

FRONT RANGE AIR AND SPACE DAY AIR SHOW IS 44 DAYS AWAY

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Officials announce Thrift Savings Plan open season

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Civilian and military employees can sign up for, or change, their Thrift Savings Plan contribution amounts during the “open season” April 15 to June 30.

“TSP is a long-term retirement savings plan, which everyone should consider,” said Jackie Holland, task manager at the Air Force Personnel Contact Center here. “It’s a great supplement to military and civilian

retirement plans.

“It’s also important to note that TSP is not limited to investing in stocks,” Ms. Holland said. “People can choose safer government securities as well.”

This open season applies only to regular TSP contributions. It does not include TSP catch-up contributions, as they are not tied to open seasons, said Janet Thomas, of Air Force Personnel Center’s civilian benefits and entitlements service team.

TSP offers investors the chance for lower taxes each year they contribute while not having to pay taxes on earnings until they reach retirement.

“Eligible employees can take out loans and make in-service withdrawals from their TSP accounts,” Ms. Thomas said. “And you can keep your account, even if you leave military or federal civilian service.”

Investment money is deposited directly from each paycheck “so you

never have to think about it,” Ms. Holland said. “That makes it easy to ‘pay yourself first’ while only investing what you deem appropriate.”

The five TSP funds are: the Government Securities Investment G Fund; the Common Stock Index Investment C Fund; the Fixed Income Index Investment F Fund; the Small Capitalization Stock Index Investment S Fund; and the International Stock Index
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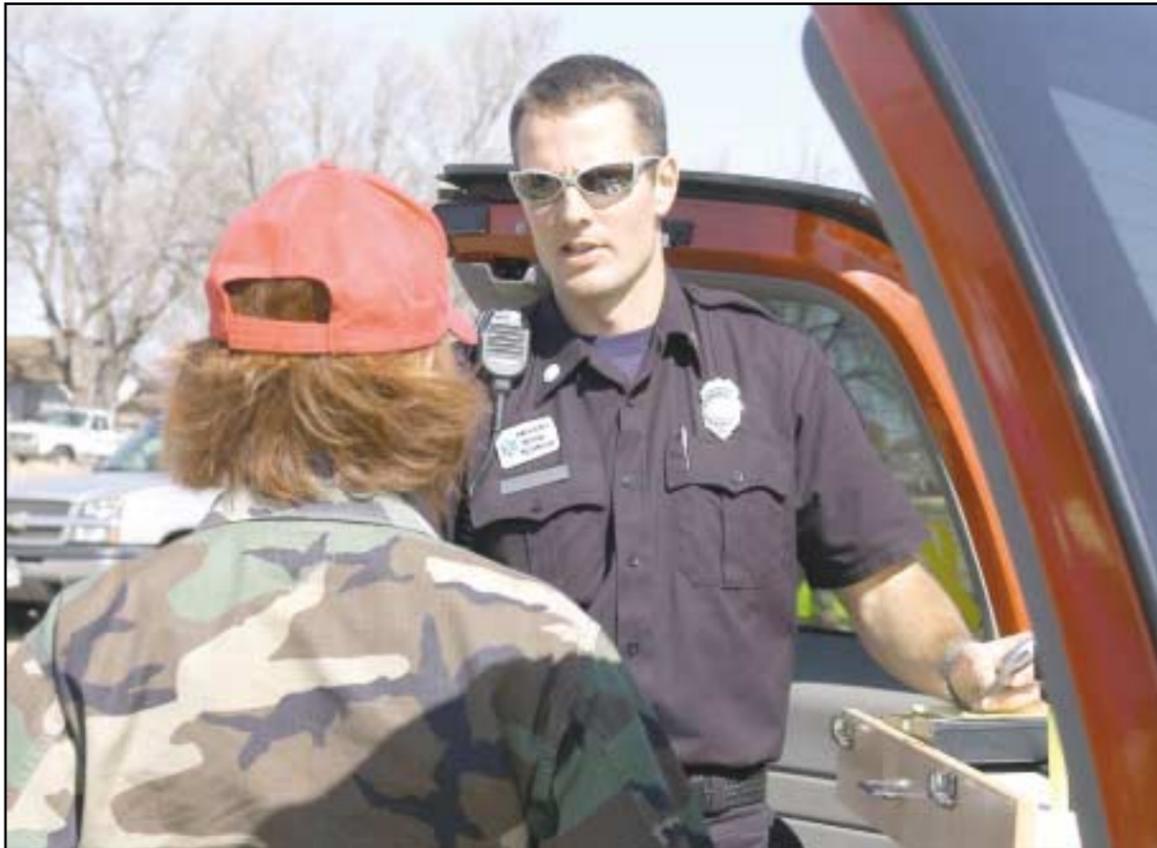


Photo by Glen Plummer

An emergency medical technician from the city of Colorado Springs discusses exercise parameters with a Peterson exercise controller.

Exercise prepares 21st Space Wing, city for upcoming air show

Exercise requires Colorado Springs Police and Fire Departments to work together with 21st Space Wing Airmen

By 1st Lt. Tracy Giles
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Condor Crest Global Thunder took place April 12 through Friday here to prepare city officials and Airmen for the Front Range Air and Space Day Air Show being held at Peterson Air Force Base June 4.

The exercise required Colorado Springs Police and Fire Departments to work together with 21st Space Wing Airmen to practice air show

worst-case scenarios including plane crashes, kidnappings, bomb threats and possible terrorist activities.

“This exercise allowed for an unprecedented amount of cooperation between city officials and base response teams,” said Col. Jay Santee, 21st Space Wing vice commander. “It moved us steadily forward to ensure that we will host a safe and secure air show.”

In addition to this, Colonel Santee said the
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Air Force standardizing warfighting command and control

By Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials have integrated lessons learned from past conflicts to develop and implement a new concept for command and control of the service’s fighting forces.

The result is the establishment of regionally or functionally aligned Air Force warfighting headquarters worldwide designed to facilitate the execution and planning of air and space power more efficiently.

“A warfighting headquarters will provide an infrastructure so Air Force commanders can better command and control the air, space and information forces assigned or attached to the unified combatant commanders in each theater,” said Brig. Gen. Eric J. Rosborg, special assistant to the Air Force vice chief of staff for warfighting headquarters implementation. “The idea is to develop a standard architecture to best support Air Force forces — an air (and space) expeditionary force — in support of a joint operation.”

The warfighting headquarters will be an organization above the wing level (and consist) of a command section, an air and space operations center, and a staff to interface with Air Force major commands, the Air Staff, other services and the combatant commander’s staff, he said.

“We believe this will enable the Air Force, as a service component, to be more responsive to the needs of the unified combatant commanders,” General Rosborg said. Each headquarters will have a standardized architecture; the office symbols, set-up and tasks associated will be the same. This standardization allows a better flow of information and mutual support among the headquarters.



Brig. Gen.
Eric J. Rosborg

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Peterson to host Air Show June 4

By Captain Amy Sufak
21 Space Wing Public Affairs

Peterson Air Force Base will host the Front Range Air & Space Day, here Saturday June 4.

This is the first time since September 11, 2001 Peterson will open the gates to the public. The last air show was held September 2000 and attracted more than 150,000 people.

"Military bases from across the front range have pulled their resources together to make this air show happen," said Brig. Gen. Richard E. Webber, 21st Space Wing commander.

"Our corporate partners have also lent

tremendous support through generous donations and sponsorship to our services squadron," said Warren Schroeder, 21st Space Wing Services Squadron marketing director.

"This community deserves an air show," said Gen. Lance Lord, commander, Air Force Space Command.

Air show coordinator, Lt. Col. Dan Arnold, 21st Operations Support Squadron is leading a team of volunteers who are scheduling performers, entertainers, exhibits, static displays, concessions, security, traffic and shuttles. New performers, aircraft displays and entertainment are being added daily.

Read the *Space Observer* each Thursday for updates.

Date: Saturday, June 4

Gates open: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Performances will be from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Price: Admission and parking are free. Bring cash for the food concessions and souvenir stands.

Who can attend: Everyone! You do not need to be a military ID cardholder to attend.

Getting there: There will be plenty of shuttle buses on and off base to get people to the show.

Tips: Arrive early, expect delays. Anticipating crowd of 150,000 or more. Highly recommend car-pooling to the shuttle bus locations for those who live off-base and walking or riding a bike for those who live on base. Bike racks will be available, be sure to bring a lock.

Military Performers

USAF Thunderbirds performing aerial demos in the F-16, Fighting Falcon
Wings of Blue, U.S. Air Force Academy cadet parachute demo team

B-1 Lancer fly-by

A-10 Thunderbolt fly-by

U.S. Navy F-18 Hornet Demo Aerobatics Team from Lemoore Naval Air Station, Calif.

F-15 Eagle Demo Team from Langley Air Force Base, Virginia

Will do a heritage fly-by with a P-51 Mustang

Solo aerobatics

Civilian Performers

Tuskegee T-6

Static Displays

U.S. Navy P-3 Orion

KC-135 Stratotanker

U.S. Army MH-47 Chinook helicopter from Ft. Carson

AC-47 Gunship

U.S. Navy F-18 Hornet

C-17 Globemaster III

Acts/Entertainment

Wild Blue Country, the U.S. Air Force Academy's country & western band

KidZone featuring two bouncy castles, 1 inflatable obstacle course,

face painting and other activities.

Displays

Exhibition hall, featuring Air and Space missions among other local military organizations

Recruiting booths

Food, beverage and souvenir concessions

Breakfast and lunch will be served, portions of the proceeds will benefit Peterson clubs and organizations

(Events are subject to change)

A Moment in Time

April 18, 1942

In the early morning hours, 16 B-25B Mitchell bombers, led by Lt. Col. James Doolittle, struck Tokyo, Kobe, Nagoya and Yokohama. "Doolittle's Raid" inflicted little physical damage to Japan, but it gave a needed lift to morale in the U.S. In Japan, the psychological damage of the attack was more important, and caused the Japanese to extend its defensive perimeter.

April 18, 1951

An Aerobee research rocket flies a monkey into space, the first primate in space, from Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.

April 23, 1965

The first operational Lockheed C-141 Starlifter aircraft is delivered to Travis AFB, Calif.

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Language latest weapon in America's 21st century arsenal

By Terri Lukach

American Forces Press Service

Despite the tremendous advances in military hardware and technology on display in the war on terrorism, there are still some capabilities only humans can provide.

That was the thinking behind a new initiative to improve foreign language and cultural expertise at the Defense Department, said a top DOD official who stressed the importance of language in worldwide military operations.

"Language has always been important in the Department of Defense," Dr. David S.C. Chu said, "but it is particularly important now, because we are operating in parts of the world where English is not widely spoken, where we need to work with local leaders and local populations, and where we need to understand more about their culture." Dr. Chu is undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness.

"We simply must develop a greater capacity for languages that reflect the demands of this century," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said in announcing the Defense Language Transformation Roadmap March 30. "No technology delivers this capability; it is a truly human skill that our forces must have to win, and that we must have to keep the peace." The roadmap "is a commitment to our men and women that they will have that skill and ability," Secretary Rumsfeld said.

Translators acting as go-betweens are not the whole solution, Dr. Chu said.

"We need to communicate better," he said, "and while you can always do that through translators, a great deal, as we used to say, gets 'lost in translation.'"

Dr. Chu praised the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif., for instilling a good reading and listening capacity in its foreign-language students in a year to 18 months.

"It's a terrific program," he said, "but, it's not enough. It doesn't take people as far as we now need them to go."

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—Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld

Department officials are beginning a new effort to broaden language competency within the military ranks and challenge more officers and enlisted people to develop language skills, Dr. Chu said. He said the program has four primary goals:

- Broaden the linguistic and cultural knowledge base in the uniformed and civilian ranks.
- Develop the ability to respond quickly to crisis requirements.
- Produce a cadre of linguists proficient at a much higher level.
- Develop a database of linguists and their levels of competence so that when there is a need the talent can be brought to bear.

In the past, linguistic and cultural expertise were not regarded as warfighting skills, and thus were not sufficiently incorporated into operational or contingency planning, Dr. Chu said. That is not

the case today.

Besides the possibility of conflict against enemies who speak less commonly taught languages, the new roadmap outlines several other reasons for an increased foreign-linguist capacity in DOD:

■ Robust language and foreign expertise are critical to sustaining coalitions, pursuing regional stability and conducting multinational operations.

■ Changes in the international security environment, as well as the range of potential conflict zones, expand the number of likely partners with whom U.S. forces will work.

■ The U.S. military's new global footprint and transition to a more expeditionary force will bring increased requirements for foreign languages and regional knowledge.

■ Adversaries who attempt to manipulate the media leverage sympathetic elements of a population or politicians to divide international coalitions. While technology, including language technology, is helpful, Dr. Chu said "technology will never replace a smart human being."

"Today's Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines," he said, "are so much smarter than ever before. At the same time, we are asking a lot more of them. And we recognize that that young corporal on the line in Iraq is making decisions that affect the foreign policy for the United States, and if we can give him or her a little bit of an edge — linguistically — (he or she is) going to be far more effective."

Dr. Chu said he would like to encourage all young people to think about language as a skill — a skill they can acquire.

"And it's a warfighting skill, a skill we need in the theater. It's important that we not only acquire it, but keep it sharp over time," he said.

Team Pete loses one of its own

Master Sgt. Marna A. Brasili, 21st Space Wing Judge Advocate, law office manager died April 16 here. A viewing and visitation will be held today from 4 to 7 p.m. at Swan-Law Funeral Home, located at 501 N. Cascade. For information, call 471-9900. The funeral will be held at the Base Chapel at 2 p.m. Friday. A burial will be held directly after the service at Evergreen Cemetery, located at 1005 S. Hancock St. Refreshments and fellowship will follow at 4 p.m. in the atrium of Bldg 350. Flowers may be sent to Swan-Law Funeral Home. The 21st Space Wing legal office will close today at 3 p.m. and Friday at noon. A trust fund will be established for her son. Please direct questions about the trust fund to Master Sgt. Michael Carr, 21st SW/JA at 556-4871. Anyone who would like to make a claim against Master Sgt. Brasili's estate must contact Capt. Steve Loertscher, the Summary Court Officer, at 556-4871.



Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

Banned!

The popular Lance Armstrong and Support Our Troops bracelets may not be worn in uniform. The yellow bracelet supporting a cancer foundation is a noble cause and support of the military services is greatly appreciated, however the bracelet does not meet the conservative criteria outlined in Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel.



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OPERATIONS GROUP CHANGE OF COMMAND SET

Colonel Donald McGee will take command of the 21st Operations Group from Colonel Terry Djuric at 9:30 a.m. Friday in Hangar 104. For questions or information, call Capt. William Ward or Kevin Mahar at 554-1745.

LEGAL OFFICE SCHEDULES CLOSURES

The 21st Space Wing Legal Office will be closed at 3 p.m. today and at noon Friday. For information, call 556-4871.

PARKING LOT CLOSURES SET FOR PAVEMENT WORK

There will be pavement milling work throughout the installation Monday to April 29 that will require closures to parking lots and restricted traffic on Paine Street. The parking lots affected will be; the post office, military clothing sales, and the fitness and aquatics centers.

There will be one-way traffic on sections of Paine Street.

For information, call Daniel Yocum at 556-1833.

LEGAL OFFICE REQUESTS VOLUNTEERS

The 21st Space Wing legal office staff needs volunteers from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays to witness and sign wills at the base legal office in Building 350. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old. For information, call 556-1710.

FSC OFFERS SEMINAR FOR ENGAGED COUPLES, NEWLYWEDS

Members of the chapel here, as well as the Peterson and Schriever family support centers and life skills centers are sponsoring a free seminar to help people who are preparing for marriage or are newly married. The seminar, Falling In Love Without Falling

On Your Face, takes place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday at the Peterson chapel.

Lunch will be provided. Speakers will discuss topics such as family backgrounds, expectations, communication, conflict resolution and family finances.

For information, call 556-4442, 556-7804 or 556-6141.

SKY SOX SCHEDULES AIR FORCE APPRECIATION NIGHT

The traditional Sky Sox Night for Air Force members becomes Sky Sox Day this year as the Colorado Springs Sky Sox play the Portland Beavers at 1:05 p.m. April 30.

People from Peterson, the U.S. Air Force Academy, Schriever Air Force Base and Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station are invited to attend.

Come early for the festivities, including Sox the Fox, presentation of the colors by the High Frontier Honor Guard of Peterson AFB, the national anthem

and the ceremonial first pitch. The game is free to eligible users of these AF installations.

Eligible persons can get up to 10 free tickets beginning Tuesday at the community activities center.

Those interested can register for a chance to use the Sky Sox hot tub while picking up the tickets. Drawing for the hot tub use takes place Wednesday.

For information, call the CAC at 556-1760.

YMCA OFFERS FREE REGISTRATION FOR MILITARY

The YMCAs of the Pikes Peak Region are offering active-duty military, civilian DOD employees and active-duty Reservists a one-time free registration. People can bring their identification card to any YMCA branch anytime.

Military members who are E-5 and below also get discounted monthly membership rates. Financial assistance is available.



Team Pete around the globe

The 21st Space Wing operates 15 weapon systems, comprises 44 units in 26 locations in four countries, and spans nine time zones throughout the world. Team Pete has 63 deployed members supporting various operations across the globe. The 21st Space Wing makes up 27 of those members.



Pete on patrol



Shoplifting

A family member was detained by a base exchange detective for attempting to shoplift a make-up item valued at \$1.54. The security forces squadron and the CSPD were notified and responded to the scene. The family member was issued a summons for shoplifting.

The attempt to shoplift four bottles of perfume and five clothing items valued at \$223.48 resulted in security forces and CSPD responding to the BX. The civilian was issued a summons for shoplifting and issued a temporary letter barring her from the BX.

People should remember that shopping at the BX is a privilege, not a right. Shoplifting from the BX affects the amount of total sales and ultimately funds donated to support Peterson Air Force Base families.

Minor Vehicle Accidents/Suspended license

Security forces responded to a minor vehicle accident after two civilians collided as they simultane-

ously turned on Stewart Avenue. The Colorado Springs Police Department was notified and responded to the scene. The CSPD officer declined to issue a citation due to the fact there was no physical evidence or witness present to determine the cause. Both vehicles sustained damage to their front bumpers.

High winds were the cause of a two-inch dent in a servicemember's car door. A civilian reported she was exiting her vehicle when a gust of wind caught her door causing her to lose a grip on the door handle. Her car door then slammed into the vehicle parked next to her. Security forces responded to the scene and the owner of the other vehicle was contacted. The two drivers exchanged insurance information at the scene and the patrolman returned to normal duty.

A servicemember was issued a citation by the CSPD for unlawful use of a driver's license after it was revealed that the license was expired.

The driver was stopped after security forces noticed that his driver's license was expired. Further investigation by the CSPD revealed his license had been suspended.

Drivers need to be aware of their surroundings and road conditions at all times. Weather conditions can change quickly and drivers should adjust to the current condition to ensure safe travel. Military members must have a valid driver's license and proof of insurance.



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With Eagle Eyes, any community member can report suspicious activities 24 hours a day by calling the law enforcement desk at 556-4000.

Personnel Corner

MPF OFFERS ADVICE FOR RENEWAL OF COMMON ACCESS CARDS

There are hundreds of Team Peterson members' common access cards that will expire in the next three to five months. The military personnel flight here encourages members to check the card's expiration date. If their CAC expires within two to three months, get it renewed now rather than waiting. For information, call Staff Sgt. Krista Lopez at 556-4680.

MILITARY PERSONNEL FLIGHT ANNOUNCES NEW HOURS

The 21st Mission Support Squadron Military Personnel Flight moved to standardized hours. The MPF will be open for customer service walk-ins and appointments from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. The MPF can accommodate exceptions on a case by case basis by making appointments with the appropriate MPF representative from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. For questions concerning the new hours of operation or information, call Maj. Jeff Boleng, 21st Mission Support Squadron commander at 556-4023, or Capt. Debbie Horne, MPF commander at 556-7135.

DOD UPDATES NATIONAL SECURITY PERSONNEL SYSTEM

The 2004 National Defense Authorization Act gave the Department of Defense authority to establish a new human resources management system for civilian employees called the National Security Personnel System. This system will create a new framework of rules, regulations and processes rooted in the principles of flexibility and fairness that govern the way civilians are hired, compensated, promoted and disciplined in DOD. Proposed regulations were posted in

the Federal Register Feb. 14. It recommends employees and managers go to the DOD NSPS Web site at www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps/index.html and click on FACT SHEET to read more about NSPS and the proposed regulations. It also recommends people go to the Air Force NSPS Web site at www.dp.hq.af.mil/dpp/dppn/nsps/ and subscribe to the Air Force NSPS newsletter.

CAA SEEKS PROFESSIONAL ENHANCEMENT CADRE VOLUNTEERS

The Career Assistance Advisor is seeking volunteer facilitators for the new professional enhancement program. It's a standardized program replacing enlisted professional development and other programs Air Force-wide. Courses take place quarterly for Airmen and NCOs and bi-annually for senior NCO selects. A wide variety of topics are covered during these mandatory three-day courses, and lesson plans and slides are provided to volunteers. For information or to volunteer, call Master Sgt. Kristin Clark at 556-9226 or kristin.clark@peterson.af.mil for referral to the appropriate course director.

VIRTUAL ASSISTANT TRAINING FOR SPOUSES

The Peterson Family Support Center will offer virtual assistant training Monday through Wednesday at the Air Force Academy Family Support Center. Virtual assistants are self-employed professionals who provide off-site administrative support services from home to their clients. These services include providing administrative support, competitive research, Web site design, accounting, marketing and graphic design.

The virtual assistant training consists of three workshops and participation is limited to 25 students. Applicants must have a minimum of two years of administrative support experience, Internet access, a good working knowledge of how to use basic applications, a computer with Windows 95 (or newer) operating system and a strong desire for employment or

career change. Active duty spouses interested in attending this free training, call Dyanne Brown or Susan Golden at 556-6141.

ANNUAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION RECEPTION SET

A 32-year tradition, National Volunteer Week, designates a special time to recognize and celebrate the tremendous efforts of volunteers. The Peterson Complex will express its volunteer appreciation during National Volunteer Week, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 22 at the chapel here. Peterson has more than 500 volunteers who selflessly give their time, hard work and experience to a variety of necessary tasks. These individuals saved more than \$1 million in 2004. This year's theme is "The Art of Volunteering." Serving Those Serving Us." To R.S.V.P. call Nona Daugherty at 556-7832 or 556-6141.

MILITARY PERSONNEL FLIGHT OFFERS RIGHT DECISION WORKSHOPS

First- and second-term Airmen within 12 to 15 months of their date of separation must attend a half-day right decision workshop, even if they have already chosen reenlistment or separation. The workshop is designed to provide current information on Air Force benefits and career options. The workshops take place from 8 a.m. to noon every first Thursday, locations to be determined. Spouse attendance is strongly encouraged. For information, call 556-9226.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP TO BE HELD AT FAMILY SUPPORT

Canadian Support Services and the Peterson Air Force Base Family Support Center are working together to offer an employment workshop for Canadian and American youth 14 years of age or older. The event takes place from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Wednesday in the FSC classroom. This is a free workshop and is designed to enhance job search skills. For information or to register, call Joyce Charlton at 556-6141.

ADOS outlines alcohol awareness

Alcohol is our country's most used and abused drug

By Claudie V. Cleveland

Drug Demand Reduction Program Manager

Although March may not have indicated that spring is just around the corner. I am fairly confident that we will start to see more pleasant weather and April will be the beginning of more outdoor activities.

Picnics, barbecues and camping trips, for some, alcohol is always present at many social gatherings which in and of its self, is not a bad thing. But of course, the operative word in regard to alcohol consumption is moderation.

Alcohol is our country's most used and abused drug. Alcohol is so widely accepted by the American public, it's easy to lose sight of what a potentially dangerous drug it is.

People that drink too much hurt their friends, employers, and, most importantly, their families.

There are an estimated 20 million Americans who are alcoholic or problem drinkers.

That a lot of people suffering from the effects of alcohol abuse. Additionally, four or more people are affected by the the behavior of each of those drinkers. That means that 80 million people experience the negative influence of alcohol even if they themselves don't drink.

The trend seems to be that abusers of one substance or another tend to become multiple abusers. If a person smokes cigarettes specifically, that person is much more likely to drink alcohol.

According to Dr. Robert Shipley, Duke Stop Smiking Clinic director, 60 to 90 percent of alcohol abusers are also smokers.

This is not to say that an individual will indulge in either to the point of excess.

However, if a person smokes cigarettes and since

tobacco use is not as socially accepted as it once was, the smoker will smoke more because the smoking environments are now limited.

Along with that limitation, if the smoker drinks alcohol, that person could conceivably consume more alcohol because of a more conducive environment for alcohol use.

The American lifestyle has many traditions where the consumption of alcohol is permitted and even encouraged — celebrations, sports events, cocktail hours, before-after and during dinner, "happy hour" (after work).

Advertising plays to this lifestyle but the audience isn't necessarily adults. Through Project Alert, the Peterson Air Force Base and Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station Drug Demand Reduction Program (school based awareness/prevention training), we teach that studies have shown that by age 18 (with three years to go before the legal drinking age), the average child will have seen 100,000 beer commercials, as well as many billboards, magazines, and newspapers whose message is: "Drink and you'll enjoy life more; drink, and be popular; drink, because you deserve it."

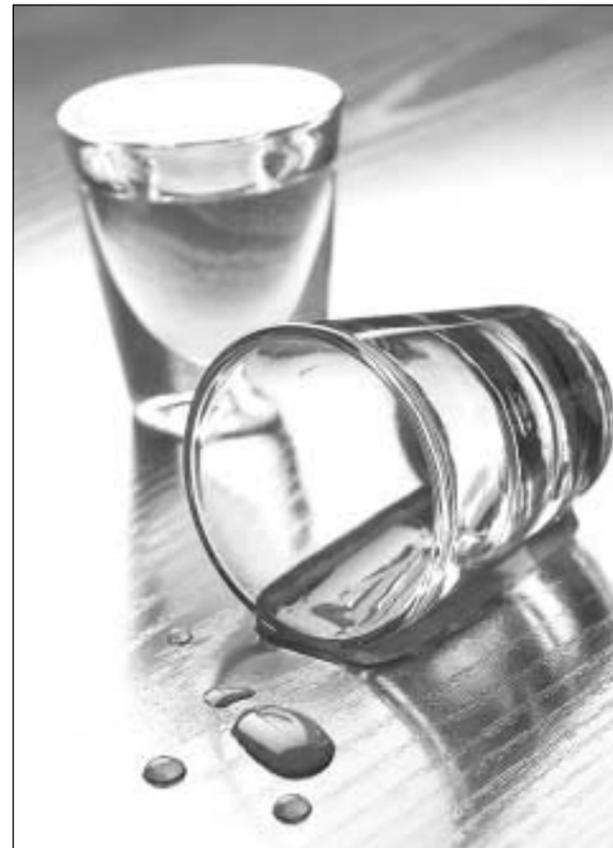
In an alcohol-soaked culture, without temperance too much alcohol consumption has a way of reaching right into your family. It can be hard to see it as a problem when we are bombarded with messages that it's not only accepted, it's good.

Is your family being affected by alcohol? Think about these few questions:

Does someone in your family seem to drink a lot more than most people do?

Does a family member's behavior while, during or after drinking affect other family members?

Are there more arguments when this person has



been drinking?

Does the drinker resent any questions or comments about their drinking?

If you have answered "yes" to even one of these questions, our family is being affected by alcohol. Alcohol abuse in the family is pretty much a guarantee of trouble in the family.

Some of the family affects of alcohol abuse are violent crimes, child agues, spouse-battering, drunk driving and suicides. The PAFB Life Skills Support Center is an excellent agency for family related issues involving alcohol abuse.

For information, call 556-7804. Remember, the major roadblock to recovery, is denial of an unhealthy environment.



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Investment I Fund.

TSP officials said they also hope to make "Lifecycle" funds available by mid-2005. Lifecycle funds are "target asset allocation portfolios" that will hold a mix of the five funds currently available. The mix of funds is chosen based on the date the employee expects to need money for retirement. More information is available online at www.tsp.gov/curinfo/specint/LFC-Qs&As.html.

"As with any individual retirement account, the sooner you begin contributing, the better," Ms. Thomas said. Contribution elections or changes made between April 15 and June 11 will take effect June 12, for servicemembers and civilians. Changes made on or after June 12 will become effective at the beginning of the pay period following the one in which the election is made for civilians and the following month for military.

Public Law 108-469, signed into law Dec. 21, will eliminate TSP open

seasons. The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board is implementing this law July 1. As a result, beginning July 1, civilian employees and servicemembers may start, change, stop or resume contributions at any time. For civilians, the elections will be effective at the beginning of the pay period following the one in which submitted, and for military members elections will be effective the following month.

Some of the specifics of the program include:

Military

■ Servicemembers can contribute as much as 10 percent of their base pay, as long as the annual total of tax-deferred investment is not more than \$14,000 for 2005. Airmen also have the ability to invest all or part of their bonuses or special pay.

■ Those serving in tax-free combat zones are allowed up to \$42,000 in annual contributions.

■ Airmen can enroll through the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Web site at www.dfas.mil/emss/. They can also

enroll by filling out a form TSP-U-1 at local military personnel flights, finance offices and family support centers.

■ Contribution allocations how an employee chooses to invest money among the five funds can be made by calling the TSP automated ThriftLine at 877-968-3778 for people in the 50 States, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa and Canada, or 504-255-8777 for people elsewhere, or on the TSP Web site at www.tsp.gov/. For general TSP questions, call the Air Force Personnel Contact Center at 800-616-3775.

■ Specific TSP information is available for Airmen at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/mpf/TSP/thrift_savings_plan.htm.

Civilian

Contribution limits are based on which retirement system an employee has. For the current open season, the following contribution rates apply:

■ Federal Employees' Retirement System employees may contribute as much as 15 percent of basic pay each pay period. Once eligible, the government provides matching funds of up to

four percent as well as an automatic one percent each pay period, whether the employee contributes or not, making the government's contribution 5 percent.

■ Employees covered by the Civil Service Retirement System may contribute as much as 10 percent of basic pay, but do not receive any agency contributions.

■ Beginning in December, there will no longer be percentage limits on how much FERS and CSRS employees may contribute each year. Contributions will be restricted only by the Internal Revenue Code's annual limit, which is \$15,000 for 2006.

■ Specific information is available for civilian employees from the Thrift Savings Plan Web site and the BEST home page at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST/menu.htm.

More information about the Thrift Savings Plan can be found in the booklet "Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan" on the TSP home page under civilian or uniformed services TSP Forms and Publications. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)





Photo by Tech. Sgt. Matt Gilreath

Getting fit to fight

Becca Watkins finishes a work out on the leg-press machine at the fitness center here. Miss Watkins is preparing for her fitness evaluation in hopes of being accepted into the Army. Air Force members are authorized to exercise three times per week during duty hours to improve their fitness.

Exercise, from Page 1

exercise allowed city officials and Airmen to uncover areas for improvement in time to fix them before the actual air show.

"The scenarios were so real that passers by reported them as real," Colonel Santee said. "The city and 21st Space Wing responders showed they have what it takes when disaster strikes."

R.C. Smith, battalion chief for the Colorado Springs Fire Department, said it was a great learning experience and opportunity.

"Nothing beats working together face to face,"

Mr. Smith said. "This exercise will help us have a smoother operation on the day of the air show since many of the same people who exercised with us will be there.

"I appreciate the cooperation with the military," he added. "It helps us to get to know our joint capabilities and how we conduct day-to-day business."

Mister Smith said he's excited to be helping with the air show and he's hoping for good weather and a lot of people.

Officials said current estimates project that more than 150,000 people will be in attendance at the air show.



Photo illustration by Rob Bussard

A C-130 crash is one of the many incidents that could occur during an air show. Members used this scenario to help prepare for the upcoming air show.

Warfighting, from Page 1

"If there is a task, one headquarters needs to accomplish, but is unable to meet the task, another headquarters can pick up the slack and provide the redundancy and reachback capability," General Rosborg said.

Tasks not directly related to supporting joint force commanders will be moved to other organizations.

"We are moving the current nonessential warfighting tasks to the major command level," he said. "Airmen and officers assigned to the warfighting headquarters will have a clearer line of communication, smaller span of control and a more efficient operation."

A warfighting headquarters commander should not be worried about operations of base facilities, schools and infrastructure development, but should worry very much about planning and warfighting, the general said.

"They should focus exclusively on the job at hand and not be burdened with other tasks," he said. "The advantages of a warfighting headquarters are three-fold.

"This concept allows us to provide better support to the unified combatant commanders; leverage technology; and better execute air, space and information power with a minimum transition period." General Rosborg said.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper has approved the warfighting headquarters concept and given the Air Force its marching orders.

"We're developing some directive guidance to the major commands so they can move forward and implement their warfighting headquarters," General Rosborg said.

There will be some name changes, command and control process changes, and the new headquarters will supplant some current numbered air forces. However, for the majority of Airmen at a wing this should be a seamless change, General Rosborg said.

Several of the major commands are very close to standing up the headquarters. General Rosborg said he believes the majority of new warfighting headquarters will be implemented by Oct. 1.

I would rather have a root canal



Miss Jennifer Holzauer, 21st Aeromedical Dental Operations Squadron dental assistant, holds a dental impression in place on a patient. Members construct 10 sets daily. Once, the set is finished, it is sent to the dental laboratory for molding.



Senior Airman Jennifer Livingston, 21st Aeromedical Dental Operations Squadron records and reception, sets up an appointment for a patient. The professionals at the dental clinic serve more than 7,000 people from Peterson and Schriever Air Force Bases, and Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station.

21st Aeromedical Dental Operations Squadron keeps Airmen smiling



Misses Casey Jackson, 21st Aeromedical Dental Operations Squadron dental assistant, pulls a record off the shelves. She helps maintain the more than 5,000 records at the dental clinic.



Captain (Dr.) Roger Miller performs a root canal on a patient while Airman Niko Sabalvaro, dental assistant, provides assistance. They're members of the 21st Aeromedical Dental Operations Squadron. Members also perform fillings, x-rays, implants, oral surgery, impressions and cleanings.



Airman Erin Cunningham, 21st Aeromedical Dental Operations Squadron dental assistant, takes a jaw line x-ray on a patient. They perform numerous x-rays daily. Members use the x-rays to help with patient examinations.



Staff Sgt. Kesha Williams, 21st Aeromedical Dental Operations Squadron assistant NCO in-charge of the dental laboratory, prepares a cast for a mouthpiece. The dental laboratory technicians prepare two of these a day. They also prepare crowns, dentures and sportsguards.



Photos by Senior Airman Shawn Clements



Military single parents face difficult decisions

By Tech. Sgt. Matt Gilreath

21st Space Wing Public Affairs

May 2, 2002, was a day I will not soon forget. I had just sewn on technical sergeant the day before, while working a counter-drug operation in Florida.

I flew out early that morning and was picked up by a buddy of mine in El Paso, Texas and went home to my house at Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.

“ All daddies are heroes. ”
—Staff Sgt. Charles Ridley, Honor Guard

I arrived home and greeted my wife and looking at her face, I instantly knew something was wrong. She went back to work for the day and I tried to relax and take a nap after working 16-hour days for more than a month. My mind could not get over the fact that something was wrong and over the course of the next two hours it was revealed to me, she had been unfaithful.

I had to make a decision of a lifetime, one that would ultimately impact not only myself, but my three young children. I was about to enter the world of being a single parent while continuing to serve my country.

I knew I wasn't the first father to be faced with this decision and sadly I know I won't be the last.

My first thought when thinking about being a single parent in the military was, no way, not for me, can't do it. I was ready to punch out after 13 years of service, roll the dice and take my chances in the outside world. My second thought was I need to pray about this, give my decision to a higher power and listen to what my heart has to say.

The whole process only took half a heart beat. I



Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

Tech. Sgt. Matt Gilreath, 21st Space Wing Public Affairs apprentice, watches as his fraternal twins Chelsea (left), Amber and son Cameron enjoy a game of twister in the living room before bedtime.

knew I could do both and looked forward to the challenge. For many years I was my children's hero and I'll never forget a moment a friend of mine, Staff Sgt. Charles Ridley, told me about.

He was at a funeral, and the son of the service-member being laid to rest came up to him and with his innocent little voice asked one simple question. "Was my daddy a hero?" To that question my friend Sergeant Ridley replied, "All daddies are heroes."

Sergeant Ridley said the boy gave him a hug as his mommy watched with tears in her eyes.

I made a list of things I needed to accomplish and

then I made one of the most important phone calls I ever made. I knew I needed to get my chain of command involved. Being the prideful person I am it was not an easy phone call to make.

The response to my situation was overwhelming. I felt it was the first time in my career that I was part of the Air Force family. My leadership and church family circled the wagons around the children and I all the way to the top.

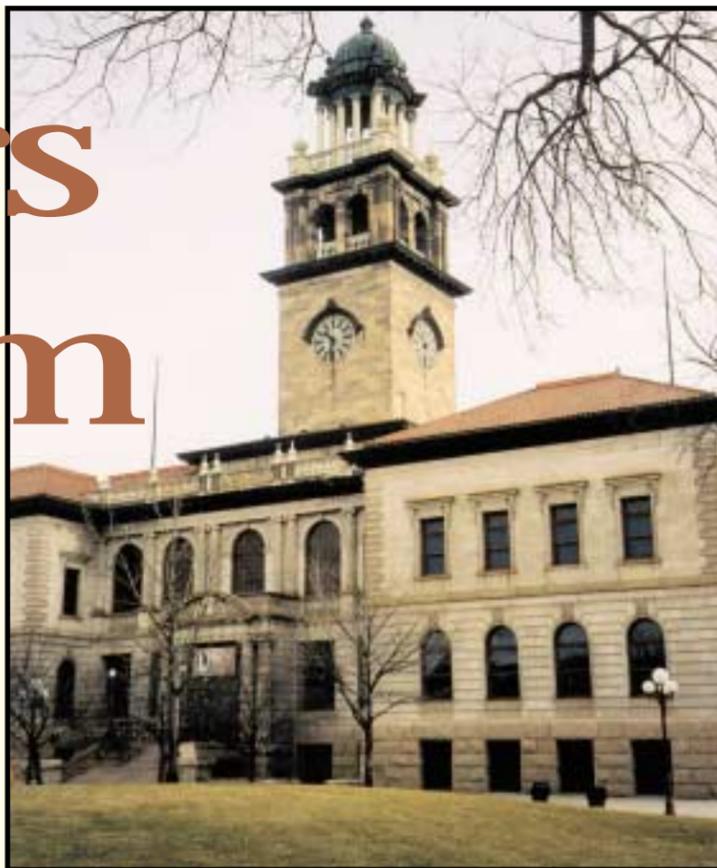
There were phone calls made, accounts set up, I was given time off to develop my dependent care plan

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Pioneers Museum

Story and photos by Nel Lampe
Mountaineer staff

An excellent place to trace Colorado Springs history



Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum is housed in the former 1903 courthouse.

Colorado Springs had its beginning because of a railroad, but not as a large railway crossroads or railhead. The connection is through the city's founder, Gen. William Palmer.

Palmer was scouting routes in Colorado for the Kansas Pacific Railroad to expand to California.

He first saw Pikes Peak in the summer of 1869 and visited the Garden of the Gods, the soda springs,

the canyons and creeks. Probably that very day, Palmer decided to build a town in the shadow of Pikes Peak. He envisioned a resort that would attract wealthy people who would travel on the railroad he planned to build.

Palmer followed through on his plans. The train began operation in 1870, on a north/south route, eventually running from Denver to Mexico. He named it the Denver and Rio Grande.

The first stake for his ideal town was driven in 1871, and it was eventually named Colorado Springs.

The Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum is an excellent place to trace Colorado Springs history. Local history is depicted in several exhibits and films.

As a bonus, the building itself is historic.

The museum is housed in a 1903 building that was the El Paso County Courthouse for more than 60 years. A new courthouse was completed and the museum was moved into the old courthouse.

At the time the 1903 courthouse was designed, public buildings were grand. Colorado Springs was enjoying prosperity at the turn of the century. It was an attractive city, with large buildings. Its trolley system was one

of the best in the world. The city had several parks, built by Palmer or on land he donated.

Colorado Springs had many millionaires made wealthy by Cripple Creek gold discovered in 1891. Some millionaires were mine owners, others made their fortunes by investments or capitalizing on goods or services needed by the mining business. Gold extraction mills were established as were the Short Line and Midland Railroads, bars, stores, hotels and boarding houses. Colorado Springs reaped many benefits of the gold boom. Many of the mine owners lived in Colorado Springs; mining companies established offices in Colorado Springs and banks prospered.

Local citizens wanted a courthouse suitable for this prosperous city.

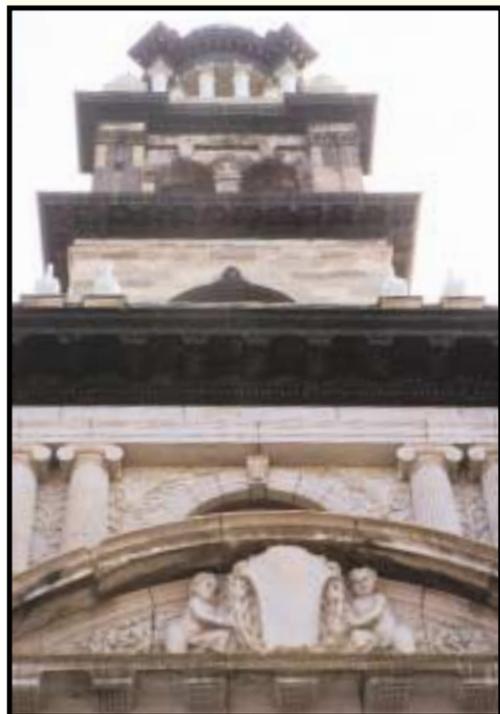
Local architect August J. Smith was selected to design the courthouse. A classical revival style architecture was chosen for the courthouse, a popular style for public buildings at the time. It was ornate and luxurious, with wide hallways, oak paneling, fancy light fixtures and marble-looking columns.

The court house's exterior is also ornate. It's built of stone quarried in Colorado: Ute Pass green sandstone, Platte Canyon pink granite and Cotopaxi lava. Stone carvings are above windows; a lighted clock/bell tower is on top of the building.

The drawings, photographs and details of the courthouse's construction are in an exhibit on the third floor.

The museum has several videos available in a theater by the first floor lobby. The selection includes "Then and Now, the Colorado Springs Story," a film about General William J. Palmer and one about Van Briggie Pottery.

Portraits of several prominent citizens are on the main floor such as Palmer, whose name is on several local



Carvings, pillars and arches are on each level of the building.



The former courthouse was built in elegant style, with marble-like pillars, ornate light fixtures and ceilings. Murals depicting local history are at left.

Pioneers



Places to see in the Pikes Peak area.

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landmarks: Palmer Park, Palmer High School and Palmer Hall at Colorado College. A small exhibit of Palmer artifacts is in the lobby and a larger exhibit is on the third floor.

Nearby are portraits of Spencer and Julie Penrose, builders of the Broadmoor Hotel, whose home became the Fine Arts Center. The Penrose name is on the library, hospitals, a school and stadium. Penrose founded the zoo, built the Pikes Peak Highway and started the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo.

Another citizen important to local history was Winfield Stratton, a carpenter who became a multi-millionaire by finding gold in Cripple Creek. He bought the trolley system and spent millions of dollars to update it. The post office is named for him.

A few elaborate pieces of furniture belonging to Stratton are displayed on the main floor; other artifacts are exhibited on the third floor.

Many pieces of art by well known 19th century artists, of the early West and Colorado, are displayed on the main floor.

An extensive collection of artifacts and historic photographs of American Indians from the Pikes Peak area is displayed on the main floor, with an additional display on the upper floor.

Lt. Zebulon Pike was sent to explore this part of Colorado in 1806. Pike and his Soldiers had seen the mountain he referred to as "Grand Peak while several hours east; and after attempting to ascend it in during November 1806, said no human could climb it. The mountain was eventually named for him —Pikes Peak. An exhibit on the third floor of the museum is devoted to Pike.

A nearby exhibit depicts early Colorado Springs settlers — many of them farmers and ranchers.

The museum also has a collection of early military firearms on the third floor.

Health seekers helped Colorado Springs grow in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Tuberculosis, commonly called "consumption," was an ailment with no known cure. Many doctors at that time advised patients to go to Colorado for their health. Colorado Springs became a destination for many such patients as several TB sanitariums were established. Patients were housed in "lungers' huts." Rows and rows of these hexagon-shaped buildings lined local hospital and sanatorium grounds.

This period of Colorado Springs' history is displayed on the museum's top floor, including an actual patient hut.

Nearby is an early drugstore, an early dentist office and antique doctors' instruments.

An unexpected benefit for Colorado Springs was that many patients who came for the "cure" stayed on, becoming leading and influential citizens.

One such famous patient was artist Artus Van Briggie. Van Briggie won many awards for his art pottery and a matte glaze he created. His vases are displayed in the Louvre in Paris and the New York Metropolitan Museum. One of the

world's largest collections of Van Briggie pottery is displayed on the main floor of the museum.

An unusual exhibit on the third floor is a tribute to Helen Hunt Jackson, a well known author who came to Colorado Springs in 1873 for her health. Jackson's house on East Kiowa Street, built by Stratton the carpenter, was given to the museum. The house, along with Jackson's furnishings, is in the museum. Visitors to the Jackson house can see how local citizens lived 100 years ago.

Once one of the most beautiful courtrooms in the nation, an oak-paneled courtroom now serves as an auditorium for lectures and programs. The room has been seen in several movies and television programs, such as "The Outlaw," "The Incident" and a Perry Mason episode.

A special exhibit in the museum until mid March is a "One Smokin' Collection: Pipes from the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum," featuring more than 100 exotic and domestic pipes.

In addition to special and changing exhibits throughout the year, the Friends of the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum hosts free lectures.

A small museum store has a large collection of books on Colorado and local history as well as a selection of postcards and souvenirs.

The museum is at 215 S. Tejon and is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, the museum is also open Sundays from 1 until 5 p.m.

Admission is free. Parking is at metered parking on the streets by the museum.

(Courtesy of the Fort Carson Mountaineer)



Visitors learn about life in Colorado Springs 100 years ago from the Jackson home, an exhibit in the Pioneers Museum.

Just the Facts

- **Travel time** 15 minutes
- **For ages** all
- **Type** history museum
- **Fun factor** ★★★★★ 1/2
(Out of 5 stars)
- **Wallet damage** free
 - \$ = Less than \$20
 - \$\$ = \$21 to \$40
 - \$\$\$ = \$41 to \$60
 - \$\$\$\$ = \$61 to \$80

(Based on a family of four)



A portrait of Gen. William Palmer and some of his artifacts are on the first floor of the Pioneers Museum. Palmer was the nation's second youngest general.



Two exhibits of American Indian artifacts and historic photographs are in the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum.

BELOW: Gen. William Palmer's Union Army uniform is displayed in the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum.



GO! Get out!!

JoyRides

JoyRides Family Fun Center celebrates with Rainy Days Dollar Days Weekend, Friday through Sunday. Buy a bundle of 10 tickets for \$10, then use the tickets for rides - each ride is \$1. JoyRides is at 5150 Edison Ave., two miles east of the Citadel Mall, just off E. Platte Ave. Hours are from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Pueblo's Art Center Theater

The Sangre de Cristo theater at 210 N. Santa Fe in Pueblo hosts "The Passing Zone" at 7:30 p.m. Friday; tickets are \$20. The box office phone number is (719) 295-7222.

Academy theater

"The Passing Zone" is at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Arnold Hall Theater at the Academy. Call the box office at 333-4497. Theater guests should enter the Academy at the North Gate Exit.

World Arena venue

"Larry the Cable Guy" is appearing at the World Arena on May 8; call 576-2626.

The arena is at 3185 Venetucci Blvd., near Tinseltown theater. Parking is \$5 for each event.

Pikes Peak Center

Mary Chapin Carpenter with Mindy Smith present a concert at 7:30 p.m. on April 29.

"42nd Street," part of the Broadway Theater series, is in the theater at 7 p.m. on May 8 and 9.

Clay Walker is in concert at 7 p.m. on May 19; call the Pikes Peak Center (190 S. Cascade Ave.) box office at 520-SHOW for tickets. Parking is streetside or in a garage behind the center (\$5 fee).

presenting the concert. Tickets are \$20; call 520-SHOW.

Rembrandt's etchings

The White Galleries of the Sango de Cristo Art Center at 210 N. Santa Fe in Pueblo has several collections of art displayed, including

"Rembrandt: The Moresch Collection"

of etchings through Saturday. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children, and admits visitors to Buell Children's Museum as well.

Musical

"Singin' in the Rain," opens April 29 in the Fine Arts Center Theater, 30 W. Dale St., at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and at 2 p.m. on Sundays through May 22. Call 634-5583 for tickets.

Dinner theater

"Beehive, the '60s Musical," is at the Country Dinner Playhouse, in south Denver, 6875 S. Clinton St.; call (303) 799-1410. Shows are Wednesdays through Sundays. Tickets start at \$35. This show runs through May 8, when it will be replaced by "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," opening May 11.

"Farther North to Laughter," is opening at Iron Springs Chauteau Melodrama Dinner Theater, 444 Ruxton Ave., in Manitou Springs. Performances are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Tickets start at \$24; call 685-5104.

Concerts

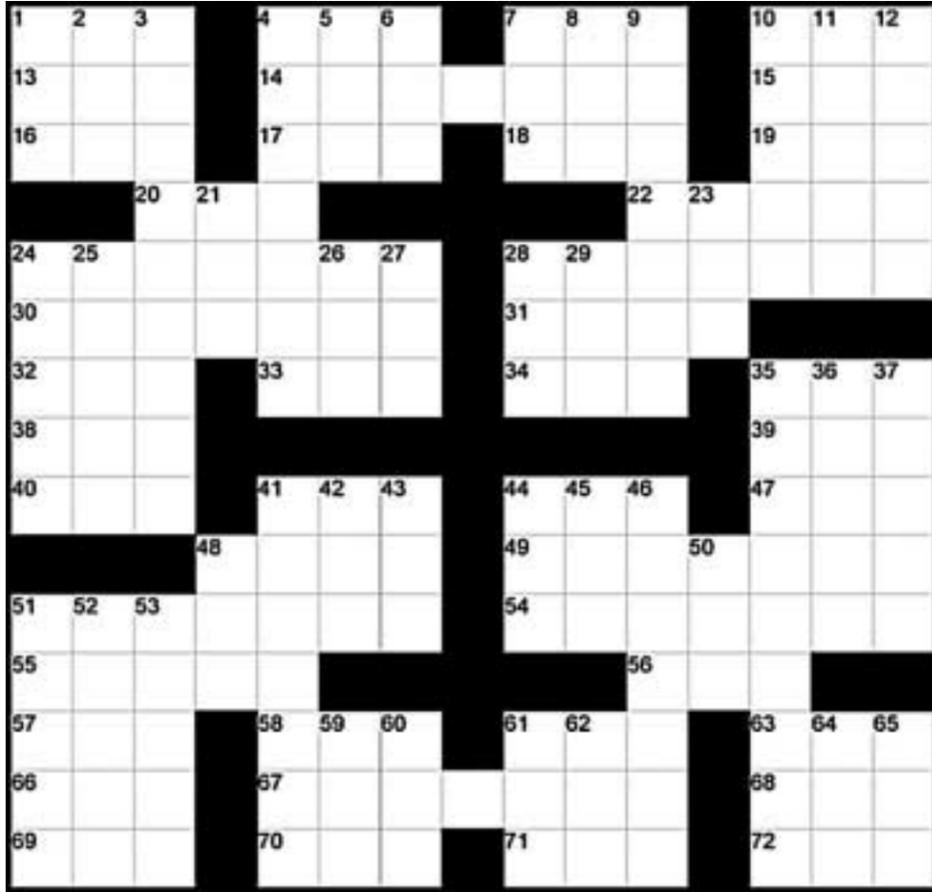
Colorado Springs Philharmonic presents its next concert at 8 p.m. on April 30 and at 2:30 p.m. May 1. The philharmonic presents works by Beethoven, Lalo and Smetana. Tickets start at \$12; call 520-7469.

"Mozart's Requiem," at First Methodist Church, 520 N. Nevada St. at 8 p.m. on May 7 and at 2:30 p.m. on May 8. The Colorado Springs Philharmonic and the Colorado Springs Chorale are



Planes of the '50s, '60s, part 1

Answers on page 22



ACROSS

- 1. Father
- 4. Bro's sib
- 7. MCI competitor
- 10. European mount
- 13. Bullring cheer
- 14. Martin B-61
- 15. Constrictor
- 16. ___ Moines, IA
- 17. Actress Smart
- 18. Genetic fingerprint?
- 19. Engine need
- 20. Trading Spaces TV channel
- 22. Hesitate

- 24. AGM-45As
- 28. Chrysler B-78
- 30. Ice chests
- 31. Second-hand
- 32. Prefix for body or one
- 33. Mil. phone system
- 34. Needlefish
- 35. ___ Wilder
- 38. Caviar
- 39. In the past
- 40. Mistake
- 41. Iron or Bronze
- 44. Burn residue
- 47. Aglow
- 48. Heard at an auction?
- 49. Grovel
- 51. Bell B-63s
- 54. Ambled
- 55. Cancel
- 56. Steep rocky hill
- 57. ___ jam; tight spot
- 58. USA commissioning source
- 61. Center of the solar system
- 63. Sick
- 66. Address for 65 DOWN, possibly
- 67. Lockheed RB-69A
- 68. Dine
- 69. ___! The Cat cartoon
- 70. Tarzan, once
- 71. Prohibit
- 72. ... — ...

DOWN

- 1. Defense org.
- 2. Pub order
- 3. Douglas B-66
- 4. Hit
- 5. Penn movie ___ Sam

- 6. Pig's place
- 7. Compute
- 8. 2,000 lbs
- 9. M*A*S*H character ___ John
- 10. There's Something ___ Mary
- 11. Actress May-___ Parker
- 12. More colorless
- 21. ___ Abner
- 23. Help
- 24. Frighten
- 25. Extol with praise
- 26. Medical rooms, in short
- 27. ID number for mil.
- 28. Crock
- 29. Country protected by 1 DOWN
- 35. XB-70s
- 36. Athletic
- 37. Well-known
- 41. Sea snail
- 42. Buck Rogers actor Gerard
- 43. O'Neal and Harris
- 44. Cash machine
- 45. Hotel room designation, in short
- 46. Convair B-58
- 48. Hospital room for very sick (in brief)
- 50. Co. head
- 51. Bring up
- 52. Sharpshooter Oakley
- 53. Northrop B-62
- 59. Film reel part
- 60. Eddie Murphy movie I ___
- 61. U-boat
- 62. Cat ___ Hot Tin Roof
- 64. Asian person in the Mekong Delta
- 65. O1 and O2
(Courtesy of Alaskan Command Public Affairs)



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and have my children and I talk to a counselor.

The awesome response from all of the people around me made another decision for me really easy, to re-enlist.

Tech. Sgt. Debbie Jewell, 21st Comptroller Squadron budget analyst has been a single parent both overseas and stateside and experienced the awesome support network here.

"I had to be taken to Denver for emergency surgery," Sergeant Jewell said. "My family came in to help with my children and be there for me. My commander, supervisor, the First Sergeants and Chief's Group treated my family like their own. They were there in Denver daily showing their support. All of my families needs were met and they never had to ask for anything."

The single parent serving in the military is both a tough and rewarding task.

Knowing there is such a wonderful support system, reduces the high-stress, high-speed life we live day-to-day and lets the everyday single-parent hero keep the mission going.



***Peterson Air Force Base
Single Parents Network***

Provides an opportunity for single parents to network, identify common concerns, share, and learn new ideas.

Meetings are noon to 1 p.m., the 4th Wednesday of the month at the enlisted club.

For information call Ronalyn Ackadogan at the Family Support Center at 556-6141.

Chapel remembers Holocaust victims, survivors

Days of remembrance ceremony set

By Louis Steinberg

Peterson Jewish Layleader

Holocaust Remembrance Day is a day that has been set aside to remember Holocaust victims. It is also used to remind people of what can happen to civilized people when bigotry, hatred and indifference reign.

The Holocaust is not merely a story of destruction and loss; it is a story of an apathetic world and a few rare individuals of extraordinary courage.

It is a remarkable story of the human spirit and the life that flourished before the Holocaust, struggled during its darkest hours and ultimately prevailed as survivors rebuilt their lives.

Also, there were gypsies, Christians, Slavs and social deviants who lost their lives during the Holocaust.

We will also remember people who were genocide in countries like Rwanda, the former Soviet Union, Sudan, Indonesia, East Timor, Cambodia, Hutu in Burundi and the Armenians in Turkey.

The 2005 Days of Remembrance ceremony takes place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 3 at the Peterson Air Force Base Chapel. This ceremony is held in memory of the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Nazi concentration camps.

While there are obvious religious aspects to such a day, it is not a religious observance as such. This is

the date on which Israel commemorates the victims of the Holocaust.

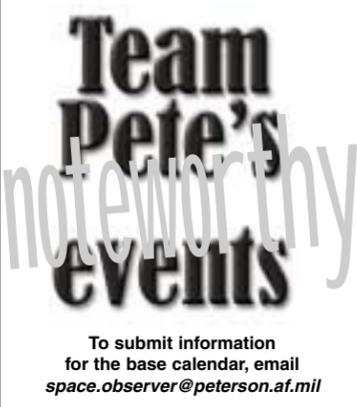
Our theme for the 2005 Days of Remembrance is "From Liberation to the Pursuit of Justice," and takes place from 1 to 2:30 p.m. May 5 at the base theater. There will also be two guest speakers who survived the Holocaust.

The United States Holocaust Memorial Council, created by act of Congress in 1980, was mandated to lead the nation in commemorations and to encourage observances throughout the country.



Answers to the puzzle on page 21

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 <p>To submit information for the base calendar, email space.observer@peterson.af.mil</p>	<p>Friday, April 22 Earth Day</p> 	<p>Friday, April 29 Outstanding Airman of the Year Banquet</p>	<p>Saturday, April 30 Sky Sox Air Force Appreciation Night</p>
	<p>Thursday, May 5 Cinco de Mayo</p> 	<p>Sunday, May 8 Mothers Day</p> 	<p>Friday, May 13 First Sergeant's golf tournament</p>

April is the month of the military child

ARAGON DINING FACILITY MENU

<p>Today</p> <p><u>Lunch:</u> Orange-Spiced Chops Liver with Onions Tempura Fried Fish Rissolle Potatoes Rice Steamed Broccoli Peas and Carrots Wax Beans</p> <p><u>Dinner:</u> Mr. Z Baked Chicken Pepper Steak Pasta Primavera Mashed Potatoes Steamed Rice Mixed Vegetables Fried Okra Greenbeans</p>	<p>Friday</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>Lunch:</u> Baked Fish Beef and Corn Pie Roast Turkey Franconia Potatoes Pea and Pepper Rice Corn on the Cob Stewed Tomatoes Mustard Greens</td> <td><u>Dinner:</u> Simmered Corn Beef Pineapple Chicken Yankee Pot Roast Crispy Potato Wedges Simmered Potatoes Fried Cabbage Carrots Black Eye Peas</td> </tr> </table>	<u>Lunch:</u> Baked Fish Beef and Corn Pie Roast Turkey Franconia Potatoes Pea and Pepper Rice Corn on the Cob Stewed Tomatoes Mustard Greens	<u>Dinner:</u> Simmered Corn Beef Pineapple Chicken Yankee Pot Roast Crispy Potato Wedges Simmered Potatoes Fried Cabbage Carrots Black Eye Peas	<p>Saturday</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>Lunch:</u> Savory Baked Chicken Swedish Meatballs Creole Shrimp Baked Potatoes Steamed Rice Cream Corn Asparagus Steamed Squash</td> <td><u>Dinner:</u> Baked Fish Hungarian Goulash Barbeque Chicken Buttered Parsley Buttered Potatoes Steamed Rice Vegetable Stir Fry Baked Beans Cream Corn</td> </tr> </table>	<u>Lunch:</u> Savory Baked Chicken Swedish Meatballs Creole Shrimp Baked Potatoes Steamed Rice Cream Corn Asparagus Steamed Squash	<u>Dinner:</u> Baked Fish Hungarian Goulash Barbeque Chicken Buttered Parsley Buttered Potatoes Steamed Rice Vegetable Stir Fry Baked Beans Cream Corn	<p>Sunday</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>Lunch:</u> Oven Fried Fish Cantonese Spareribs Grilled Mustard Chicken Breasts Baked Macaroni and Cheese Boiled Egg Noodles Peas Fresh Sweet Potatoes Broccoli Combo</td> <td><u>Dinner:</u> Stir Fry Beef with Broccoli Turkey Nuggets Steak, Loin Strip Mushroom and Onion Sauce Baked Potatoes Rice Pilaf Corn on the Cob Frozen Green Beans</td> </tr> </table>	<u>Lunch:</u> Oven Fried Fish Cantonese Spareribs Grilled Mustard Chicken Breasts Baked Macaroni and Cheese Boiled Egg Noodles Peas Fresh Sweet Potatoes Broccoli Combo	<u>Dinner:</u> Stir Fry Beef with Broccoli Turkey Nuggets Steak, Loin Strip Mushroom and Onion Sauce Baked Potatoes Rice Pilaf Corn on the Cob Frozen Green Beans
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Hours of Operation: Weekdays/Weekends: Breakfast 5:30 – 8 a.m.; Lunch 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Dinner 4 – 6 p.m.;
Holidays/Down days: Supper 11 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.; All carry out times 7 – 9 p.m.