout and prevention of abuse/neglect. Without this training, caregivers may suffer from caregiver fatigue that may ultimately lead to neglect of a Wounded Warrior or

damage to the Wounded Warrior and caregivers' relationship. The implementation of formal, standardized, face-to-face training for designated caregivers of Wounded Warriors is critical to those who help heal our nation's heroes.

The elimination of the 20-year time in service requirement for medically retired servicemembers to be eligible for concurrent receipt of disability pay was also identified as an issue to be worked this year.

The CRDP eliminates the offset between retirement pay and Veterans Affairs disability compensation. Removal of the 20-year restriction would restore the full retirement pay and VA entitlements to the medically retired servicemembers with less than 20 years of active service.

Some military families using Military Child Development Programs pay greater than 25 percent of their total monthly Family income for childcare. The recommendation is to cap program fees at 25 percent of the military Family's total Family income.

Medical Retention Processing for Reserve Component Soldiers is limited to six months from their date of release from active duty. However, medical conditions resulting from active duty service are not always visible within the first six months of release from active duty. Extending the medical retention processing to five years would allow Reserve Component Soldiers to receive proper medical treatment.

The remaining 11 issues identified by the AFAP delegates are survivor, medical, Family support and civilian personnel issues. I encourage you to learn more

about these new issues by visiting the Army OneSource Web site at <https://www.myarmyonesource.com/familyprogram-sandservices/>.

In addition, you can follow the progress on all issues that are currently being worked by selecting "Active Issue Search" at the bottom of the page and then search by issue number or keyword. The Web site also allows you to submit a new issue directly to your garrison or unit AFAP process, and provides AFAP brochures, articles and videos to download. You can also download the "HQDA AFAP Issue Search" application for free on your iPad®, iPhone® and iPod Touch®.

As I have said many times before, our Army will not break because of its Soldiers, but it will break because of the stress placed upon our Soldiers and their Families. Never before have we asked so much of our Army Families.

Because of this, the Army will continue to fully fund and staff Army Family programs and keep our promise of providing Soldiers and Families a quality of life that is commensurate with their service. In order to ensure the promise is always kept, we must continue to identify inefficient, redundant or obsolete programs and services so we can redirect those resources to where we truly need them.

I challenge each of you to help us in this endeavor. In the near future, I will communicate to you where and how you can help. Moving forward, the AFAP process will not only be the identification of quality-of-life issues, but also the identification of potential offsets to resource those quality-of-life issues.

Support and Defend.

Where are the heroes?

At Fort Rucker, just look up, look around – they're here

BY SYLVIA COBB
Airfield Services Section, Cairns Airfield

I hear people complain all the time that America has no more heroes.

I disagree – you just have to know where to look for them.

In an age where our culture's sports stars, politicians, celebrities and public officials continuously let us down and provide better examples of what not to do than to emulate — oftentimes in the brightest of spotlights — we can often become a bit jaded and forget about the heroes that do exist.

But, such is the way of this information age we live in. The media focuses on the

negative and spectacular, and usually doesn't bother with the positive. Media outlets are in it for the money, not to highlight the good things in life.

Fortunately for us at Fort Rucker, we don't have to look far to find the heroes of today. Look up, look around—they're all around us.

For more than 23 years it has been my pleasure to serve some of the finest men and women I have ever known: the instructor pilots and flight students at Cairns Army Airfield. They are my heroes. I admire them and will miss them tremendously.

Firefighters, law enforcement personnel, etc., may be courageous when called upon

in emergencies, and I'm sure there are some unsung heroes out there, but the instructor pilots and flight students at Cairns Army Airfield are called upon every work day to risk their lives. They do it without hesitation, without fear and with great enthusiasm. Their ability to do this with a healthy sense of humor and fun is to be admired and emulated.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for the years of friendship and for the fun. You are truly heroes!

(Editor's note: The author is a 23-year employee of the Cairns Airfield Services Section – Cairns Alert. She retires today.)

Rotor Wash

“Friday is April Fools’ Day.
What is your favorite April Fools’
Day joke?”



Anita Naftali,
Safety Research
Corporation of America

“I changed the direction of a co-worker's computer mouse. When she moved it left it would go right.”



Sgt. Jason Clements,
1st Avn. Bde. HHC
maintenance shop

“I put glitter in a friend's car's air conditioning vent so it would spray out when she turned the A/C on.”



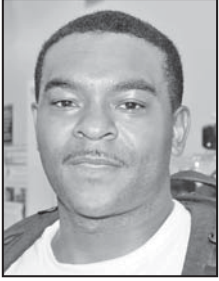
Angela Koestens,
Fortenberry-Colton
Physical Fitness Facility

“I taped down the handle of a kitchen sink water nozzle so it would spray whoever turned the faucet on.”



Sgt. Hosea Bickerstaff,
USAAMC Eye and Ear
Clinic

“Some friends put another friend in a row boat while he was asleep and pushed it out into the middle of a pond.”



Staff Sgt. Christopher
Artis, B Co., 1st Bn.,
13th Avn. Regt.

“I gave a friend a fake lottery ticket that was a \$1 million winner.”

AER campaign goes rolling along

BY JIM HUGHES
Command Information Officer

One month into the 12-week fundraiser, the Army Emergency Relief Campaign is on time and on target to reach the goal of \$140,000 set by Fort Rucker officials.

But it's going to take a continued commitment and a team effort to ensure the campaign that helps the Army Family help its own keeps rolling along, said local AER officials.

"It's an ambitious goal. We're doing pretty well and we're on the glide path to attaining that goal," said Capt. Rod Duplin, AER Campaign coordinator. "We've had great support from the retirees, especially—they're really the reason that we're on track right now."

"At the same time, we're looking for the unit representatives to go back to their formations and make sure they are giving everyone the chance to donate to AER to help make the campaign a success," he added.

Duplin said the unit reps are the key to the success of the campaign that runs until May 15 because they have the ability to reach the most people in a personal way.

"That's how it works best—if they go face-to-face with the people in their units," he said. "Most people are goodhearted, and they recognize what AER does and they will give if approached."

Other positive news on the campaign front is that the events that put the "fun"



PHOTO BY RUSSELL SELLERS

Sgt. Jamarquis Lewis and Command Sgt. Maj. Steven Green serve their time in the "jail cell" during the 2010 AER Jail-A-Thon. The 2011 version of the event takes place May 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the post exchange parking lot. The 6th MP Detachment begins taking "arrest warrants" April 21.

in fundraiser haven't even started yet. That changes April 29 when the Army Aviation Center Federal Credit Union hosts its 21st annual golf tournament to benefit AER, and then again May 5 when the 6th Military Police Detachment hosts the annual Jail-a-Thon.

See the accompanying sidebar for information about both events.

The AER Campaign will end May 20 with a closing ceremony at 2 p.m. at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum where people and organizations who hosted fundraisers will be recognized and the campaign will be wrapped up, said Mimi Brooks, Fort Rucker's AER office.

Brooks added that while the campaign is primarily a fundraising event for AER, it is also designed to raise awareness about what the emergency relief fund can do for Soldiers, Family members, retirees and survivors.

"AER helps Soldiers worldwide," she said. "Its

primary mission is to provide help during emergency situations, but it also has a secondary mission of educational scholarships. The deadline this year is Friday, and we hope to see a lot of Fort Rucker children and spouses getting scholarships."

Every unit and organization on Fort Rucker has an AER representative, and all of these people received training in February both on how to carry out the campaign and also on how people can get help when emergency strikes.

Brooks said the Web sites <http://ftrucker.mwr.com/ACS/AER/aer.html> and <http://www.aerhq.org/> can go a long way in educating people on AER, what it can and can't help with and how to get help.

People can also find all the forms they need to request assistance, but she added that the first step people should take after educating themselves on what AER can do is getting

with their unit or organization AER rep, who can help ensure they follow the process and get the help they need as quickly as possible.

While asking for help might rub some people the wrong way, looking at it that way can cause people more trouble than they probably want, Brooks said.

"Some Soldiers are apprehensive when I tell them they need to go through their unit, commander or first sergeant," she said. "They might not even use AER because of that. In reality, it isn't going to hurt their careers to seek AER assistance."

In fact, the opposite is likely true, Duplin said.

"It's not going to hurt anyone's career to seek AER assistance," the captain said. "In fact, it might even help it in terms of making the right choices and handling your matters in the right way. Some folks may have some reservations about asking for help, but you've got to be realistic about it."

Golf tourney

The Army Aviation Center Federal Credit Union hosts its 21st annual golf tournament to benefit Army Emergency Relief April 29 at Silver Wings Golf Course on Fort Rucker.

Entry fee is \$50 for SWGC members and \$60 for non-members. The fee includes a box lunch, cart and green fees and registration gift. Prizes are awarded for the first through fifth place scores

for net and gross.

Registration is April 29 at 10 a.m. with a shotgun start at noon. A Hole-in-One competition, sponsored by New Ground Resources, Inc., offers up a choice of a new 2011 Nissan Altima or 2011 Jeep Wrangler.

All proceeds will benefit AER. For more information or to register a team early, call 1-800-448-4096 or 598-4411, Ext. 1306, 1302 or 1702.

Jail-a-Thon

The 6th MP Detachment hosts the 2011 AER Jail-a-Thon May 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the post exchange parking lot in an effort to raise funds for the Army Emergency Relief Fundraising Campaign.

The MPs have the goal of raising \$6,000 for the cause and people can help out by "busting their boss."

The MPs will carry out an arrest warrant for a donation for anyone on post.

Price list is below:

Warrant of Arrest Prices (per half hour):

- E1-E4 / GS1-GS4 — \$10
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- E7-E9 / GS7-GS9 — \$20
- Post CSM — \$30
- GS10-GS15 — \$25
- WO1-CW2 / O1-O2 — \$15
- CW3-CW5 / O3-O4 — \$20
- O5-O7 — \$30
- DCG and CG — \$50
- Warrants for spouses are equal to service member's pay grade.
- Warrant collection begins April 21 - call 255-2120 to take one out or get more information.



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Best BOSS

Representatives from Fort Rucker's BOSS program received the President's Volunteer Service Award at a Command and Staff meeting here March 23. The Fort Rucker BOSS Program was recognized by the Army Jan. 12 as the 2010 Best BOSS Installation in the Army in the Extra Small Category. From left: Spc. Bradley Nolte, BOSS president; Spc. Candace Broome, BOSS Secretary; Spc. Eric Harriel, BOSS vice president; Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, USAACE and Fort Rucker commanding general; Evy Bludsworth, BOSS DFMWR adviser; and Command Sgt. Maj. Dwaine Walters, BOSS Senior Military adviser and garrison command sergeant major.

Suggester: Idea protects pilots, gives cash reward

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suggestion to redesign the pilot's ballistic armor wing panels on the UH-60 Black Hawk while deployed together in Iraq in 2006.

"The overall design is still the same," Lemons said. "It was brought to my and Goodall's attention that, in a combat zone, pilots weren't flying with the sliding armor panel in the forward position. The problem for them was that sliding mechanism for the panel was jamming."

During a crash scenario, the panel being in the forward position made it harder for the pilots to get out of the helicopter because of the armor pan-

el release mechanism, Lemons continued. Leaving the panel in the back position made pilots more vulnerable to small-arms fire, so something had to be done. The team suggested moving the release handle to the inside of the plate so pilots had an easier time getting to it and moving the panel to the back position.

"It feels rewarding that we identified a problem, that there was a genuine need and that this will help our Black Hawk pilots fly in a more protected manner," he said. "The idea suggestion was really a team effort. Goodall brought the original idea to me and we both got it moving toward being implemented."

The process of implementing the changes throughout Army Aviation began in 2007, when Goodall was invited to Redstone Arsenal, Ala., to help aircraft engineers understand the problem. The suggestion was then picked up by the Department of Defense and is scheduled to begin installation this year.

"The armor panels will be retrofitted on all Black Hawk variants DOD wide," Goodall said in an interview with the Fort Campbell Courier Oct. 8. "It's something that will benefit those that fly long after I get out of the Army," he added in an interview with the Courier March 17.

While the suggestion was

made in 2006, the pair didn't learn of their suggestion's impact until 2010.

"We were notified mid-year last year that our selection was picked for the cash prize," Lemons said. "That was really nice. My Family and I got to visit Washington, D.C., including getting a chance to visit the Pentagon. It had been a long time since I'd been able to be there, and my children had never seen it before."

Lemons said once the implementation is made here, it will be up to instructor pilots to make sure Black Hawk pilots are trained on the new panels.

"Flying here will be very different from flying in areas

in the Middle East," he said. "There, when a helicopter takes off, it kicks up a lot of sand and dust, which can jam the hinges on the panels very easily. That's something pilots definitely need to be prepared for and know how to deal with."

He added that more people should take advantage of the Army Suggestion Program, as it's open to both Soldiers and civilians who have good ideas for the U.S. Army.

The Army Suggestion Program provides cash incentives up to \$25,000 for adopted ideas. Ideas can be submitted online via the Army Suggestion Program Web site at <http://armysuggestions.army.mil>.

Post prepares for spring cleaning

BY BREANNA WALTON
Army Flier Staff Writer

Spring Clean Up takes place at Fort Rucker Tuesday through April 7 when all units, staff and individuals take part in minor cleaning and detailing. “There will be policing, minor trimming, cleaning of branches, leaves, trash and debris, sweep-

ing and cleaning of barracks and offices,” said Director Public Works Sgt. Maj. Lavon Christen. When clean up begins, specific units will be assigned areas of responsibility that will be their main focus each day for trimming and cleaning, said Christen. “This is a semiannual clean up, it’s a time to police areas

and for individuals to show ownership,” Christen said. “It is a time to clean up Fort Rucker and tidy up the area.” Tuesday will be clean up of interior office and work areas, Wednesday will be clean up of exterior areas and policing of all areas, and Thursday will continue clean up of interior and exterior areas, and Soldiers residing

in the barracks will be released to conduct clean up of common areas of responsibility. “Since winter has passed there are a lot of outside areas that haven’t been picked up there are limbs and leaves on the ground and there are also inside areas that need to be de-cluttered,” said Willie Rucker, construction representative at

DPW. “This is a postwide event- get out and get the place looking like a military base should.” Dumpsters will be located in the parking lot of Bldg. 8350, the parking lot across from Bldg. 5911 and across the street from the elementary school. To dispose of hazardous material call DPW at 255-0020 and schedule a pick up.

DPS officials urge safety during recreation

BY RUSSELL SELLERS
Army Flier Staff Writer

As the weather continues to warm, more and more bicycle and skateboard enthusiasts are hitting the roads on Fort Rucker. Riding bicycles and other non-motorized recreational vehicles should be fun and safe for all choosing to ride on post, according to Directorate of Public Safety officials.

It is the responsibility of those riding and those driving on Fort Rucker to make sure safety remains the top priority, said Peggy Contreras, Fort Rucker Community Police supervisor.

“More and more people are going to be out riding bicycles, or skateboards or just out for a walk,” she said. “Safety is the responsibility of everybody on post, including those riding and those driving on post.”

According to Fort Rucker Regulation 190-5, any person riding a bike must wear brightly colored clothing as an outer garment in the daylight hours and a reflective garment in hours of limited visibility.

Bicycles must also be equipped with a front lamp and a rear red reflector. Helmets must be worn at all times when

riding a bicycle or using a skateboard, roller skates or roller blades on post.

Contreras added that Soldiers and parents should research the post regulation for outdoor recreational activities and should lead by example when it comes to riding bicycles or using any form of skating equipment.

“Most people automatically think of children when talking about bicycle safety, but it’s important for adults to use protective equipment, too,” she said. “That’s all part of leading by example. The regulation applies to everyone on Fort Rucker.”

More than 500,000 people in the U.S. are treated in emergency rooms, and more than 700 people die as a result of bicycle-related injuries, according to a report from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

“Head injuries are the main type of injury that occurs in bicycle accidents. That’s why helmets are required,” said Bob Saliewicz, Aviation Branch Safety Office safety and occupational health specialist. “If we can limit the number of people getting hurt, we’ve done a good thing.”

Saliewicz pointed out how important it is for everyone, especially Soldiers, to follow the regulations in order to maintain good health.

“If Soldiers get hurt, they can’t do their job and somebody has to pick up the slack for them,” he said. “That’s a very negative impact on the Army’s mission.”

Wearing any kind of headphones while riding or walking on post in areas where cars are regularly present is also prohibited by FR Regulation 190-5, said Maj. Jay Massey, DPS deputy provost marshal. If someone

can’t hear what’s going on around them, it can put their lives and others in danger.

“The wearing of headphones or earphones by any pedestrian is prohibited on roadways or shoulders of roadways,” Massey said, citing U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence Pamphlet 600-2. “The only places people are allowed to wear headphones while exercising on post is at predesignated tracks and courses that are enclosed, or inside one of the physical fitness facilities after 7 a.m.; however, only when in civilian at-

tire. Headphones are not authorized to be worn with any Army Improved Physical Fitness Uniform. This applies while wearing the IPFU in or outside of the gym.”

Contreras added drivers on post need to be even more alert now

that warmer weather has arrived because more people will be outside at various hours, especially in the housing areas.

For more information on FR Regulation 190-5 or rules for biking, skating or jogging on post, call 255-2222.

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Firefighters, MPs put skills to test

BY BREANNA WALTON
Army Flier Staff Writer

Thick black smoke gathers, flames smolder the walls and a child's cries for help overpower the screeching of sirens.

These are the scenes and sounds experienced by those who put their lives on the line to save someone else's. These are the men and women who have no ambitions in the world but to be a Soldier, firefighter or police officer.

"Nothing cries out for compassion, concern and danger as the sirens of a fire engine or police car carrying warriors ready to do battle without flinching," said Sgt. 1st Class Eric D. Mattson, military fire chief, Fire Protection Division, 6th Military Police Detachment, 1st Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment, 1st Aviation Brigade.

Individuals such as those described gathered Saturday to test their skills in the quarterly firefighter skills challenge at Fort Rucker.

The day was filled with a basic skills competition between firefighters and other teams, including military police. Skills included advancing a hose line to simulate advancement of a fire attack line and applying water to the seat of the fire, forcible entry, victim rescue and hoisting a weighted object to simulate raising a piece of equipment via a rope to an elevated position.

"These competitions help build morale, teamwork and utilize job skills firefighters use on a day-to-day basis with a little fun involved," said Shane Brown, Fort Rucker Fire Department Training Division assistant fire chief.

The competition, held every three months, consists of a group and individual competition. Nine



PHOTO BY BREANNA WALTON

Pfc. Emily Barringer with the 6th MP Detachment simulates applying water to the seat of the fire during the firefighter skills challenge.

teams competed in Saturday's event from the Flat Iron Air Rescue Unit, the military fire department and the military police.

"The competition brings Soldiers together in a competitive way and allows for some inter-agency competition," said Steve Collins, Fort Rucker Fire Department fire chief.

Firefighters complete all of the training events set in the challenge along with additional training throughout the year. The competi-

tion allows them free time to get out of the structure of the fire department and military, said Brown.

Pfc. Emily Barringer, 6th MP Detachment, took part in the group and individual competitions for the first time since joining the military.

"At the academy, you have to pass a course similar to this one and I was nervous," said Barringer. "Everyone told me to give it my all and to make sure not to quit. I came out, I did it, I ended up win-

ning and I feel great."

Spc. Jeffrey Catlett, Spc. Matthew Rayfield and Pfc. Scott Eich took first place in the group competition with a time of 2:11. Second place with the time of 2:32 belonged to Spc. Omar De La Cruz, Spc. William Love and Pfc. Jeffrey Hogan. Staff Sgt. Jerry Adamson, Sgt. Joshua Tabuchuc and Sgt. Matthew Bradshaw took third place.

Barringer took first place in the women's individual competition with the time of 5:10 and Pfc. Law-



rence Coe took first place in the men's competitions with a time of 2:23.

The competition is meant to be strenuous, build camaraderie and boost morale of those involved, according to Sgt. Joshua Seligman, training NCO, 6th MP Detachment.

During the competition, Bradshaw said, "The competition is heating up — everyone wants to make it to the final round."

According to Mattson, the event is challenging, but comes with bragging rights and friendly competition. The competition allows firefighters to practice their skills to extinguish fires and save lives in order to be ready when faced with situations when those skills are called upon.

"Not only is it training, but it's an opportunity for everyone to unwind," said Mattson. "We work long, hard hours, and this lets us blow off some steam and compete."

"This is not just a fire department, this is an Army, and coming together as often as we can makes us a family and a team," Barringer added.

The challenge is held every three months and is open to fire departments across the Wiregrass area.

"It is great to see the spirit of competition!" Bradshaw said.

Gate: Transition allows increased hours without increased cost

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were several years ago.

After 9/11, the Army began funding installation gates with contract guards, spending hundreds of millions of dollars across the Army to meet this security mission, he said.

The Army discovered that many installations had multiple gates and were keeping those gates operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week, often without regard to the amount of traffic using those gates—especially at night and on weekends, McDougald added.

Based on Army-developed funding metrics, the Army discovered there were huge savings to the government by reducing the number of guards at installations, or in some cases closing access control points altogether when the traffic flow was minimal, he said.

As a result of the Army traffic study and other funding metrics, Fort Rucker was required to reduce hours at some gates or even consider closing them in order to live within the funding allotted for the guard mission.

"Faulkner and Newton secondary gates had the least amount of traffic using them," said McDougald. "The commanding general at Fort Rucker at the time directed reducing the hours at these two gates so we could live within our budget."

"We have now transitioned to Department of the Army civilians at these two gates and, therefore, we're able to reduce some costs to the government," he added. "This transition enables us to increase the gate operational hours at Faulkner and Newton Ac-

cess Control Points with no increase in cost to the government."

According to McDougald, most personnel who commute to post are happy with the extension of gate hours.

"I can get more done on post before and after work without having to worry if the gate will be closed and I'll have to use another," said Jack Duloz, a contractor at Fort Rucker. "It definitely makes my commute short-

er in the mornings."

The last traffic survey measured inbound traffic at the two gates. Faulkner gate averages about 1,300 vehicles per day, with Newton averaging around 825 per day.

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'SPICE' NOW ILLEGAL

WASHINGTON — There's no more wiggle room for Soldiers who want to use marijuana substitutes like "Spice" or K2.

New rules by both the Army and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency make at least one thing clear to Soldiers: Spice will burn you.

In February, Secretary of the Army John McHugh issued a memorandum that establishes an Armywide policy prohibiting the use and possession of synthetic cannabis and other substitutes for delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol, commonly referred to as THC, the primary psychoactive constituent of marijuana.

March 1, the DEA also made Spice illegal nationwide for at least a year.

In regards to Spice and other similar synthetic marijuana products, Soldiers from all components of the Army are prohibited from "using, possessing, manufacturing, selling, distributing, importing into or exporting from the United States, or introducing into any installation, vessel, vehicle or aircraft used by or under the control of the Army."

ONLINE PRE-REGISTRATION OPEN FOR DOD SCHOOLS

WASHINGTON — Department of Defense officials recently launched an online pre-registration application to help parents get an early start on enrolling their children in DOD schools.

Through the site, parents can pre-register their children in a DOD school from anywhere in the world, and even while on the move from one installation to another, explained Mike Lynch, chief of policy and legislation for the Department of Defense Education Activity.

The site, located at <https://registration.DODDea.edu>, is open to parents with students entering pre-kindergarten up to 12th grade.

FIRST CSMS SELECTED UNDER NEW SYSTEM

FORT KNOX, Ky. — Under a new system taking effect later this year, commanders and command sergeants major begin and end their assignments at the same time.

Senior NCOs chosen last fall by the Army's first Centralized Selection List, or CSL boards, for command sergeants major and sergeants major, begin filling positions in October, according to Human Resources Command officials.

For more information, call (888) 276-9472 or e-mail askhrc.army@us.army.mil.

Army 'fusing' UAS sensors

BY KRIS OSBORN
Army News Service

ARLINGTON, Va. — The U.S. Army is testing prototypes of a new high-tech synchronization engine at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Ala., which can combine video feeds and sensor data from multiple Unmanned Aircraft Systems on a single Ground Control Station, service officials said.

"We are opening a gateway to information like we have never done before. Today, you can't switch between one stovepipe intelligence source to another that easily," said Tim Owings, Army UAS deputy program manager.

The new system, called the Federated Universal Synchronization Engine, or FUSE, uses software and hardware to fuse a host of different intelligence sources on one viewing screen — including Ground Moving Target Indicator, Electro-Optical, Infrared and Synthetic Aperture Radar capabilities, Owings said.

"FUSE is about operator cueing — to get the operator better intelligence feeds so that he can find targets more rapidly. If you are a Shadow, you don't have a moving target indicator. All you have is video. With FUSE — if you have a Gray Eagle in the same area with Synthetic Aperture

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Google Earth is one of the sources used by the Federated Universal Synchronization Engine, or FUSE. The system uses software and hardware to fuse a host of different intelligence sources on one viewing screen, including Ground Moving Target Indicator, Electro-Optical, Infrared and Synthetic Aperture Radar capabilities.



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Combat training

Spc. Alexander Perez (left) and Spc. Cherish Truong, both radar operators with Battery A, 26th Field Artillery Regiment, (Target Acquisition Battery), 41st Fires Brigade, jump out of a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter to pull security during Operation Wild Horses II on north Fort Hood, Texas, March 17. Operation Wild Horse II is one of the last training exercises the 2nd Bat., 224th Av. Regt. will undergo before the unit deploys.

Iraqi security improving as New Dawn nears end

BY ALEXANDRA HEMMERLY-BROWN
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — A top Army leader in Iraq recently said all Operation New Dawn troops are expected to withdraw by December unless the Iraqi government asks the U.S. to stay on.

According to the 2008 security agreement signed by both the U.S. and Iraq, Operation New Dawn will end unless Iraq asks for an extended U.S. presence.

Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Buchanan, a U.S. Forces-Iraq spokesman and director for Strategic Effects, said he has witnessed a transformation in the Iraqi security forces during his four deployments there.

"It's pretty inspirational seeing how much progress they've made," Buchanan said.

The general said the Iraqi security forces have accomplished much of what they set out to do: security levels have improved and the level of violence is down throughout the country. That this was achieved by the fastest-growing security force in the world with the highest operational tempo is no small feat, he said.

Yet, he maintains, there is still work to be done.

"Frankly, we have a lot left to do in our time left here, but we're determined to get as much done as possible," he said. "I'm confident that Iraq is going to continue on a steady path toward progress."

In the nine months left in Iraq, Buchanan said U.S. troops will continue to focus on what they've already been centered on: training. North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-



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Sgt. Bernardo Medina, 1-14th Infantry, 1st Advise and Assist Brigade, shows an Iraqi soldier how a left-handed shooter should be positioned when firing an M16 rifle, March 20, at Forward Operating Base Texan, near Kirkuk, Iraq.

tion and U.S. troops have been assisting the Iraqi Security Forces in areas such as marksmanship, counter-terrorism operations and arrest procedures, and that won't change, Buchanan said.

This follows the "advise and assist" stance the U.S. has taken since last year when Iraq took the lead on ensuring security there.

Buchanan said the ultimate vision for Iraq is to become stable, sovereign and self-reliant.

Another agreement signed in 2008 was a strategic framework agreement for a long-term progress plan in Iraq. To that end, a small contingent of military and U.S. embassy personnel will stay in Iraq, just as they do in other countries in the region, Buchanan said.

"That's what all our plans are geared toward," Buchanan said of pulling out of Iraq. "We don't plan on maintaining U.S. Forces-

Iraq after 2011."

Buchanan said in the future if troops are sent to Iraq, it will be part of a normal embassy detail and not a deployment. Also, he said, occasionally Soldiers with equipment expertise may be sent on temporary duty to Iraq to help train the Iraqi Army.

Yet after the U.S. pulls out, Iraq will still have a sizable problem to deal with — al-Qaida. Buchanan explained that although violence is down in Iraq, al-Qaida is still a serious threat.

"They're still out there and they're very, very dangerous. They've never changed their ideology, and they're determined to murder as many people as they can," he said.

Buchanan said the next nine months will be a particularly significant time for U.S.-Iraqi relations.

Military children need nation's support

BY ELAINE SANCHEZ
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Military children need the support not just of the Department of Defense, but the "whole of the nation" to ensure they're ready for the future, an official said recently.

"Military children are resilient, but they need a lot of help," said Robert L. Gordon III, deputy assistant secretary of defense for military community and family policy. "We're doing much more within the Department of Defense and federal government, but it will not be enough, because this is an American problem. It's not just a problem of the Department of Defense."

Gordon touched on the challenges facing military children and some of the programs DOD is implementing to help them during a roundtable on the education of military children, one of the culminating events of an education summit called "Building a Grad Nation."

Military Families today have different challenges from those their predecessors faced, he said, most notably multiple deployments.

"Again and again we are seeing servicemembers deployed and spouses having to take care of their Families back home," he said. "It's been very difficult."

Gordon said he just returned from a trip to Europe, where he met with spouses and children. Some of the spouses he met had never been out of the United States before, yet were asked to move overseas with their children and without their military spouse, who was deployed directly into the combat theater. Most of these spouses, he noted, were under 25 years old.

"That is the world in which we live today," he said.

Scattered around the world are about 2 million military children, Gordon said, 1.2 million of which are school age.

Of the 1.2 million, roughly 90,000 are in the military school system, and about 70,000 are in public schools on military

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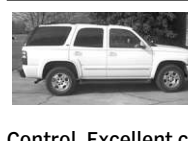
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Sensors: FUSE improves response time

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Radar — you will now be able to see the Ground Moving Target Indicator on the Shadow Ground Control Station,” Owings said.

FUSE is particularly helpful when it comes to the “perishability” of certain

fast-emerging targets because the fusing of sensor data from multiple sources allows action to be taken more quickly in response to various combat scenarios, he explained.

“If you have information about a guy planting an improvised explosive device - if you don’t do something now the op-

portunity to disrupt that event is lost,” Owings said.

The idea for FUSE emerged out of the findings from Army teams sent to Afghanistan to assess how UAS sensors can be used more effectively, he said.

“What we found was that there was a need to share information better, and

we found there was no way for a UAS operator to technically fuse all of the different intelligence sources into an operational picture he could use,” Owings explained.

Owings said the Army hopes to have FUSE ready for deployment in about one year.

Children: Education review looks at impact of deployments

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installations across the country. The other roughly 1 million children are scattered throughout the United States in the public school system.

“One the issues is finding them, understanding where in the world they are and what they are doing,” Gordon said.

Then, he added, it’s “finding and engaging them.”

This will take a concerted effort that extends far beyond the reach of the Defense Department, he said.

Gordon praised President Barack Obama’s Pres-

idential Study Directive 9, which directed federal agencies to determine how they can better support military Families. A report titled “Strengthening Our Military Families: Meeting America’s Commitment” outlines the nearly 50 commitments federal government agencies made on behalf of military Families. Many are specific to military children and their education.

“It is a whole-of-nation approach,” Gordon said. “All 16 agencies of the federal government focused on military Families. It’s about strengthening military Families.”

Within the Defense Department, Gordon called for leadership involvement to help bolster military children and praised the efforts of Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and his wife, Deborah Mullen, who also spoke at the roundtable.

“The chairman could prioritize a lot of different things - this is the DOD - but it has been our children that they have prioritized,” he said. The chairman and his wife have gone across country and brought back pertinent issues and avenues of change, he noted, which “helps us craft our

programs.”

Additionally, DOD leaders have commissioned a 270-day education review, currently under way, to “ensure world-class educational opportunities for all 1.2 million military children,” he said.

The review will look at curriculum for military children, the impact of transitions and deployments, and facilities.

Gordon also highlighted the military Family

life consultant program, which is designed to provide support to service members and their Families. Consultants provide parent education, information on support services, and helps individuals and Families develop coping mechanisms.

The program includes 40,000 consultants, he said, who assist with non-medical counseling for a set length of time. They also can work within

schools for a semester at a time.

“This is a huge success story,” he said.

Overall, it will take a combination of strong leadership seeking areas of improvement and the support of the entire nation to ensure military children receive the support they need and deserve, Gordon said.

After all, he noted, “military children are American children.”



A young spectator interacts with members of the Ranger Training Battalion during the 2010 Best Ranger Competition, Fort. Benning, Ga., May 8. Families and spectators were allowed to view specific portions of the competitions to cheer on their teams.

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LEARNING SELF DEFENSE

Ozark Police Agent and Criminal Investigator James Isler shows Sarah May how to carry out a defense plan against Fort Rucker Criminal Investigation Division Investigator Michael Holmes during self defense training in April 2010. In recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the Family Advocacy Program once again sponsors a Self Defense Techniques class to the Fort Rucker and Wiregrass communities Tuesday from 4-6 p.m. at the Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Facility. The activity focuses on using objects to defend against attacks, and defensive movements to avoid and defend against sexual assaults. For more information, call 255-3898.

Youth win photography contest

BY BREANNA WALTON
Army Flier Staff Writer

Twelve youth from Fort Rucker participated in the Child, Youth and School Services photography contest Friday.

La'Mia Hernandez, 14; Beatriz Reyes, 11; and Dominic York, 9, now move on to the regional competition after their photos were chosen by a group of five judges.

"I am quite proud of myself and hope to continue photography throughout high school," Hernandez said.

Hernandez said her winning photo of a building reminded her of studying architecture and sculpture in art history class. When she saw it in person, it inspired her.

In preparation for the contest, all participants attended two months of classes taught by LaShia Brooks, Boys and Girls Clubs of Fort Rucker Youth Technology Lab program associate.

"The children went through a series of lessons learning photography basics and skills," Brooks said. "The class allowed them to develop and practice a skill set that can be used in life."

"Through the classes, I have learned different things you can do behind a camera and how you can see the beauty in everything," Adelis Cruz, 13, added.

The contest is part of a comprehensive initiative encouraging artistic skills, cultural

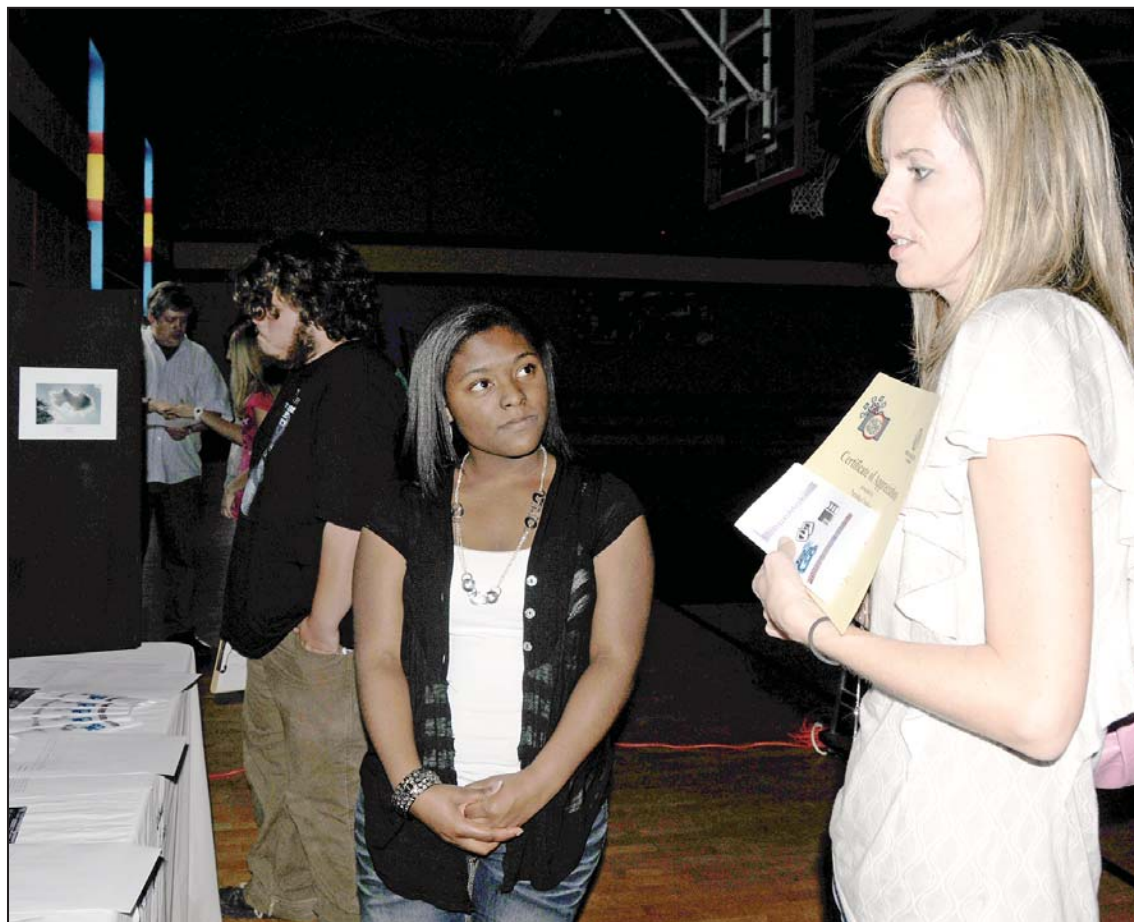


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La'Mia Hernandez, winner of the photography contest at Fort Rucker Child, Youth and School Services, talks with judge Natasha Chalker.

enrichment and creativity in the medium of photography, according to CYSS officials.

"By participating, my daughter's imagination and creativity

has increased," said Madeline Cruz. "There are a bunch of kids sharing and learning different ideas."

If Hernandez and the other

two Fort Rucker winners win at the regional level, they will then be judged nationally. Twenty national winners will be named and their photographs will be

displayed at the Boys and Girls Club of America's Image Makers National Photography Contest traveling exhibition and at special BGCA events.

On Post

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO FORT RUCKER EVENTS , SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Respite care

The Army Community Service Exceptional Family Member Program's respite care provides temporary rest periods for Family members responsible for regular care of persons with disabilities.

ACS EFMP needs compassionate and caring respite care providers to provide services for exceptional Family members.

Interested individuals must be age 18 or older, obtain or have current cardio pulmonary resuscitation and first aid certificates, obtain or have a current tuberculosis test, obtain a physical examination and undergo a criminal background check.

For more information, call 255-9277.

ACAP Center

The Fort Rucker ACAP Center will host Lockheed Martin, Social Security Administration and Intermark Friday in the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, second floor break room, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. as part of an employer day.

Attendees should bring their resumes and be ready to answer potential employers' questions.

This event is open to active duty military, Family members, veterans and retirees.

For more information, call 255-3932.

DARE Day

The Fort Rucker Drug Abuse Resistance Education officer will host an information booth April 7 at the post exchange from 3 to 4:30 p.m. to help educate parents and children about how to say no to drugs. President Barack Obama proclaimed the day National DARE Day, and all are invited to stop by and talk to the DARE officer about the program. For more information on DARE, call 255-3273.

Character Dining featuring Kiddy Karaoke

The Landing Zone's Character Dining features Kiddy

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Karaoke with DJ Dave Tuesday from 5-7 p.m. Free balloons and a children's buffet are available.

For more information, call 598-8025. The event is free and open to the public.

Family Fun Run, Walk

In recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Army Community Service staff hosts a Family Fun Run and Walk April 16 at 9:30 a.m. at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility.

Pre-registration ends today. Registration costs \$7 per person.

Participants may register at the Child, Youth and School Services Parent Central Services, Child Development Center, Youth Center and both physical fitness facilities.

For more information, call the Family Advocacy Program at 255-3898.

AER scholarships

Army Emergency Relief scholarship applications are available at www.aerhq.org. Applications are due by Friday.

For more information, call 255-2341.

Wiser Than Fools Farewell Tour

Wiser Than Fools rock The Landing Zone for one of its last performances April 21 from 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Cost is \$5 at the door and admission is open to the public. For more information, call 598-8025.

AFTB instructor training

Army Family Team Building instructor training classes are Monday through Thursday from 5-8:30 p.m. at the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, Rm. 371A.

For more information and to register, call 255-3643.

Self defense techniques

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For more information, call 255-3898.

Blue Day

The Blue Day Campaign takes place at Fort Rucker Thursday as part of a communitywide effort to recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Members of the local community are asked to wear blue as a visible commitment to support child abuse prevention, and to encourage everyone else to wear blue in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

For more information, call 255-3898.

Foster parenting and the military Family workshop

Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program staff holds an informational workshop on foster parenting and the military Family Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Early Childhood Activity Center located on Dean Street.

Topics include the roles and responsibilities of foster parents, the process of becoming a foster parent and the opportunity to make a difference in a child's life.

For more information or to register, call 255-9641.

Scheduled power outage

A scheduled power outage takes place April 10 from 12:01-4 a.m.

The outage effects the entire Fort Rucker Cantonment Area, to include main post, Lowe Field, Hatch

Field, Hanchey Field, Knox Field, Ech Field, the Lake Tholocco area and family housing.

The purpose of this outage is to perform required testing and preventive maintenance on the Electrical Distribution System.

Spring clean up

All Fort Rucker organizations conduct spring clean-up operations Tuesday through Friday to improve the overall appearance of the installation.

Clean-up of interior offices and work areas is April 5. Clean-up of exterior areas and police call areas is April 6.

Clean-up of interior and exterior continues April 7.

Resilience Training

Army Community Service Resilience Training is April 11 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at The Commons, Bldg. 8950.

Training focuses on the five dimensions of strength: emotional, social, spiritual, Family and physical. Participants must register by Wednesday.

For more information and to register, call 255-3735 or 255-3643.

DFMWR Spotlight



Allstar Weekend concert

Allstar Weekend comes to Fort Rucker April 14 to perform at the Post Theater from 7-8:30 p.m. The concert is free, and open to military ID card holders and their immediate Family members only. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the performance begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at Leisure Travel Services in the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, Rm. 130. For more information, call 255-9810.



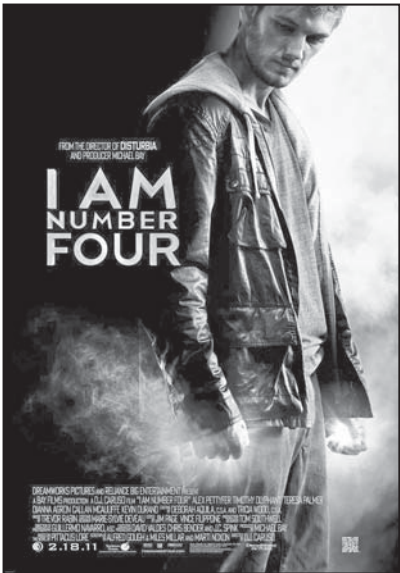
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Pick-of-the-litter

Meet Dave, a 2-year-old male lab mix. He is happy and loves attention. It costs \$81 to adopt him, which includes neutering, a microchip and heartworm testing. For more information on Dave or other animal adoptions, call the Veterinary Clinic at 255-9061, open Mondays-Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or the Stray Facility at 255-0766, open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Stray Facility needs donations such as dry or canned foods for cats, dogs, kittens and puppies, as well as blankets, toys and towels. Donations can be dropped off at the veterinary clinic or the commissary. One dog was adopted last week.

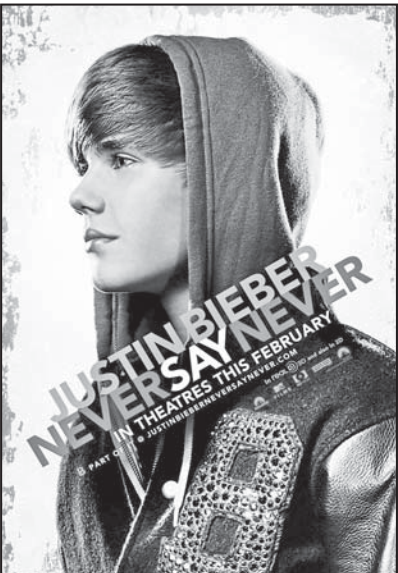
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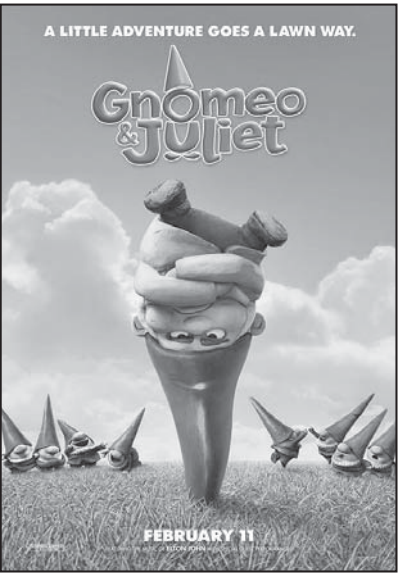
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Justin Bieber - Never Say Never (G) 7 p.m.



SUNDAY, APRIL 3

Gnomeo & Juliet (G) 7 p.m.

Influence with character

Leadership writer emphasizes authority, not power

BY NANCY RASMUSSEN
Fort Rucker Public Affairs

Renowned author James C. Hunter shared his philosophy on leadership with about 225 Fort Rucker and local community members at a special community prayer breakfast at the Landing Monday.

In his book, *The Servant*, Hunter captures the essence of leadership from a spiritual point of view by emphasizing that true leadership is based on authority rather than power, and further, that the source of that authority lies in influencing others.

Hunter is the principle consultant of a labor relations and training consulting firm near Detroit. He has spent the past 35 years studying, training and speaking in the areas of servant leadership and community (team) building.

"Years ago when I first began studying leadership, I bought practically every book on the subject I could get my hands on...then I realized that all the authors referred to the same definition of leadership, that it is the skill of influencing oth-



PHOTO BY NANCY RASMUSSEN

Renowned author James C. Hunter speaks to more than 225 Fort Rucker and local community members at a special community prayer breakfast at the Landing Monday.

ers to willingly do what you want them to...not because you hold power over them, but because you have built a relationship with them," Hunter said. "I got to thinking about who has been the most influential person in history."

Citing Jesus Christ as the most influential person who ever lived, Hunter recalled His words, "Anyone wanting to be a leader must first be a

servant. If you choose to lead, you must serve."

To influence others, and ultimately lead, Hunter said, "One must first be a servant and develop true character with attributes that include patience, kindness, humility, respectfulness, selflessness, forgiveness, honesty and commitment."

Many of those attending the breakfast agreed with those sentiments.

"All leaders should have

those qualities. Once you lose sight of kindness and respect, you lose sight of why you're there to start with," said Enterprise Mayor Kenneth W. Boswell. "Regardless of whether you agree or disagree, a leader can't afford to disrespect another person. It is important to always afford others the dignity you expect to receive."

Others in attendance expressed how Hunter's philosophy affected

them.

"The essence of leadership is motivating people in a positive way to perform to their maximum potential," said Allie Reddick, Noncommissioned Officers Academy administrator.

"Jesus Christ is the greatest of all leaders due to two things: his character and his influence," said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Mickey D. Jett.

Hunter feels military leaders "get it" better than many organizations, and at least one Fort Rucker officer has experienced the influence of the author's book first-hand.

"In 2007, I was selected for battalion command. Col. (retired) Steve Dwyer told me there was one book I needed to read prior to taking command, *The Servant* by Jim Hunter," said Lt. Col. Garry Thompson, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence deputy chief of staff. "I liked the book and the message so much I read it at least a dozen times."

"My original copy is dog-eared, full of highlights and notes. While in command, I gave each commander and first sergeant a copy of the book,"

he said.

In his current assignment, Thompson had the responsibility of organizing the annual Commanding General's Off-Site Conference. Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, and Col. Daniel Ball, USAACE chief of staff, asked him to work on getting someone outside the military to speak at the first night's dinner.

"I immediately thought of Mr. Hunter and contacted his company through his Web site. Before I knew it, we were talking and he agreed to speak at our off-site dinner and he was a hit," Thompson said.

At the dinner, Crutchfield invited Hunter to visit Fort Rucker any time.

"A couple months ago, Jim called me and said he would be in Montgomery speaking to the Air Force Chief course and asked if he could visit," Thompson said.

Following the prayer breakfast, Hunter spoke on servant leadership to a group of about 150 captains and a group of about 130 noncommissioned officers.

Religious Services

CATHOLIC PARISH SERVICES

Confessions are conducted at 4 p.m. Mass is offered Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and Tuesdays-Fridays at 12:05 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel. For more information, call 255-9894.

LUTHERAN, EPISCOPALIAN WORSHIP SERVICES

Lutheran and Episcopal worship services are offered Sundays at 8 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel. For more information, call 255-3140 or 255-2989.

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Protestant Contemporary Praise services are offered at 9 and 11 a.m. Sundays at the Chapel of Wings. For more information, call 255-9221 or 255-2989.

LATTER-DAY SAINTS SERVICES

Services are offered Sundays at the Ozark LDS Chapel at 9 a.m. For more information, call 255-4359 or 255-2989.

ISLAMIC PRAYERS AND PROGRAMS

All prayers are held at Bldg. T6609 on Fifth Avenue. For more information about daily prayers, weekly and monthly programs, call Chaplain (Maj.) Abdullah Hulwe at 255-1073.

CHURCH OF CHRIST SERVICES

Church of Christ services are offered Sundays at 1:30 p.m. at the Chapel of Wings featuring the Lord's Supper, singing, sermon and prayer. Everyone is welcome.

COLLECTIVE PROTESTANT WORSHIP SERVICES

Collective Protestant worship services are offered Sundays at 11 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel. For more information, call 255-3140.

JEWISH SERVICES

Services are offered Fridays at Temple Emanu-El, located at 188 North Park in Dothan at 7 p.m. For more information, call 792-5001.

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DALEVILLE

ONGOING — The Fort Rucker chapter of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Meetings are in the Daleville VFW Post Ballroom.

DOTHAN

SATURDAY — Dothan CityFest is 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. downtown. There will be events throughout the day, including Criterium bicycle races. For more information, call 615-3700 or visit, www.dothancityfest.com.

SATURDAY — Blue Moon Café staff hosts the Bayou Gumbo Cook-off from 2-10 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Foundation. Entry fee is \$25 per team with a maximum of four people per team. For more information, call 699-2172.

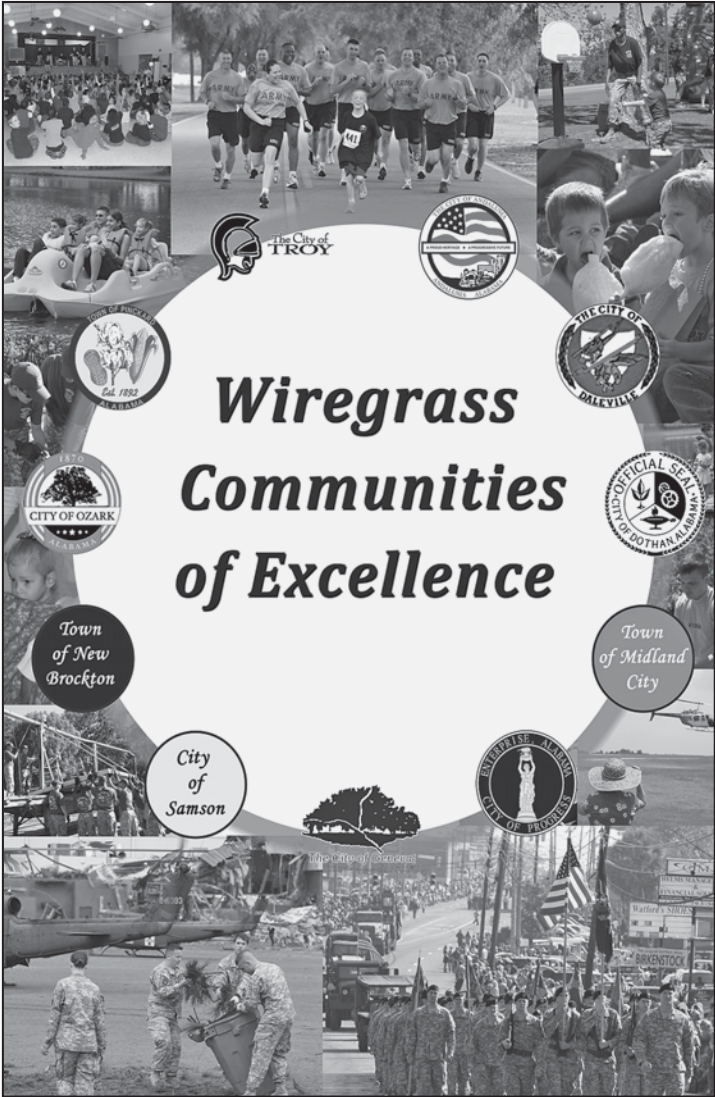
SATURDAY — Troy University Dothan hosts a free conference for parents and teachers of gifted students from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the campus inside the Michelin Conference Room in the Library/Technology Building.

Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information or to register, call (334) 983-6556 Ext. 1351, or e-mail vmorin@troy.edu.

APRIL 9 — The Untouchablez MC hosts a charity basketball single-elimination tournament at 11 a.m. in Kinney Park's Hawk Houston Boys and Girls Club on Chickasaw Street. Money and trophies are awarded to first and second place. There is a \$25 registration fee for each five-player team. Proceeds benefit the Hawk Houston Boys Club and various charity projects. For more information, call 805-5871, 805-6077 or 718-5712.

APRIL 16 — The Alabama Air National Guard 280th Combat Communications Squadron hosts the Minuteman 5K Trail Run and Walk. Registration is 6:30-8:30 a.m. Pre-run brief is 8:30 a.m. Official race start is 9 a.m. For more information, call 701-5703 or e-mail at minuteman5k@hotmail.com.

APRIL 17-24 — The Dothan Pro Classic is each day from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The event takes place at the Westgate Tennis Center and various other locations. The tournament features a Pro-Am, lessons for children, school field trips and the play of more than 50 professional women competing for \$75,000. A tournament pass is available for \$20. For more information and individual session ticket prices, call 596-2352 or visit www.wiregrass.com.



dothanprotennis.org. \$\$\$

MAY 7 — Dothan hosts the Mural City Art Fest-Street Festival from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The festival celebrates the arts in historic downtown area and provides families with an opportunity to share a wide variety of arts experiences and encourages children to find their niche in the arts. For more information, call 793-3097 or visit www.muralcityartfest.com.

ENTERPRISE

MAY 7 — Enterprise Children's Festival in the Park is at 2 p.m. at the Enterprise Recreational Facility. Events throughout the day including inflatables, pony rides, train riders, petting zoo, karaoke, face painting and concessions. A fireworks display begins at 8:30 p.m. For more information, call 347-1211 or visit www.cityofenterprise.net.

MAY 14 — Enterprise 2011 Downtown Summer Fest is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. downtown. There are several sidewalk sales with a festival taking place on Main Street and College Street with live entertainment. For more information, call 347-0581, or visit www.enterprisealabama.com.

GENEVA

APRIL 29-MAY 1 — Geneva's Festival on the Rivers is April 29-30 from 8 a.m.

to 6 p.m. and May 1 from 1 to 6 p.m. at Robert Fowler Park.

The event features worm fiddling, sculling contests, tug of war, coin scramble, arts and crafts, food vendors and live musical entertainment featuring country and gospel.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for students kindergarten through 12th grade. For more information, call 684-8575 or visit www.genevariverfestival.com. \$\$\$

ONGOING — Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6683, John Wiley Brock Post membership meetings are at the post headquarters, located on County Road 537, every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call Paul Kasper at 389-5434, Bob Wills at 347-8297 or Bob Cooper 347-7076, or visit the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6683 on *Facebook*.

MIDLAND CITY

ONGOING — Residents are invited to Town Hall meetings the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 1385 Hinton Waters Ave.

For more information, call 983-3511.

NEW BROCKTON

THURSDAY — The Southeast Alabama Beekeepers Association holds its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at the Coffee

County Farm Center. For more information, call 372-7814 or 894-2077.

ONGOING — Adult education classes are offered in Rm. 12 at New Brockton High School, 210 South Tyler St., Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 9 p.m.

All classes are free for individuals 16 years old or older who are not enrolled in public school.

Individuals must take an assessment test prior to attending class. Call 894-2350 for more information.

OZARK

APRIL 9 — Ozark's Crawdad and Music Festival is 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the square downtown.

This festival is held as a way to increase tourism and provide local residents with a fun and relaxed entertainment venue.

The festival's main features are crawdads, cold beverages and continuous live music as well as arts and crafts, children's activities and more.

For more information, call 774-2618 or visit www.ozarkalabama.us.

NOW-APRIL 30 — The Rudd Art Center staff announces final call for entries for Fusion, which runs now through April 30.

The show features three-dimensional art such as sculptures, handmade jewelry and various other art pieces.

For more information, call 774-2944 or e-mail dandrews266@charter.net. Visit www.ruddartcenter.org to download the entry form.

PINCKARD

ONGOING — The public is invited to the Cross Country Workshop every Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Pinckard United Methodist Church.

For more information, call 983-3064.

SAMSON

ONGOING — American Legion Post 78 meets monthly on the second Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

TROY

APRIL 29 AND MAY 1 — Troy International Film Festival takes place at The Studio in downtown Troy.

The event is three days of screenings of independent films and workshops. For more information, visit www.ala-film.org or call 670-3593.

APRIL 30-MAY 1 — TroyFest takes place in downtown Troy. The event is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 30 and 1 to 5 p.m. May 1.

It is free and open to the public and is the premier community arts festival for the Pike County region.

It features fine arts and crafts, a juried art show, antiques, farmers market, food court, merchants walk, children's art exhibit and kids' corner.

For more information, visit www.troyfest.com or call 566-2294.

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Beyond Briefs

'Red Run' 5k

Panama City Beach's "Red Run" 5k is 8 a.m. April 10 at Aaron Bessant Park. For more information or registration, visit <http://www.active.com/running/panama-city-beach-fl/red-run-5k-2011#> or call (850) 630-9623.

Seabreeze Jazz Festival

Panama City Beach's Seabreeze Jazz Festival is April 13-17 at Pier Park. It is a five-day festival featuring multiple musicians. For more information, visit www.seabreezejazzfestival.net.

Thunder Beach Spring Rally

The 13th annual Thunder Beach Spring Rally is April 27-May 1 at Panama City Beach, Fla. For more information, visit www.thunderbeachproductions.com.

Yatta Abba Day

Abbeville residents gear up to celebrate Yatta Abba Day April 9 around the courthouse square. Yatta Abba is the Indian name for Grove of Dogwoods and is what the city of Abbeville was named after. The festivities will begin at 9 a.m. and go until 9 p.m. Features include garden vendors, a classic car show and dog shows, just to name a few.

For more information, contact the Abbeville Chamber of Commerce at (334) 585-2273 or visit www.abbevillecc.com or www.cityofabbeville.org. Vendors may contact Jeff Skipper at (334) 334-3473 or e-mail at skippertrucking@yahoo.com.

CSI: The Experience

Crime Scene Investigation: The Experience is available until May 1 at the Main Exhibit Hall of the Huntsville Space Camp. Show times are between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week and tickets are sold up to two hours before

closing time. Please allow 60-90 minutes for each CSI experience. The exhibit immerses guests in hands-on science while leading them through the challenge of solving a crime mystery.

For information, including ticket prices, call (800) 63-SPACE or visit www.spacecamp.com/museum/csi/tickets.

Festival of Flowers

The 2011 Festival of Flowers is now through Sunday at the Providence Hospital campus in Mobile.

The event celebrates spring at the southeast's largest outdoor flower show, produced by Providence Hospital Foundation.

Explore over 300,000 square feet of landscaped garden displays, floral exhibits, gardening seminars, cooking demonstrations, photography contest, shopping and outdoor dining. Advance tickets are \$10 per person.

For more information, call (251) 639-2050 or visit www.festivalofflowers.com.

Treasurers of the Past Antique Appraisal Show

Treasurers of the Past Antique Appraisal Show is Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Clarke County Historical Museum grounds in Grove Hill.

Participants can bring their antiques and collectibles and have them evaluated by certified appraisers. The event also features live entertainment, food and a special auction.

For more information, call (251) 275-4188 or visit www.grovehillal.com.

Wings Over Cullman Air Show

Wings Over Cullman Air Show is May 21 starting at 9 a.m. The air show features world class aerobatics by military and civil aircraft, war birds, skydivers, static displays and food vendors.

Performers include the Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt Team and two-ship Cobra Demo Team. Admission and parking are free.

For more information, visit <http://cullman.schultzairshows.com/>.

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BY NANCY RASMUSSEN
Fort Rucker Public Affairs

Earl Rogers is a one-man operation who manages the paper recycling demands of Fort Rucker with his trademark call of “Git ‘er done.”

“I took that expression from Larry the Cable Guy years ago, and when I visit an office to pick up recycling now, it simply means ‘I hope everything is going good and God bless you,’” Rogers said.

Born and raised in the South, Rogers said he grew up with a strong sense of patriotism and devotion to country.

An Arkansas native, he graduated from Carroll High School in Ozark, Ala., in May 1974. During his junior and senior years, he served in the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps and after enlisting in the Army’s Delayed Entry Program, entered active duty in July of that year.

“While I was at Fort Jackson (S.C.) for basic training, my drill sergeant told me ‘there’s something about you,’ and he made me squad leader of my unit, Delta 2-1. So, I guess my JROTC time gave me the confidence I needed to stand out,” he said.

He spent most of his three-year Army career as an artillery surveyor at Fort Riley, Kan., with the Headquarters Artillery Battery Division at Custer Hill, before joining civil service at Fort Rucker in 1983.

Rogers worked at the Department of Public Works Metals Shop until the end of 2001, when his job was displaced by privatization, according to Al Townsend, Rogers’ supervisor and DPW supervisory environmental engineer.

“Earl is a wonderful person to work with — full of character and love for his country, and who has a special (place in his) heart for the veterans in the U.S. armed forces,” Townsend said.

“Since July 2007, I’ve been assigned to the DPW

Environmental and Natural Resources Division. I love people and my job allows me to meet many wonderful folks,” Rogers said.

Rogers works with the Qualified Recycling Program.

“He is, has been and continues to be an unofficial spokesperson for the QRP program across the installation and ensures that every aspect of his performance is

exemplary,” said Townsend. “He started out working in the QRP as a ‘one-man operation’ and since that time has adapted to change by working with a team to develop sustainable practices around the installation, particularly in the cardboard and office paper initiative programs.

“His efforts helped the installation increase its paper and cardboard collec-

tions by 25 and 45 percent, respectively over the last two years in part due to his ‘word of mouth,’” he said.

Nearly 30 years after joining the Fort Rucker civilian workforce, Rogers remains dedicated to those he serves.

“I just want everyone to know that when I’m in their building, at that moment, that customer is number one,” Rogers said.



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Earl Rogers loads a container of recyclable office paper into the back of his truck during his weekly rounds for the post’s Qualified Recycling Program.

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Golfers hit the greens during Spring Invitational
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SPORTS SHORTS

YOUTH AND CHALLENGED SPORTSMAN FISHING TOURNAMENT

Fort Rucker Outdoor Recreation staff hosts the annual Youth and Challenged Sportsman Fishing Tournament Saturday from 7-10 a.m. at Buckhorn Lake. Trophies go to the top three weigh-in totals. The event is open to youth ages 3-15 years and challenged sportsmen of all ages. Challenged sportsmen will need an Alabama State Specialty fishing license and a free Fort Rucker post fishing permit. Cost is \$7. For more information and to register, call 255-4305.

SOFTBALL COACHES MEETING

A men's and women's intramural softball coaches meeting is April 5 at 9 a.m. in Bldg. 4605. All coaches should attend. For more information, call 255-2393.

HEALTH, NUTRITION FAIR

Child, Youth and School Services Sports and Fitness Department staff hosts the annual Health and Nutrition Fair for CYSS members April 6 from 2-4 p.m. at the Youth Center gym. There will be eye and hearing screenings, blood pressure checks, height and weight measurements, a registered dietitian, Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation Partnership Edge! representatives, Family Advocacy Program representatives, physical therapy, a dental clinic, preventive medicine, the 4-H Club, a nutritionist and Military and Family Life Consultant Program representatives. For more information, call 255-9105.

GOBBLER CLASSIC TURKEY HUNT

Fort Rucker Outdoor Recreation staff hosts the annual Gobbler Classic Turkey Hunt April 8 from 5-10 a.m. Trophies and door prizes will be awarded. Participants must have an Alabama State Hunting License and a Hunter Safety Education Course Completion Card. Cost for participation is \$10. For more information and to register, call 255-4305.

FAMILY FUN RUN, WALK

Army Community Service staff hosts a Family Fun Run and Walk April 16 at 9:30 a.m. at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility. Pre-registration ends today and costs \$7. Late registration is \$10 after today. No registration fee is required for infants or children age 18-months and younger. Participants may register at the Child, Youth and School Services Parent Central Services, Child Development Center, Youth Center, both physical fitness facilities or by mail. Children 10 years and under must be accompanied by an adult. Participation awards will be given to all registered participants age 16 and under. Registration includes a T-shirt while supplies last and \$5 for the no T-shirt option. For additional information on Child Abuse Prevention Month activities, call 255-3898.

NASCAR TICKETS

The Fort Rucker Leisure Travel Office offers Talladega Superspeedway tickets for the NASCAR races April 16-17. The prices are \$90 per person for both days and \$45 for Sunday

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PHOTOS BY RUSSELL SELLERS

Jay Irwin, Showstoppers player, charges through Mike Kelly, USAAMC player, and goes in for the score during an intramural basketball game at Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Facility Monday. The Showstoppers won, 60-48.

Showstoppers down USAAMC, 60-48

BY RUSSELL SELLERS
Army Flier Staff Writer

Distance shooting was the name of the game during Monday night's intramural basketball game between the Showstoppers of B Company, 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment and the U.S. Army Aeromedical Center.

Both teams came ready to show off their three-pointer skills, but it was the Showstoppers' Jay Irwin who turned out to be the player of the game.

Using a combination of speed and near-perfect accuracy, he helped lead his team to a 60-48 win.

"We're a solid team and it all just came together tonight," Irwin said. "I had some speed on the other team and I got some good looks and calls. Being aggressive was the way to go."

The Showstoppers gained a 10-point advantage early in the first quarter, forcing USAAMC to call a timeout and regroup. Irwin said he noticed after that brief pause, the aggression level of the other team was turned up a notch.

"They started coming after me a lot more after that," he said. "I didn't let it phase me, and my team really backed me up. We had to turn up our aggression, too."

Frank Wilson, Show-



Mike Kelly, USAAMC player, tries to run by Hubert Agard, Showstoppers player, during an intramural basketball game Monday at Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Facility. The Showstoppers won, 60-48.

stoppers coach, said his team performed well after working out some early-season issues in practice.

"We can win every game if our whole team is here," he said. "We really worked on our chemistry after our last loss. Working on defense was a big reason for our win."

Wilson said that he plans to keep working on the team's defense in practice to keep the momentum going as the regular season winds up.

"We knew tonight was going to be our night because everybody was here and the chemistry was flowing," he added. "There're still some things to work on, and we will, but for right now everything looks good."

Despite not pulling out a win, USAAMC had a few good moments during the game. Mike Kelly and Kevin Edwards, USAAMC players, were a one-two offensive and defensive punch with Kelly go-

ing for a series of three-pointers and Edwards managing the majority of his team's rebounds.

Fatigue and several missed play-calls held the team to only minimal gains throughout the second half, USAAMC coach L.V. Miller said.

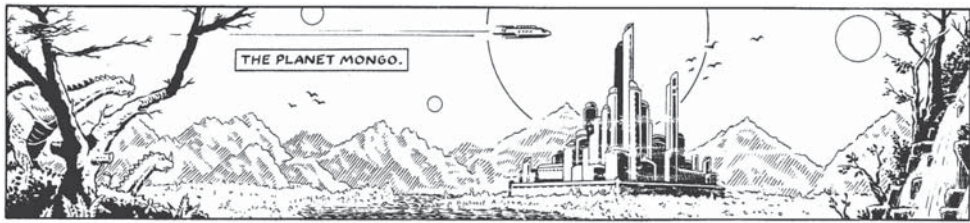
"We came out of the 2-3 defense too late and there were a lot of unnecessary turnovers," he said. "It's hard to come back from an 18-point deficit. We should have changed to man-to-man

defense earlier."


Miller said his team isn't done yet and plans to work on defensive plays in practice so it can make a strong showing in the rest of its regular season games.

"We wanted to come out aggressive in the second half, and it rattled (the Showstoppers) a little bit, but it wasn't enough," he said. "We'll address the defensive styles in practice and come back ready to play the next time."


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23 SIDE LINE
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29 East ender?
30 Sly trick
31 Composer Thomas
32 Rocky's rival
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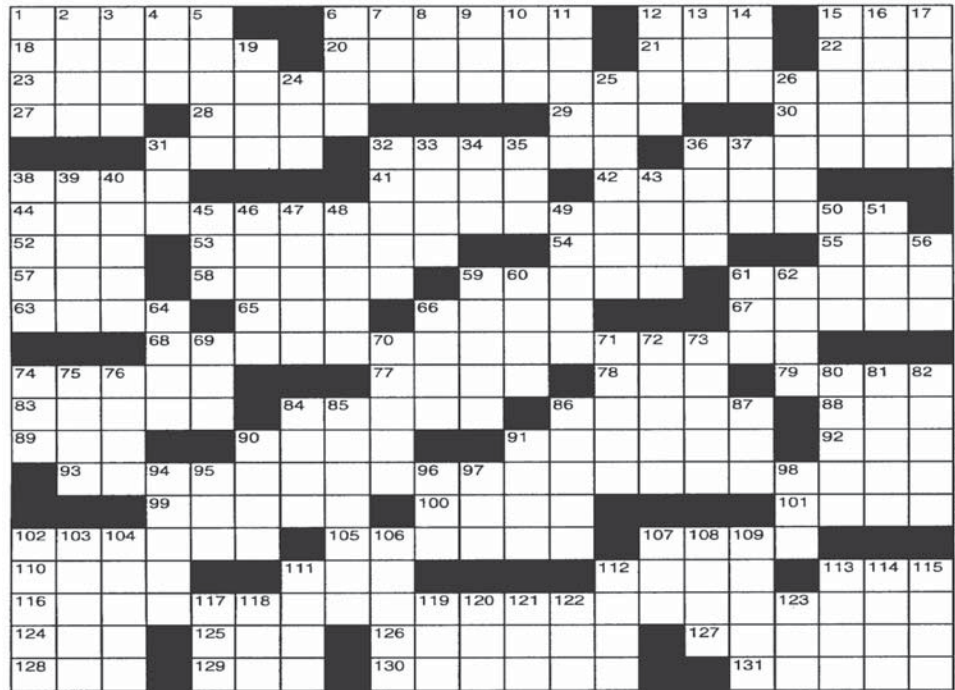
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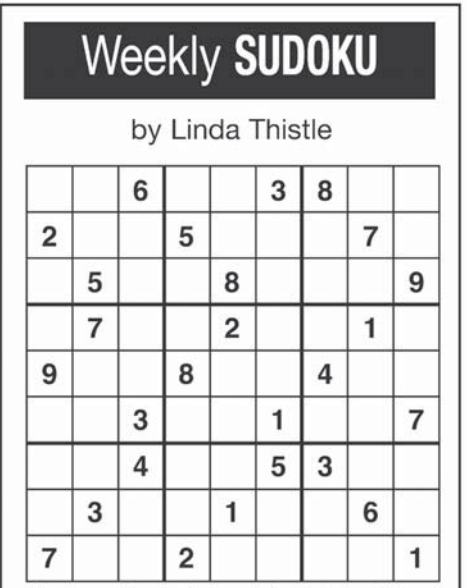
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115 Utah city
117 Actor's lunch?
118 Self-esteem
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121 Solo of "Star Wars"
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See Page D3 for this week's answers.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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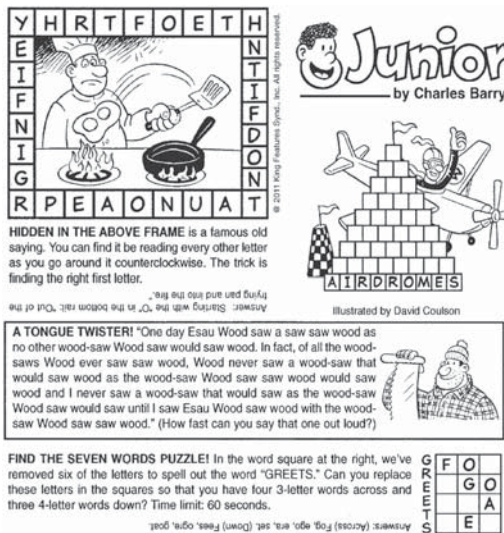
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

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Kid's Corner



Y H R T F O E T H
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HIDDEN IN THE ABOVE FRAME is a famous old saying. You can find it by reading every other letter as you go around it counterclockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter.

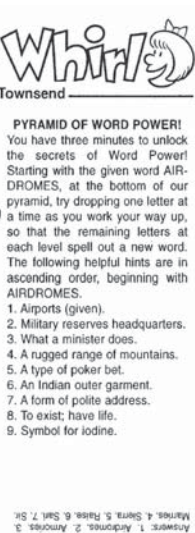
A TONGUE TWISTER! "One day Esau Wood saw a saw saw wood as no other wood-saw Wood saw would saw wood. In fact, of all the wood-saws Wood ever saw saw wood, Wood never saw a wood-saw that would saw wood as the wood-saw Wood saw saw wood would saw wood and I never saw a wood-saw that would saw as the wood-saw Wood saw would saw until I saw Esau Wood saw wood with the wood-saw Wood saw saw wood." (How fast can you say that one out loud?)

FIND THE SEVEN WORDS PUZZLE! In the word square at the right, we've removed six of the letters to spell out the word "GREETINGS." Can you replace these letters in the squares so that you have four 3-letter words across and three 4-letter words down? (Time limit: 10 minutes.)

Answers: (Across) Fog, ego, eat. (Down) Feet, eggs, goat.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



PIRAMID OF WORD POWER!
You have three minutes to unlock the secrets of Word Power! Starting with the given word AIRDROMES, at the bottom of our pyramid, try dropping one letter at a time as you work your way up, so that the remaining letters at each level spell out a new word. The following helpful hints are in ascending order, beginning with AIRDROMES.

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- Military reserves headquarters.
- What a minister does.
- A rugged range of mountains.
- A type of poker bet.
- An Indian outer garment.
- A form of polite address.
- To exist; have life.
- Symbol for iodine.

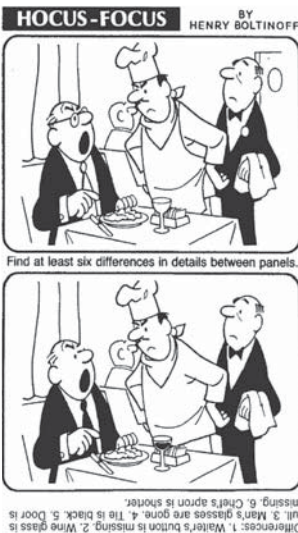
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF



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Swing into spring

Golfers hit the greens during Spring Invitational

BY BREANNA WALTON
Army Flier Staff Writer

SilverWings Golf Course held its Spring Invitational Saturday as members and golfers came out to participate in the first event of the season.

Participants played a 36-hole individual stroke match over the weekend.

"This is our first event and it is for any ability level. It is the start to the spring golf season," said David Unsicker, business manager at Silver Wings Golf Course.

First place gross was Bill Tyner, who shot the overall lowest score for two days. The first place net winner was Larry Pascual, who shot the lowest score in two days, minus handicap. First place senior gross was Pat Kelly and first place senior net was Fred Brown.

"Golf is an enjoyable activity and the competition really drives me," said Tyner. "I have been playing 20 years, I am the current club champion and I have played in two U.S.-sanctioned championships."

Tim Duncan placed sec-



Golfer Bill Tyner starts his first round of golf in the Silver Wings Golf Course Spring Invitational Saturday.

ond in gross while Bobby Betts placed third. Second place net was Ryan Calipi and third was Kit Hatcher. George Llopis placed second in senior gross and Len Claytor placed second in senior net.

"I played a more normal game and got lucky," said Fred Brown, first place senior net winner. "I have been playing since the early 70s when I couldn't play baseball anymore and had to pick another sport."

Others who entered the

competition have many years of golf under their belts and enjoy the competition, such as CW5 Dennis Seymour, Aviation Safety Office course chief.


"I enjoy competition and it's fun to see where you stack up against your peers," said Seymour. "You also get to see how well your practice is going."

Those interested in entering any Silver Wings Golf Course competitions can call 598-2449 or visit www.ftrucker.mwr.com.

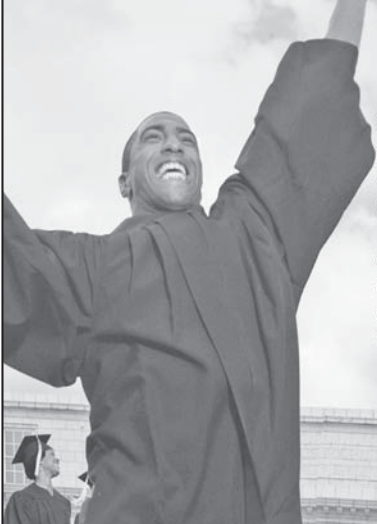


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Golfer Dennis Seymour shoots a round of golf during the Silver Wings Golf Course Spring Invitational.



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Thunder returns to Lake Tholocco's West Beach with drag boat racing April 30 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. This multi-class outboard drag-boat race event is sanctioned by the American Outboard Federation. Boats reach speeds in excess of 100 mph. There will be multiple food vendors and free entertainment for children and adults. No pets or glass containers are allowed on the beach. This is an Exceptional Family Member Program-friendly event. The event is open to the public. For more information, call 255-1749.

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COURTESY SCREENSHOT

Crysis 2 – become the weapon

BY JIM VAN SLYKE
Contributing Writer

The aliens are back in Crysis 2 and they've turned New York City into a bigger mess than usual.

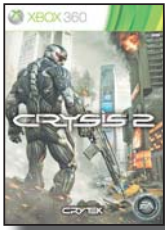
The skyscrapers have been smashed and set on fire and it's every man for himself.

No normal soldier could stand against the destruction of these aliens, so it's a good thing gamers get to become a super soldier equipped with the Nano-suit 2. It's the last thing standing between humanity and total destruction. No pressure.

The suit has been simplified a bit from the first game in this series, but that's not a bad thing.

There are just two basic modes for the suit — one for hunting that emphasizes stealth and a tank mode that's designed for direct combat.

Gamers can also supplement and upgrade those modes with extra



Publisher
Electronic Arts
Rated
Mature
Systems
XBOX 360, PS3
Cost
\$60
Overall
3 out of 4

power or more tactical awareness. The modes are easy to change and will impact how the gamer fights.

It's smart to sneak up on the enemy using stealth and then switching to the tank mode to wipe them out.

The setting of New York City allows for a lot of cover as well as a lot of vertical opportunities.

The game doesn't just



COURTESY SCREENSHOT

take place on the streets, although there are only a few opportunities to go inside a building.

The graphics are gorgeous in most cases, although it's hard to notice the beauty when you're constantly being attacked.

Crysis 2 is a much better than average shooter and offers some intense

multiplayer action, too. *Reviewed on the*
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