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News UPDATE

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Military members must see their unit tax advisor first; civilians and retirees must call 791-7812/7813.

CIF closed

The Central Issue Facility is closed through **Tuesday** for inventory.

During this period, the CIF will suspend all issues and direct exchange of equipment, with the exception of RNCOA and AIT inprocessing Tuesday.

Equipment turn-ins are not affected during the period. The CIF resumes full operations Wednesday. For information, call Bobby Ray at 791-5186.

Information wanted

Information is wanted on the whereabouts of a quick erect expandable mast antenna (AB-1309), last seen at Willard Training Area Nov. 1.

Anyone with information should call Military Police Investigation at 791-0051.

FEW meeting

The next meeting of Federally Employed Women, Garden City Chapter, is 11:30 a.m. **Wednesday** in the Gordon Room of the Gordon Club. Annual dues are due in March. Go through the buffet line and bring your lunch to the Gordon Room. All are welcome. For information, call Carol Sylvester at 791-4551.

Education fair

The Fort Gordon Education Center will host an Information Fair at 6:30 p.m. **Thursday** designed for those interested in becoming teachers in Georgia. The seminar will be in Darling Hall, Room 188. For information, call 791-2000.

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RNCOA receiving new leader

Denise Allen
Signal staff

March 8 isn't a day that Command Sgt. Maj. McKinley Curtis III wanted to arrive too soon.

On Monday, he relinquishes command of the Regimental Noncommissioned Officer Academy to Command Sgt. Maj. Roger Johnson.

"There hasn't been a day I've said I wished it was over," said Curtis, who has been at the post since November 2000. "It's the highlight as commandant of the institution. I've had the opportunity to change and mold the Signal Corps."

During his command, he's worked to forge greater relationships with the Augusta community through the volunteer service of noncommissioned officers attending school at the academy.

"One of the things I try to tell Soldiers is to give back to the community," he said. "It keeps Soldiers out of trouble."

Students have provided thousands of hours over the past three years in the community.

They've tutored students at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Augusta; they've helped landscape and beautify the grounds at the Shelter and Advocacy Center for Abused Children in Augusta; they've worked in soup kitchens; they've helped build homes through Habitat for Humanity; they've helped sort and repackage food at the Golden Harvest Food Bank; and they have tutored and mentored cadets at the Youth Challenge Academy.

"The military is all about supporting the community," he said. "We try to support the local community, but we've gone as far as Atlanta. We were asked to help the JROTC" there.

As he looks back over his nearly 30 years of military service, Curtis takes pride in all the Soldiers he helped.

"I've seen a lot of promotions in my 40 months" as NCO academy commandant, he said.

He also believes he's helped make the training at the academy more relevant for the Soldiers, he said.

He's been in the field to find out the needs so he could make the necessary changes.

Johnson said he's honored that Curtis has recommended him as his successor.

After the change of command, Curtis has some accumulated leave he will take before retiring.

He plans to stay in the Augusta area for a few years. He currently holds a bachelor degree and is in a master degree program, and wants to continue his education.

Photo by Denise Allen

Command Sgt. Maj. McKinley Curtis III relinquishes command of the Regimental Noncommissioned Officer Academy Monday. A change of command ceremony is scheduled for 9 a.m. Monday at Barton Field. Curtis has been the RNCOA commandant since November 2000.

Photo by Matthew Williams

Hazardous duty

Firefighter Mike Gaul gets used to the Level A hazardous materials, or HAZMAT, suit during a HAZMAT class Feb. 27 at the Fort Gordon Fire Department. The week of classes are in preparation for a final training exercise today.

AFAP conference addresses issues

Staff Sgt. Stacy Wamble
Signal military editor

The Fort Gordon Army Family Action Plan conference met Feb. 18-19 to discuss quality of life issues for the Fort Gordon community.

The conference provides an avenue to review issues submitted to the installation AFAP manager.

"It's a communication process which provides people at the installation level with an opportunity to voice their concerns and their ideas for change to leadership at the top," said Lynn Harshman, Fort Gordon AFAP program manager. "When I talk about leadership at the top, that means at the top of the installation, as well as the (major command) and as well as (Department of Army)."

This year's 34 suggestions were divided into four workgroups – family support, force support, infrastructure and safety and security. Each workgroup includes a facilitator, who keeps the group on tasks, a recorder, who records the information, and 10-12 delegates, which includes a youth family member, Harshman said.

"The delegates are recruited in such a manner to ensure we have as much diversity of the Army family as possible. We have active duty, National Guard, reserves, DA civilians, retirees, and then family members of all those groups," said Harshman. "Within the active duty Soldiers, I'm also looking for officers and enlisted, I'm looking for dual military families, I'm looking for sole-parent families, I'm looking for single Soldiers. So, I look at gender, I look at ethnicity, I look at age."

Once the groups are determined, each issue is reviewed. The issues will include why this is an issue and the workgroup recommendation for resolution, and will include the subject matter expert's input. Once the information is gathered, it will be forwarded to the installation commander's steering committee.

Issues with an Army-wide impact and merit and beyond the installation commander's authority to change at each level will be forwarded to the next higher level of command.

"Ninety-five to 98 percent of the issues that will be reviewed at your installation conference will be installation issues. Only a very small percentage (of issues) are beyond the scope of the installation commander's authority to resolve," said Harshman.

*See **AFAP**, page 7A*

Changes affect Army's promotion point system

Staff Sgt. Stacy Wamble
Signal military editor

Soldiers preparing for promotion to sergeant or staff sergeant are in for changes as the Department of Army has adjusted the promotion point processing system.

Soldiers appearing before the board in March are now subject to changes resulting from Military Personnel Message 04-076 and AR 600-8-19, Enlisted Promotions and Reductions as are Soldiers currently on the promotion list.

"Some of the changes are new," said Christopher Edwards, personnel specialist with the Fort Gordon Directorate of Human Resources, "and some of it's just being reiterated."

The changes were put in place at Fort Gordon Feb. 6. Approximately 500 records have been screened for compliance with the latest message, Edwards said.

"This screening of promotion packets could result in the loss of promotion points for several Soldiers on the recommended list for promotion of enlisted personnel," according to the message.

If Soldiers have lost points documentation is sent to the unit personnel with an explanation of where the points were lost and how they may be recouped, said Edwards.

"If they don't receive a memorandum, they should ask," said Edwards. "Don't necessarily think because you didn't receive a memo, that points weren't taken away. You just may not have received the memo."

Promotion points for technical certifications are now interpreted as civilian education. Each certification is worth 10 promotion points with a maximum of 50 points, according to Edwards.

"Before you were only allowed three certifications basically, and all three were EMTs-EMT Basic, Intermediate and Ambulatory. But now, they've opened it up and there's hundreds of them now."

A list of approved technical certifications for each branch and military occupations specialty can be found at **https://www.perscomonline.army.mil/select/techcert.htm**.

Promotion points previously awarded for certifications under military education will be removed, recalculated and awarded under civilian education. For example, 20 promotion points currently given for EMT certification under military education will be removed and given 10 promotion points under civilian education, according to the message.

Soldiers can have only one transcript in their promotion packet for civilian education. If the Soldier has credits from other schools, they have to submit grade reports or transfer the credits to another institution, explained Edwards.

*See **Points**, page 7A*

Cadets get 'night on town'

Spc. Sam Smith
Signal staff

The Youth Challenge Academy, an organization for youth in at-risk situations, held its annual dining-in Feb. 25 at the Gordon Club.

The guest speaker was Dr. Eugene Walker, a member of the State Board of Pardon and Paroles, who spoke to the cadets about his grandmother Emma and the life lessons she taught him - 'the five f's.'

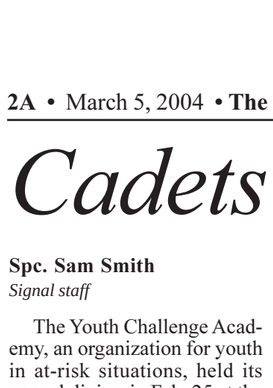
"My grandma Emma taught me to focus on respect, education, and responsibility," Walker said, explaining the five f's. "Always have feelings, forgive, forge ahead, and keep faith in God."

Walker related the lessons of his grandmother to the lessons YCA cadets learned in training. Walker told the crowd of approximately 150 cadets "the YCA is your grandma Emma."

Walker said the YCA program is important because it provides young people with a "garden of character development."

"[The cadets] have seeds of good and intelligence in them, but they have the vines of laziness, indifference, arrogance, and all other toxic things around them," Walker said, explaining his metaphor. "The academy weeds that out of them, and lets the seeds grow."

In addition to serving as the guest speaker, Walker has mentored a former cadet. Walker says the former cadet is doing well, working full-time, and aspiring to go to college, possibly at the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.



Walker

Photos by Spc. Sam Smith

Youth Challenge Academy cadets put their best foot forward in a line dance at their dining-in Feb. 25 at the Gordon Club. Line dancing was decided to be the only fair way to have 110 males and 34 females attend the same social function.

Eating smart: A smart thing to do

The American Dietetic Association promotes March of each year as National Nutrition Month. The theme this year is "Eat Smart, Stay Healthy."

Good nutrition, along with regular physical activity, is important for good health. They both help form a firm foundation for good health.

Eat smart

To eat smart, eat a wide variety of foods from the five major food groups every day. Each of these food groups provides specific nutrients needed for good health so include all of them in your daily diet.

Bread, cereal, rice and pasta group (six to 11 servings per day)

One serving would be:

- One slice of bread
- One tortilla
- One-half cup cooked rice, pasta or cereal
- One ounce ready-to-eat cereal
- Half of a hamburger roll, bagel or English muffin

These foods supply complex carbohydrates, B vitamins, and fiber. There is a wide selection of foods to choose from this group, so be adventurous. They contain complex carbohydrates that will help keep you energized throughout the day. Buy fiber-rich whole-grain breads and cereals. These foods help to fill you up and not out.

Fiber also helps prevent constipation, hemorrhoids and digestive disorders, and may help control blood cholesterol and blood sugar levels.

Vegetable group (three to five servings per day)

One serving would be:

- One-half cup chopped raw or cooked vegetables
- One cup raw, leafy vegetables
- Three-quarters cup vegetable juice

Vegetables supply vitamin A, vitamin C, folate and fiber. They taste great and are naturally low in fat and calories. For a wide variety of nutrients, choose vegetables in a rainbow of colors. Most vegetables can be eaten raw and are great to have as in between meal snacks.

Fruit group (two to four servings per day)

A serving from this group would be:

- One piece of fruit or melon wedge
- Three-quarters cup fruit juice
- One-half cup chopped, cooked or canned fruit
- One-quarter cup dried fruit

Fruits supply vitamin C, vitamin A, potassium, folate and fiber, and provide many of the health benefits of vegetables. They also make great snacks and should be eaten in a variety of colors.

Milk, yogurt and cheese group (two to three servings per day)

One serving would be:

- One cup milk or yogurt
- One and one-half ounces natural cheese
- Two ounces processed cheese

These foods supply calcium, protein, vitamin A, and vitamin D. Calcium plays a key role in building and maintaining strong bones. Healthy bones will make you less prone to osteoporosis. Choose nonfat or low-fat foods from this food group most often.

Meat, poultry, fish, dry beans, eggs and nuts group (two to three servings)

One serving would be:

- Two and one-half to three ounces cooked lean beef, pork, lamb, veal, poultry or fish
- One-half cup cooked beans
- One egg
- Two tablespoons peanut butter
- One-third cup nuts

These foods supply iron, zinc, B vitamins, and protein. Iron helps carry oxygen to muscles to support physical activity. The body absorbs iron in animal products better than iron from plant sources.

Choose lean meats such as cuts identified with the word "loin" or "round." White meat from poultry is leaner than dark. Trim the visible fat from all meats before cooking, and remove the skin from poultry before eating. Fish such as salmon, trout and tuna are excellent choices from this group. They contain omega-3 fatty acids that are needed for good health.

To determine the number of servings to eat daily from each food group, follow these guidelines:

- If you are an inactive woman or sedentary older adult, choose the lower end of the range.
- If you are an active woman or inactive man, choose the middle of the range.
- If you are a very active woman or active man, choose the upper end of the range.

Fats, oils and sweets are usually added to other foods rather than eaten alone. Fats and oils can be sources of important nutrients like vitamin E and essential fatty acids. However because they are high in calories, eat them in moderation.

Don't forget to add physical activity

It's important to balance the foods you eat with physical activity. To achieve this goal, keep the following tips in mind:

Try to get 30 to 60 minutes of moderate, physical activity on most days of the week. If your goal is weight loss, you may need to exercise longer or at a higher intensity.

To avoid becoming bored, include a variety of activities in your exercise routine, including jogging, swimming, aerobic dance or weight training.

If you can't get all of your exercise in at one time, try dividing your exercise routine into three 10-minute sessions.

National Nutrition Month is the perfect time to make changes in your diet and exercise habits that will help you stay healthy.

For more information, or to speak to a dietitian, contact the EAMC Nutrition Care Division at 787-2465.

(Information from the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.)

Nutrition month events

The Nutrition Care Division at Eisenhower Army Medical Center is conducting a series of presentations and discussions in the hospital auditorium, first floor, on the following subjects:

Topic	Date	Time
Dietary Supplements	Thursday	11:30 a.m. – noon
Low-Carb Diets	March 18	11:30 a.m. – noon

A one-hour commissary tour is also available at 8 a.m. March 19 to learn more about how to incorporate the latest dietary advice into your grocery shopping routine. Call 787-2243 for a reservation. Space is limited.

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Thrill of the drill

Spc. Sam Smith
Signal staff

Three companies from the 551st Signal Battalion squared off in a military competition Friday in Gym 5, reconciling the time-honored military tradition of a drill and ceremony competition with original, free-styled expression.

In the end, the Bravo Blackhawks tied the winner's streamer on their guidon for the first quarter of the 2004.

The Blackhawks beat Charlie and Delta companies with a creative and disciplined routine. Donning their company T-shirts in Signal orange, the Blackhawks began their show with a required routine to show the company's knowledge of basic drill and ceremony movements. Then, they had an opportunity to show off their creativity with the free-style part of the event.

"We concentrated on being technically sound, practiced hard, and put a lot of long hours into it," said Staff Sgt. Ryan Williams, the Blackhawk drill sergeant who led the team. "We couldn't have done it without the Blackhawks' creativity."

The Blackhawks' free-style routine had all the Blackhawks' carrying some weapon. Most armed themselves with M-16s, while two members of a special 'sniper team' carried M-1 grands and the drill sergeant wielded a saber.

The routine involved complicated and original marching formations, facing movements and a lot of weapon twirling. The climax of the routine had the formation form a 'V' around the drill sergeant and platoon guide. Then, the 'step team,' a group of female Soldiers from the formation, came to the center of the 'V' to perform a step routine. Then, the sniper team replaced the step team to perform a weapons-twirling drill demonstrating not only the skill of both its members but also the trust shared between themselves and their drill sergeant.

"We were more creative," said Pvt. 1st Class Lesley Dixon, a member of the sniper team, explaining why he thought they won. "We actually had rifles. You can't go into war without weapons."

Photos by Spc. Sam Smith

The Bravo Blackhawks form a v-shaped formation around their drill sergeant and platoon guide *(above)*, so the sniper team *(left)* can show their moves.

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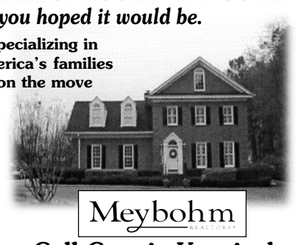

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The ECOA applies to any creditor who regularly extends credit, including banks, small loan and finance companies, retail and department stores, and credit card companies, and real estate brokers who are arranging home financing.

Some of the rights applicants have under the ECOA, and what to do if you feel you have been discriminated against by a creditor, include:

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- Have credit in your birth name (Mary Smith), your first and your spouse's last name (Mary Jones), or your first name and a combined last name (Mary Smith-Jones).
- Get credit without a co-signer, if you meet the creditor's standards.
- Have a co-signer other than your husband or wife, if one is necessary.
- Keep your own accounts after you change your name, marital status, reach a certain age or retire, unless the creditor has evidence that you're not willing or able to pay.
- Know whether your application was accepted or rejected within 30 days of filing a complete application.
- Know why your application was rejected. The creditor must give you a notice that tells you either the specific reasons for your rejection or your right to learn the reasons if you ask within 60 days. Acceptable reasons include: "Your income was low," or "You haven't been employed long enough." Unacceptable reasons are: "You didn't meet our minimum standards," or "You didn't receive enough points on our credit-scoring system." Indefinite and vague reasons are illegal, so ask the creditor to be specific.

Find out why you were offered less favorable terms than you applied for - unless you accept the terms. Ask for details. Examples of less favorable terms include higher finance charges or less money than you requested.

Find out why your account was closed or why the terms of the account were made less favorable unless the account was inactive or delinquent.

A SPECIAL NOTE TO WOMEN

A good credit history-a record of how you paid past bills-often is necessary to get credit. Unfortunately, this hurts many married, separated, divorced and widowed women. There are two common reasons women don't have credit histories in their own names: they lost their credit histories when they married and changed their names; or creditors reported accounts shared by married couples in the husband's name only.

If you're married, divorced, separated or widowed, contact your local credit bureau(s) to make sure all relevant information is in a file under your own name.

IF YOU SUSPECT DISCRIMINATION

- Complain to the creditor. Make it known you're aware of the law. The creditor may find an error or reverse the decision.
- Check with your state Attorney General to see if the creditor violated state equal credit opportunity laws. Your state may decide to prosecute the creditor.
- Bring a case in federal district court. If you win, you can recover damages, including punitive damages. You also can obtain compensation for attorney's fees and court costs.
- Join with others and file a class action suit. You may recover punitive damages for the group of up to $500,000 or one percent of the creditor's net worth, whichever is less.
- Report violations to the appropriate government agency. If you're denied credit, the creditor must give you the name and address of the agency to contact. While some of these agencies don't resolve individual complaints, the information you provide helps them decide which companies to investigate.
- Or contact your local Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Legal Assistance department, 419 B St., Winship Hall, for assistance.

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EAMC counselor named to state board

Denise Allen
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Helping Soldiers keep their careers is a high priority for Janet Lenard.

"Alcohol is the number one drug of choice in the military. People who are stressed may revert to alcohol in an effort to cope. We look at prevention and other alternatives so they don't get into a pattern which may result in their losing their careers," said Lenard, director of the Army Substance Abuse Program comprehensive rehabilitation program at Eisenhower Army Medical Center.

She serves as the Southeast Regional Medical Center consultant for nine ASAP programs and one partial hospitalization program.

In February, Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue appointed Lenard to the nine-member Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists. She is only one of two social workers to serve.

"It's really an honor," said Lenard. "There are over 3,000 social workers (in Georgia). Certainly any of those could have been selected."

She was nominated for the post by Sue Ott of the National Association of Social Workers, of which Lenard is a member. The organization has recognized Lenard again by naming her the Augusta area social worker of the year. She received the award in a ceremony on Thursday at the Sheraton Augusta Hotel.

As a member of the Georgia board, Lenard will spend one day a month in Macon to review the credentials of social workers applying for state licenses.

The high accolades only confirm to Lenard that she is doing her job well.

"I really like making a difference in people's lives," she said. "I love the work that I do."

Even though she's a civilian, she feels, in some ways, that she dons a uniform everyday at work.

"It's a duty I do not take lightly," she said.

She said she could not do her job plus the tasks her three-year appointment require without the total support of those at the hospital.

Lenard said she can look back over her 21 years at Eisenhower with the pride of knowing that she has done and continues to do what she wanted when she became a social worker – help others.

"There are so many success stories of people who've really gotten their lives together. I think it would be catastrophic if the Army did not have this program," she said.

Photo by Denise Allen

Gov. Sonny Perdue recently appointed Janet Lenard, of Evans, to the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists. Lenard is the director of the Army Substance Abuse Program at Eisenhower Army Medical Center.

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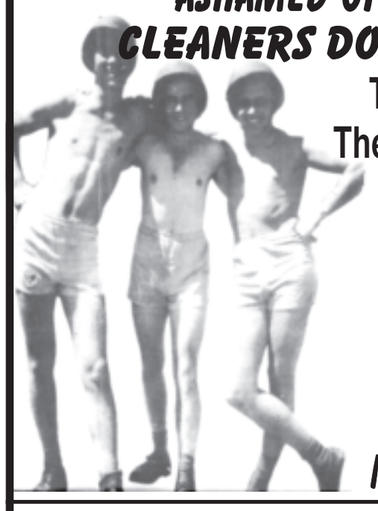
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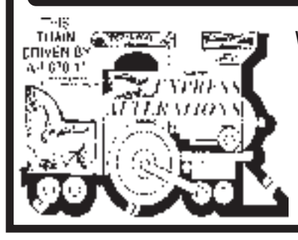
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FOCUS: Installations to serve as flagships

Sgt. 1st Class Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

"We have pledged to rid the Army of Camp Swampy – substandard installations," said Geoffrey Prosch, the acting assistant secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment.

When Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker announced that "Installations as Flagships" would be one of the Army's 16 immediate focus areas, there were already more than 74,000 people working the issue, Prosch said.

The Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management vowed in 2002 to improve installation business practices by cutting out layers of bureaucracy, and managing its $15 billion budget through one agency, Prosch said.

Spacious barracks rooms with walk-in closets and homes with garages and driveways had already been built. They are good examples of how ACSIM was working to improve where Soldiers work, train and their families live, Prosch said.

To end the impression that there are "have and have-not installations," all Army posts will operate under Installation Design Standards, a written policy that will outline what the minimum standards are, officials said.

"Right now we are in the process of developing an implementation plan for the Installation Design Standards," said Lt. Col. Paul Mason, chief of the Transformation team for ACSIM.

"The design standards will give installations a framework for building or renovating billeting, setting up force protection, and landscaping. Installations will then initiate their own Installation Design Guides based on the standards we outlined in the IDS," Mason said.

The endeavor is not to make all installations the same, Prosch said, but to ensure consistent quality among Army installations.

The Army Community and Family Support Center is also playing a part by placing family services and Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs on a level plateau, Mason said. Everything from the Child Development Center to the post gym will be managed to standard, he added.

Soldiers should share the same quality of life as those they have pledged to defend, Mason said. By improving the installation infrastructure, the Army is recruiting and retaining Soldiers and their families, he added.

Residential Communities Initiative, the Army's housing privatization plan, is one of the best things the Army has done for its Soldiers, said Prosch, who spent 31 years as an infantry officer. There are currently 26 RCI contracts serving 31 installations. By 2007, RCI contracts will be awarded to improve 80 percent of the Army housing, Prosch added.

"We're not just building row houses, we're building communities," Prosch said. "We have put an equity investment of $335 million into RCI, and our private partners have been able to borrow $7.2 billion. We would not have been able to obtain that type of money through military construction dollars from Congress."

Other future plans to improve billeting on post are to spend $1 billion to upgrade lodging facilities for Soldiers who are on temporary duty or in-processing and to upgrade the barracks for Soldiers who are deployed.

"When Soldiers come home from a deployment, we want to make sure they see improvements," Mason said. "A time schedule is being reviewed, but it has not been determined if the renovation will take place for the Soldiers who are participating in the second rotation of Operation Iraqi Freedom and the fifth rotation of Operation Enduring Freedom."

Installations must be resourced to be holistic communities and secure sanctuaries, but also deployment platforms with robust reach-back capabilities, officials said.

The Army exists to fight and win wars, Prosch said. The job of ACSIM is to ensure that the installations have the resources to deploy its active-duty, and mobilize and demobilize its reserve troops, he said.

There is currently a plan to revise the number of mobilization sites, Mason said.

"We do not want our installations to be choke points for mobilizing troops," Mason said. "Our goal is to design an area that will house all the organizations that fall under the deployment process."

"Deploying Soldiers is one of our focuses, but training is also an installation's core," Mason said. "Ranges will evolve from single-use, stand-alone platforms to be able to support both individual and collective training simultaneously."

Mason said Soldiers should start to see more live and virtual training in fiscal years 2007 or 2008. With the Installation Management Agency focusing on the post facilities, commanders can focus on training and war fighting, Mason added.

While Soldiers are training for a war, ACSIM will continue to outsource non-war-fighting functions, such as utilities, to private industry because they have the expertise and money, Prosch said.

As of Oct. 1, funds for installations started going directly to the garrison commanders to be used for their intended purposes, instead of being funneled down through major commands, Prosch said. Installations may find that they still don't have enough money. But, at least the money will be accounted for, and it will be easier to justify to the Office of the Secretary of Defense and Congress why more money is needed, he said.

IMA has seven regions, but there is only one banker, Prosch said. The IMA headquarters is located in Virginia, and there are four regions located stateside and three located overseas.

"In the year that we've been open, we've been able to save money and get a standard quality of work by obtaining contracts to cover whole regions," Prosch said. "We've regionally contracted security guards, furniture renovation and building demolition as examples."

Army leadership knows the importance of installations, Mason said. The changes that are taking place are not merely enhancements or band-aid fixes, he said. New and fresh approaches are being taken to make installations efficient and effective worldwide, Mason added.

(This is the sixth in a weekly series of articles on Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker's focus areas.)

Why do we celebrate cultural awareness?

Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth B. Hunter
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The middle of January brought the celebrations of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. birth and another "season" of Department of Defense-recognized ethnic observances. I've found it interesting that throughout my tour as an equal opportunity adviser, I've always had people during the year ask me three questions about cultural-awareness observances.

The first is, "I am not a member of that group, so why do I need to attend an event that honors a group other than my own?" The second is, "We have months honoring every other group, so why don't we have a month for white Americans?" The last question is, "If these events are to improve cultural awareness, why do we have people come in sometimes and speak occasionally on unpopular topics?"

For anyone who has been in or around the Army for any length of time, the answer to the first question ought to be easy. Army Regulation 600-20, Army Command Policy, states that we conduct these observances to educate and improve cross-cultural awareness. Those wishing to fall within Army guidelines – as well as gain an understanding of other cultures – should understandably want to attend all the different events and not just the ones of their own cultural group.

Dr. Carter G. Woodson, an historian and educator, started Negro History Week in 1926. After slavery, many American history books said little or nothing about the role of the black American in the United States' building and progress. Woodson felt blacks could participate intelligently in our country's affairs by knowing their own history. This led to the first federal proclamation for Black History Month in 1976.

To move closer to the Army's answer, let's look at Women's History Month as an example. The first congressional resolution for this event spelled out not only the reason for this observance but for all observances in general. Resolved in 1987, it said, "Whereas, despite their contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in literature, teaching and study of American history." Undoubtedly, this shows that women and all other groups should be recognized and studied for the enrichment of all.

Better yet, maybe the answer lies within our Army Values. Our Army, which is a reflection of our nation, is made up of people from many different cultural backgrounds. We have the responsibility as leaders within our military to be loyal to seniors, subordinates and peers. Being culturally aware enhances that leadership ability to be loyal.

It is our duty as professionals to treat everyone, even those who are different from us, with dignity and respect. And remember, even though you may not currently be in a leadership position, that does not mean you are not a leader. You may be a leader by virtue of your rank or a leader among your peers by virtue of your personality or expertise. Whether you are a leader, driver on your team, in a squad or platoon, or in an office, you are still helping to lead others. It may not be necessarily through your position, but how you behave. The bottom line is, to build and improve teamwork, one needs to set the example by practicing cultural awareness. This helps eliminate barriers, real or perceived, that are a result of our differences. This also improves the teamwork that makes our Army such a great organization.

Now what about the question on White History Month? Until a few years ago, the vast majority of the history taught in schools was about white Americans. People of minority races had to understand whites and "white culture" to survive. So perhaps there is less of a need to educate because most folks are very aware of white history.

However, let us look at another possible answer. There has been some type of white history celebration since before we became a nation. For example, the first Saint Patrick's Day parade was held in New York City in 1762 to help Irish soldiers in the English army reconnect with their Irish roots. The parades continued almost annually but were looked down on by so-called "decent" people – everyone not of Irish decent.

This was especially the case after the potato famines of the mid-1800s that led to a growth in the Irish-Catholic population in the United States. In the early 20th century, the Irish-American community realized their numbers were large enough to translate into political power. The focus of annual parades changed to a show of strength and became a "must attend" event, even for politicians.

To illustrate this, President Harry S. Truman attended the 1948 Saint Patrick's Day parade. This was a proud moment for the Irish-American community that, until that point, had faced prejudice and stereotypes in their search to find acceptance in America.

Like the Irish, the descendants of other groups of people who immigrated to America from many other European countries also tend to maintain some traditions or observances from "the old country" and have often faced discrimination and prejudice while doing so. While there is, perhaps, less need for a specific White History Month celebration, we must certainly continue to recognize the diversity of white Americans and remain cognizant of the fact that history, as it is taught in school, may not reflect the experiences or history of the different ethnic groups that make up white Americans. So, even though there is not a specific DoD requirement for a White History Month, units are certainly encouraged to hold such events at the unit level.

Here is a possible answer to the third question, concerning unpopular topics at observances. For example, what if we kept everything on a "feel good" level? Would that help us truly understand anything? Questions such as why did so many black Americans applaud O.J. Simpson's acquittal – wasn't he obviously guilty? What are the economic and societal consequences of single-parent families or failing to gain a high-school diploma? Discussing topics such as these help us learn, and understand, those things that are often at the root of how we interact as people.

It is important that as an Army of One, we enhance our potential and effectiveness by using cultural awareness as one of our tools. If we fail to accept the challenge of knowing and understanding each other, our Army will never advance past the point of dissention and division within our ranks. If, however, we increase cultural awareness and help Soldiers understand and value each other's diverse cultures and ethnic backgrounds, we will have a stronger Army: one that can maximize the potential of each and every Soldier; one that recognizes the diverse talents that a multicultural organization has at its disposal – an Army strengthened by diversity.

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73rd, YS, conclude Black History month

73rd program focuses on contributions

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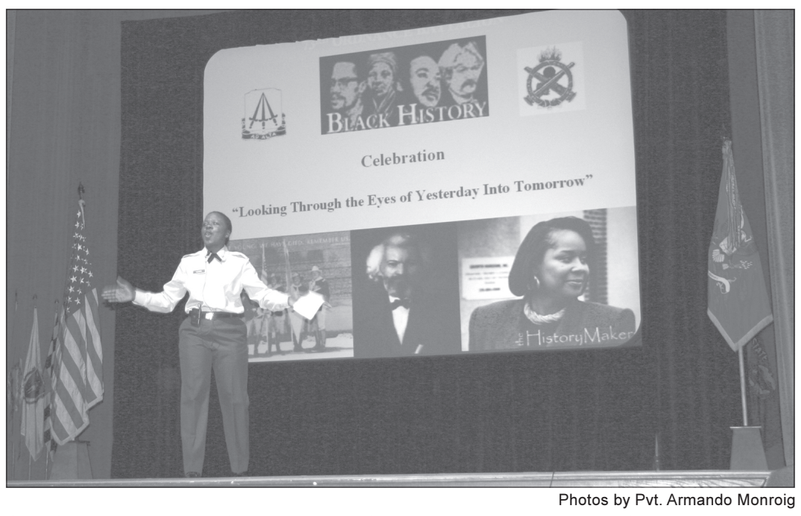

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Spc. Courtney Lewis, A Company, 73rd Ordnance Battalion, sings *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, during the 73rd's Black History Month celebration at Alexander Hall Friday.

Just about all the Soldiers of the 73rd Ordnance Battalion filled the seats in Alexander Hall Friday for its Black History Month festivities.

The theme of the event was *Looking Through the Eyes of Yesterday Into Tomorrow.*

Even before the event began, Alexander Hall was buzzing with energy from hip-hop music blasting through the speaker system.

Following the welcome from Lt. Col. William Garner, 73rd Ord. Bn. commander, and the invocation, Spc. Courtney Lewis, A Company, sang a powerful rendition of the Negro National Anthem "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

The rendition was so powerful that nearly the entire audience got out of their seats and started clapping along with the singer.

After the spectacular opening, the audience of about 800 attendees was treated to a skit by the Cougars, a group of advanced individual training Soldiers from C Company.

The skit depicted a couple of Soldiers discussing contributions by black-Americans to society with inventions such as the ironing board, refrigerator, dryer, traffic signal and mop just to name a few.

Following that enlightening and at times comedic performance, the audience was entertained with an energetic dance show put on by the Bravo Bombers, a dance trio made up of AIT Soldiers from B Company.

The group electrified the stage as hard-thumping hip-hop dance music blazed through the speakers in the auditorium, with their fast-paced, rhythmic dance routines.

After the jolt of energy from the dance routine, another skit was performed with Staff Sgt. Christy Cross, a drill sergeant with C Company, depicting the famous female Buffalo Soldier, Cathay Williams, who impersonated a man during her two-year service in the 38th U.S. Infantry, an all-black unit.

Members of the audience laughed as Cross paced the stage in cowboy fashion, with her pistol in one hand as if wandering through the desert searching for 'bad guys.'

Throughout the course of the Black History Month program, Soldiers took to the podium and spoke of African-American contributions.

They mentioned Crispus Attucks, an African-American who was the first casualty of the Revolutionary War.

They spoke of the Tuskegee Airmen of World War II, America's first black military airmen.

And of course, they spoke of how black Americans have contributed to military service throughout America's history.

Next, Renee Amoore, the guest speaker of the event, took the podium and addressed the attendees.

Amoore is founder and president of Amoore Group Inc., of Philadelphia, a company that provides economic development and job creation opportunities.

"Let me just say thank you to each and every one of you for allowing us to be here," said Amoore of being invited as guest speaker. "We're so excited."

Guest speaker Renee Amoore thanks the audience after receiving gifts, as Command Sgt. Maj. Alexander Sumlin, 73rd command sergeant major, watches.

She said it is important to give honor where honor is due.

"You need to understand you are doing something very special today as you celebrate black history," said Amoore. "I thank you for that."

She quoted the famous African-American poet, Dr. Maya Angelou.

"All my work, my life is about survival. You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated," she said. "In fact, the encounter may be the very experience which creates the vitality and power to endure."

Amoore recalled how she experienced racism when she was in eighth grade and what her teacher told her.

"She said, 'The only thing colored folks did for this country was pick cotton,'" Amoore said. "We cannot allow people to tell our children that folks that look like me, that all we did was pick cotton."

She pointed out all the contributions by African-Americans the Soldiers showed earlier in the skits and added it is important to let people know of these contributions.

"It's all about us educating folks on who we are and what we're about," said Amoore.

Despite many obstacles created by racism, Amoore has defied the critics and achieved success in her life. She attributes that success to being nurtured and taught about the contributions African-Americans have made and continue to make.

"It's important for us to look at the American Dream, just like everybody else," said Amoore. "It is important for us to look through those eyes of yesterday into tomorrow."

She said people need to know that power, family, faith and character is important to overcome life's hurdles.

"A wise man once told me people who lose track of yesterday can't have a meaningful tomorrow," said Amoore. "The great tragedy of history is that men rarely learn from it."

Amoore noted that people need to remember the past and learn from it, adding that this is the key to success in the future.

"You as heroes and 'sheroes' recognize that the only way to have a meaningful today and hope for tomorrow is to go back to the future," said Amoore.

Soldiers who attended the event were enlightened by what they learned.

"It was really inspirational," said Pvt. Nicholas Tollen, C Company. He said the information he received from the program was very informative and interesting.

Staff Sgt. Rosiland Geter, A Company, was one of the Soldiers who helped organize the event.

"We know these are new Soldiers to the Army and know for a fact that some of them have not interacted with blacks or other races," said Geter. "We just wanted to let them know where we came from, where we are now and where we want to go."

And also a little bit of history, she said.

Staff Sgt. Tijuana Jamison, Equal Opportunity representative for A Company, who also helped organize the event, said the main goal was to educate.

"We wanted to express our diversity in America and the Army as a whole," she said.

Youth services program features area entertainer

Pvt. Armando Monroig
Signal staff

Child and Youth Services on post held their Black History Month program Feb. 25 at the Youth Service Center.

The event, which celebrated February as Black History Month, was held in the facility's gym, with about 90 people in attendance.

Audience members, made up mostly of family members, came to see their children participate in the program and learn about black history.

The special guest of the event was Russell Joel Brown, an Augusta native and former Broadway performer, who entertained the audience with a few musical medleys. He sang songs from plays such as The Music Man.

Brown also interacted with the audience members, asking the kids questions and giving them information on what it takes to be a performer.

Following Brown's performance, Alesha Holland, Taleah Jernigan, Nydia Norvell and Ashley Kidd read poems for the audience.

Next, kids from the School Age Services program, led by Shirley Underwood, program assistant with school-age services, performed a few traditional, Negro spirituals.

Afterward, the Performing Arts Club put on a short fashion show displaying traditional African styles of wear. The crowd cheered and applauded as the children walked down the runway in supermodel manner.

Then, the Senior Dynamic Steppers and the Destiny Dancers performed two dance routines.

Once the performances were done, Sgt. 1st Class Bruce Reese from the post Equal Opportunity office spoke to the audience about Black History Month, what it means to this nation, and to the children of the community.

"This is a growing program. Last year it was smaller," he said. "You can see a lot of participation and people volunteering their time."

Valerie Thompson, a youth program assistant for Child and Youth Services and the person responsible for organizing this event, said the program was a success.

"I'm really pleased with it," she said of the event.

She said she hopes those in attendance, especially the kids, got something out of the program.

"I hope they got a better understanding of African-American heritage," said Thompson.

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The Destiny Dancers perform a routine during Black History Month festivities held at the Youth Services Center.

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U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit shares skills to train trainers

Pfc. Eliamar Castanon
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FORT BENNING, Ga. – The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit's Service Rifle Team provides a "train-the-trainer" course for officers, noncommissioned officers and unit marksmanship trainers on the M-4 and M-16 weapon systems. In this marksmanship course, the Service Rifle Team instructors build on basic rifle marksmanship skills and what is required to deliver a well-aimed shot, said Sgt. 1st Class Lance Hopper, an instructor with the Service Rifle Team.

Emphasis is also placed on areas such as firing positions, ballistics and marksmanship sustained programs, Hopper said.

"Train-the-trainer is designed to break down marksmanship into simpler terms so it's easier to understand and then (teach) the same techniques to other Soldiers," Hopper said.

The team recently taught a class to 11 drill sergeants from B Company, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment. The drill sergeants went through the three-day class in December 2003 and implemented the techniques they learned in the BRM portion of their current cycle.

"The company achieved a first-time-go rate of 96 percent with 100 percent by the end of the day," said 1st Sgt. Thomas Pendleton of B Co. "The end result showed 18 Soldiers shooting expert and 69 Soldiers shooting sharpshooter."

Those numbers are excellent compared to the normal 75 to 80 percent first-time-go rate with an average of 25 sharpshooters and less than five experts, Pendleton said.

The Service Rifle Team is instrumental in developing good shooters, and their contributions played a role in B Co.'s recent success, Pendleton said.

During the course, trainers place emphasis on the two marksmanship techniques that almost always ensure a good shot: sight alignment and trigger control. As long as Soldiers learn to focus on those two techniques, they will always get their shot, Hopper said.

"Soldiers who come to the course have usually been in the Army for many years and believe they know all there is to know about marksmanship," he said. "By the end of the class, everybody leaves knowing they learned one thing or another about marksmanship they never knew before."

"I've been in the Army a long time, and I thought I knew everything about marksmanship and could learn nothing else," said Staff Sgt. Chris Binion, a B Co. drill sergeant. "I came out of the Service Rifle Team's train-the-trainer course knowing a lot more about marksmanship, how to properly train other Soldiers and be a better shooter."

Binion said the instructors were very professional and knowledgeable and added that more first-line trainers should take the course.

Hopper said the Service Rifle Team is happy to train as many units and Soldiers as his team can handle.

"It's important for us to continue to train the Army's first-line trainers since they are the first to train the force, and whichever way they train Soldiers is the way Soldiers will perform while they are in the Army," Hopper said.

Photo by Pfc. Eliamar Castanon

Staff Sgt. Chris Binion, a drill sergeant with B Company, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, coaches Spc. Timothy Siwiec on close-combat optics at Fort Benning's Easley Range. B Co. drill sergeants attended the Service Rifle Team's train-the-trainer course that improved B Co.'s basic rifle marksmanship scores.

Points

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"Some schools will reprint your grade report which is acceptable," said Edwards. "After your school hopefully gives you a grade report, the best thing is to get them all transferred to whatever school you are presently going."

Transcripts must be from nationally or regionally accredited schools recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. A list of recognized schools is in the American Council of Education published by the Accredited Institutions of Postsecondary Education. Soldiers can contact the local education center for assistance.

"One problem we were running into because of (Soldier's moving), every school they go to, they get evaluated for their military education," said Edwards. "You have five schools, you only took two or three courses with each one, and each one has a military evaluation on it. Only one evaluation we can take, because it's called duplicate credit."

Transcripts from unrecognized schools cannot be listed on a Soldier's 2-1 file or count as promotion points, according to Edwards.

Grade reports from DANTES, CLEP and other exams are worth points, said Edwards.

A point reiterated in the message dealt with outdated Army Physical Fitness Tests and weapons cards.

The APFT is only good for one year from the date of the last APFT and a weapons card is valid for two years. If you are in a unit that does not qualify, a memorandum signed by the commander needs to accompany the promotion packet and the points can be kept until you leave for the next duty station. Once you are at your next duty station, you have one year to update your records if it's a qualifying unit or you lose those points, explained Edwards.

"All these have been in effect, but a lot of people have been just letting it slip through the cracks, and now DA is coming down real hard and they want us to pay attention to those people who are just stagnant," said Edwards.

"It's the Soldiers' responsibility to make sure their promotion is updated, and they do that by continuing to not be stagnant, continuing to do correspondence, continuing to do college course. Continuing to do those things that they need to add points," he said.

The only exception is for Soldiers who are deployed.

Soldiers are authorized to retain the promotion points until 60 days after redeployment.

To stay up to date with new changes, Edwards suggest Soldiers read the cutoff scores memorandum.

"They need to read the cutoff scores memorandum in its entirety. If they read it in its entirety, it has useful information in there that each Soldier needs to know. That's why it is put on the web, so everyone has access to read what is there (**https://www.perscomonline.army.mil/select/techcert.htm**).

Every cutoff score comes out with different information about what is valid and what is no longer valid in a promotion packet," he said. "When it comes out in the cutoff scores, of course, we act on it and we send out a memorandum if needed. Then in 60 days it takes effect."

For more information, contact Edwards at 791-6038.

AFAP

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"Last year we had three issues that the (commanding general) endorsed and we sent forward. This year we will probably have two issues that will go forward."

Issues are submitted through issue solicitation boxes or on the Army Community Service Web site, and are accepted year round.

"There are some issues, particularly in the safety and security arena, we don't want to wait for a full year to address," said Harshman. "If it is a safety or security issue, then I forward those to the garrison commander immediately."

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The torture of Christ

Pvt. Armando Monroig
Signal staff

Courtesy image

What more can be said about this movie? With all the media attention, most have undoubtedly heard how graphically violent the film "The Passion of the Christ" is. So, when a friend of mine invited me to see it, I was curious. I said to myself, 'Sure, why not?'

What people have said about this movie is true. The movie, directed by Mel Gibson, is explicitly violent. It should be called "The Torture of the Christ."

It focuses on the last 12 hours in the life of Jesus Christ, the biblical son of God, who was born to die for all of humanity's sins.

Whether you believe in God or Jesus Christ or not is irrelevant.

This was a movie about the punishment of a good man, who did good deeds, and was beaten, then executed for claiming to be the Son of God. This, despite the fact he never even hurt a fly, so to speak.

A scene in the movie when Pontius Pilot spoke to the Jews and gave them a choice between freeing Jesus or Barrabas, a murderer, showed the political climate of the time and the circumstances which contributed to Christ's death.

The focus on the beating Jesus took is probably the reason the film has received so much criticism.

Throughout the film, from the moment of his capture up to the time of his crucifixion, each and every crack of the whip and kick Jesus might have and probably received, is chronicled and magnified.

Instead of being criticized for this, the film's director, Mel Gibson, should be praised. He should be praised for daring to be shocking in getting his message across to the viewers: look at what this good man endured until the moment of his death.

Unlike past movies about Jesus, this movie is not viewed through rose-colored glasses. People are not dressed in nice, brightly colored clothing. Jesus is not a pretty-boy, a passive, weak-looking individual. He was a carpenter and was portrayed as such.

This movie portrays Jesus as he was: a strong man who did not bow to the political or religious beliefs of others despite the fact it would cost him his life, bring him humiliation, and cause him and his loved ones pain and suffering before his life was taken.

Throughout the film, scenes of Jesus' torture were interrupted with familiar scenes of Jesus cleaning his apostles' feet, breaking bread with them during The Last Supper, saving Mary Magdalene from being stoned, and telling Peter, one of his Apostles, he would deny him three times 'before the cock crows.'

These scenes were interwoven as part of Jesus' thought process throughout his ordeal.

It is quite a different perspective. How it must have been for the man himself, as opposed to how people on the outside looking in viewed it.

Again, kudos goes to Gibson for telling the tale of Jesus Christ in this manner. It brought the biblical story to a shocking reality and not a fancy Hollywood production as it has been in the past.

This is not to detract from such classics as "Ben Hur" or the many made-for-TV movies about the life of Jesus.

Those movies focused on different aspects of the Bible and Jesus. In "Ben Hur," Jesus was a minor role in the film.

In the made-for-TV movies, the focus was on Jesus' good works and the other characters that made up part of the story, and then his death. It focused more on the overall picture of the Jesus Christ story.

Hence my earlier reference to the title. The film graphically depicts the torture, brutality and hatred Christ endured until his crucifixion.

The film showed how this one man took what ever was thrown at him, and returned only love.

This is evident in the crucifixion scene when Jesus prays to God for the very people who are persecuting him. He says, "Forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Some who will see the film or have seen it will say it is too graphic and gory. I say it all depends on how you look at it.

I too, was shocked by the violent nature of the film. But as I continued to watch it, I began to see things differently.

Despite all he endured, Jesus withstood every blow he received both from the Jews who persecuted him and the Romans who tortured him. No matter how many times he faltered and fell during his walk to the hilltop where he was to be crucified, he kept getting back up.

It is a testament to the human spirit. It is proof positive that a good person with a strong will can and will overcome.

The film was well made, with Gibson investing a good majority of the money to have it produced. The cinematography and composition was excellent. It certainly gave a new perspective to the whole Jesus Christ crucifixion.

The acting was superb. James Caviezel, who has worked in such films as "Frequency" with Dennis Quaid and "Angel Eyes" with Jennifer Lopez, played the role of Jesus. He was a dead-ringer for the part. His size and stature fit the role perfectly.

Overall, the film was excellent. It was a little gory, but nonetheless powerful, moving and emotional. Regardless of what your religious status or lack thereof is, if you have a heart and are the least bit compassionate, "The Passion of the Christ" will most certainly move you and make you wonder about Jesus Christ, who he was and why he unnecessarily died on the cross. Perhaps this is the message Gibson was trying to send.

Despite the gruesomeness of the film, it does, in traditional Hollywood fashion, have a happy ending. It does so in a scene showing Jesus Christ resurrected, walking out of his tomb, perhaps keeping the door open to a sequel, "The Resurrection of the Christ."

Overall, despite the violence, I think it was a film well worth the price of admission. I give the film three stars out of four.

Be more like a tree

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Larry Lawrence
Deputy installation chaplain

"I think that I shall never see," wrote Joyce Kilmer, "a poem as lovely as a tree."

Trees are lovely and, like people, come in many varieties. Some, like the giant sequoias in California, are large enough to drive a car through. Others, like the slender dogwood, remind us of the cross of Christ. Easterners see a palm tree and think of Florida or the coastal areas of the Carolinas or Georgia. In the springtime tourists flock to Washington, D.C., to enjoy the cherry blossoms.

Actually trees have advantages over human beings. We might stop and consider some of these advantages before we get to our scripture for the day.

First of all, trees never have an identity crisis. They never ask, who am I? What am I doing here?

As far as I can tell, they are content being who they are. Trees never ask, what is my purpose in life?

They never attend seminars on the power of positive leafing. They don't carry a day-planner. They're content with their lot in life. They are content with who they are.

Another observation about trees is they do not worry about the future. They don't spend their lives in fear of what tomorrow may bring. How fortunate they are. They never seem to worry about aging or sickness or the stock market. They accept life as it comes.

How unlike us. We so often complicate our lives with the additional burdens of worry and fear. We seem to forget the words of the master, "Do not be anxious about your lives." (Matthew 6:25)

Trees don't make that mistake. Some trees even lean on one another for support. Certainly it is true of California's giant sequoias. Their root system has roots just barely below the surface of the ground. Their roots are small in comparison to other huge, towering trees. But sequoias grow only in groves and their roots grow together and intertwine with one another under the surface of the earth, giving them extraordinary strength. So, when the strong winds come, they hold each other up. I wish we were that wise.

Another thing I like about trees is that they do not engage in self-destructive behavior. They don't numb their brains with excessive alcohol or drugs. They don't drive their cars unwisely or abuse their bodies. And, of course, trees bear fruit without complaint or without excuse. Some bear fruit annually; some bear it sporadically. The bitternut tree only bears fruit every three years. The beech tree bears fruit every eight years. The white oak can go 10 years without bearing fruit. None bears the same fruit, only the fruit for which they were designed.

Jesus questioned the value of a tree that does not bear fruit. Of course, He wasn't really talking about trees at all. He was talking about His followers. Are we bearing fruit in our families, in our community, in the world? Trees bear fruit by their very nature.

Finally, trees are dependent on God, just as we are. "Blessed is the person who trusts in the Lord…for he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, that spreads out its roots by the river, and shall not fear when heat comes…but its leaf shall be green…neither shall it cease from yielding fruit." (Jeremiah 17:5-8)

Blessed is the person who trusts in God. Blessed is the person who does not have to ask "Who am I?" but knows he or she is a child of God. Blessed is the person who does not worry about the future, but knows the future is in God's hands. Blessed is the person who has Christian friends he or she can depend on. Blessed is the person who bears fruit by living a committed, caring life. He or she shall be like a tree planted by a stream.

Drill sergeant spotlight

Name: Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Harmon
Unit: Company B, 447th Signal Battalion
Hometown: Dallas, Texas
Time at Fort Gordon: 27 months

What do you enjoy about being a DS? I enjoy the fact that I am privileged to have the opportunity to train and develop young trainees into distinguished Soldiers.

What do you want to accomplish in the Army? I would like to continue to accomplish growth as a dedicated professional and as an effective leader who positively influences others while achieving my personal goals.

Sgt. 1st Class Harmon

Chapel Call

Collective Protestant Services
Sunday
9:00 a.m. • Liturgical Service, Bicentennial Chapel
9:00 a.m. • Gen "x" Soldiers Service, Friendship Chapel
10 a.m. • Eisenhower Army Medical Center Chapel
11 a.m. • Gospel Service at Signal Theatre
11 a.m. • Bicentennial Chapel
11 a.m. • Friendship Chapel
Catholic Services
11:45 a.m. Monday thru Friday, Eisenhower Army Med Ctr. Chapel
12:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday, Good Shepherd Chapel
3:30 p.m. Saturday, Confessions, Good Shepherd Chapel
5 p.m. Saturday, Vigil Mass, Good Shepherd Chapel
Sunday Masses
8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., Good Shepherd Chapel
11:45 a.m. Eisenhower Army Medical Center Chapel
Jewish Activities
Holy Day Services, Announced
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For information call 791-3959
Islamic Services
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For more information, call CPO (Ret.) Marshall Abuwi 772-4303
Denominational Services
LDS Service - Sunday 2 p.m., Barnes Avenue Chapel
Samoan Service, Sunday 1 p.m., Bicentennial Chapel, Bldg. 28414
Religious Education
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Protestant Sunday School, Religious Education Center
Sunday, 11:00 a.m., Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) Classes, Religious Education Center (Sept. thru May).
Other Programs/Services
Episcopalian Soldier Representative is Kurt Miller at 791-0213
LDS representative is Sergeant 1st Class (retired) Scott Robison, 533-0376. Apostolic Pentecostal's representatives are Chaplain Brewster, 791-4683, or Chaplain Snyder, 791-2539
Bible Studies
OCF Bible Study - Monday 6:30 a.m., Officer Christian Fellowship Bible Study, Friendship Chapel, 791-2056. Friday evening OCF POC is Col. Hook, 863-8231, or Capt. Craft, 364-5144.
Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Bldg. 28414 Bicentennial Chapel
Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., Devotional Luncheon, Bicentennial Chapel, Bldg. 28414
Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. , Protestant Women of the Chapel, Bldg. 28414
Wednesday 11:45 a.m. EAMC Bible Study, DDEAMC Din. Fac. Conf. Rm., 3rd floor
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Bldg. 39713, Faith Community Bible Study
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Friendship Chapel Bible Study
Thursday, 11:30 a.m. 63rd & 67th SIG BN Bible Study, Contact Chaplain
Chapel Directory
Bicentennial Chapel, 791-3959
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Religious Education
Protestant/Catholic Program, Mr. Randall Dillard 791-4703

For additional information, call 791-4683 the Installation Chaplain's Office, Building 29601

Tax breaks for educational expenses

AUGUSTA, Ga. – With college tuition costs rising, it's comforting to know that there are some tax credits and tax breaks for higher education that really make the grade for consumers.

The IRS will now allow taxpayers who don't itemize to deduct higher education expenses such as tuition and fees paid for self, a spouse or a dependent. Up to $3,000 of these expenses for courses taken during 2003 may be deducted as an adjustment to income. If the student is required to pay the costs of student activity fees, required books, supplies and equipment directly to the institution, these costs are also deductible.

There are two nonrefundable education tax credits for payments made for qualified tuition and related expenses for post secondary education. The Hope credit is 100 percent of the first $1,000 of expenses and 50 percent of the excess expenses up to an additional $1,000 for a maximum credit of $1,500 per student. The lifetime learning credit applies to expenses for 20 percent of qualified educational expenses not exceeding $10,000 for a maximum credit of $2,000 per return.

The tax-free status of up to $5,250 of employer-provided educational assistance benefits from an employer will continue through 2010. This also covers graduate studies.

Certain states allow people to prepay tuition or contribute to a higher education savings account. New provisions will extend the tax benefits related to tuition prepayment programs offered by education institutions. Distributions from state programs are now tax-free if applied to qualified higher education expenses.

Taxpayers with student loan interest can deduct up to $2,500 of their student loan interest as an adjustment. Student loan interest is deductible as an adjustment when paid and not limited to the first 60 months. Students now gain a tax benefit from paying student loan interest anytime, regardless of when the loan originated.

Taxpayers continuing their higher education may be able to withdraw funds from their IRAs prematurely without incurring the 10 percent penalty. They may also use savings bonds that they cashed in without paying taxes on the interest earned on the bonds.

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SKEET & TRAP

Skeet and Trap fields will be open during regular shooting hours. $7.00 per round per person, $3.50 per round for Fort Gordon Sportsman's Club members.

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

March 7...Crappie Tournament at Butler Reservoir
March 21...Bass Tournament at Butler Reservoir
Hours for the tournaments are daylight-2 p.m. Open to all ID cardholders and members of the public with a FG fishing license guest permit. $20.00 per person, $10.00 FGSC members with a $5.00 Big Fish Pot. $100.00 for first place and $50.00 for second place.

ARCHERY TOURNAMENTS

March 14...Tactical Advantage Sportsman's Complex, Range 14
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HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE

March 10 & 11 ...The course is held at the EAMC 1st floor auditorium from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. each night. Hunters wishing to hunt on Fort Gordon must complete both nights of this course. The course is free of charge and open to the public. Pre-registration recommended at www.georgiawildlife.com.

LEITNER LAKE CAMPGROUND

The campground at the Leitner Lake Recreation Area is now open for camping. There are 12 sites with water and electrical hookups. We have a dump-station located at 15th Street and North Range Road. Campsites are rented on a first come, first serve basis. Fees are $15.00 for water and electrical sites, $5.00 for camper vehicles and $3.00 for primitive sites for tents. Shower-house available.

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Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers is having a spring ball and fashion show **April 10** at the Gordon Club. Cost is $25 couples, $15 singles, and includes door prizes.

Auditions for models/talent is 4 p.m. **March 18** at the Signal Theater.

For information, call Spc. Glenyatte King at 791-3051.

Records update

Eisenhower Army Medical Center is updating its medical data base system. Implementation of the new system is scheduled to be completed by the end of **May**.

Completion of the new database may cause some delays in getting routine patient appointments. Temporary measures are in place to ensure everyone receives timely medical care.

For information, call the patient representative's office at 787-7820/4656.

Dora the Explorer

Dora the Explorer Live performs at the Bell Auditorium **March 16-17**.

Tickets range from $14-$37. To order, call 828-7700 or go to **www.ticketmaster.com**.

Scholarship information

The Fort Gordon Enlisted Wives Club scholarship applications are in all area high schools; contact the counselors office. To be eligible, the applicant must be a graduating high school senior from a local area high school. The parent or guardian must be active duty or retired military, Reservist or National Guard and have a current military ID card. Applications must be completed and returned by **April 30**. For more information or applications contact Shirley Johnson, 796-3871; Elouise Jones at 738-9944 or Rosemary Marshall, 791-2675.

Open house

Camp Tanglewood is having an open house from 9 a.m.-noon **March 13**.

The camp offers summer programs including swimming, archery, crafts, sports and more for girls ages 5-17. For information, call 774-0505 or go to **www.girlscoutscsra.org**.

Signal reunion

The 17th Signal Battalion Association is having its 10th annual reunion **Sept. 16-19** in San Antonio, Texas.

For information, e-mail **adjanssen@aol.com.**

Orientation course

The commander and first sergeant Orientation Course is April 12-16 in Darling Hall, Room 229B. Class begins at 8:45 a.m. Monday, 9 a.m. Tuesday to Friday, and is finished by 5 p.m. daily.

Registration deadline is 5 p.m. **April 6**. Any commander or first sergeant who has just assumed command, has been serving in the position six months or less, or who are about to take command may attend.

To register or for information call Sgt. 1st Class Darron Ison at 791-9536, or e-mail **isond@gordon.army.mil**.

Separating servicemembers

Servicemembers within one year of separating or two years of projected retirement from the military may contact the Army Career and Alumni Program for assistance. All servicemembers leaving active duty with more than 180 days of active service, must receive the congressionally mandated preseparation counseling. Counseling must take place no later than 90 days prior to separation and covers available transition assistance services, rights and benefits. To schedule an appointment, call 791-7333, or go to **www.gordon.army.mil/dhr/ACAP/acap.htm**.

Women's history month

March is Women's History Month. The 2004 theme is *Women Inspiring Hope and Possibilities*. The Women's History Month command program is 1:30 p.m. **March 23** at Alexander Hall.

Guest speaker is Brig. Gen. Julia J. Cleckley, special assistant to the director, Army National Guard and the special assistant for military women for Federally Employed Women. She is the first minority woman, line officer, to rise to the rank of brigadier general in the Army National Guard.

Call Master Sgt. Tonja Deans at 791-2014.

At the Movies

The Signal Theater is open Thursday-Sunday. Shows begin at 6:30 p.m.
The late show on Saturday begins at 9:30 p.m.
Children 12 and over and all adults are $3. Children 6-11 are $1.50. Children under 5 are free.
For movie listings and times, call 791-3982.

March 5-7
Today - Cold Mountain (R)
Saturday - My Baby's Daddy (PG-13)
Saturday - The Butterfly Effect (R)
Sunday - Cold Mountain (R)

Note: Attendance at Fort Gordon's movie theater is strictly limited to authorized Post Exchange patrons.

Fort Gordon REPORT

COMING UP

The newest edition of the *Fort Gordon Report* premieres Monday and includes the following stories:

- **The Royal Hanneford Circus**
- **SSSC ribbon cutting**
- **First-ever Federal Forum**

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Sports UPDATE

Masters tickets

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A drawing will be held March 22; winners may purchase the tickets for $44 per ticket. Applications for the drawing are available through **March 19** in Darling Hall, Room 260. For information, call Pat Camacho at 791-8204/8664.

Sports news

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament – Fort Gordon Sports and Fitness will host a 3 on 3 Tournament **March 27-28.** The tournament is for active duty military personnel only. Teams desiring to participate can sign-up at Gym #4, Bldg. 29607 by **Wednesday.** For more information, contact Sam McAdoo at 791-3692.

Basketball Championships – Fort Gordon Unit Level Basketball Championships will tip off **Monday.** The top 5 teams from the Red, Green and Blue Divisions will be in the championships.

For more information, contact Al Robinson at 791-1142 or e-mail **robinsona@gordon.army.mil**.

Golf news

The Eisenhower Army Medical Center's Health Services Auxiliary is hosting its eighth annual Fisher House Golf Tournament **March 26** at Gordon Lakes. Cost is $50 per individual and $200 per team. All proceeds benefit the Fort Gordon Fisher House. For more information call 787-7100.

The 15th Signal Brigade is sponsoring the 2nd Annual AER Golf tournament **April 2**. The four-person scramble includes a lunch buffet. Check-in starts at 10:30 a.m. Price is $30 for GLGC members and $40 for all others. Prizes will be awarded following play. Call Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Millward at 791-5913 or e-mail **millwart@gordon.army.mil** to sign up.

The Executive Women's Golf Association's annual membership drive is 6:30 p.m. **March 25** at the Jones Creek clubhouse. Guest speaker is Trelle Kite, Lady Jags head golf coach. This event is open to all ladies of the CSRA. Call 510-3253 by **March 16** to make a reservation.

Triathlon entries

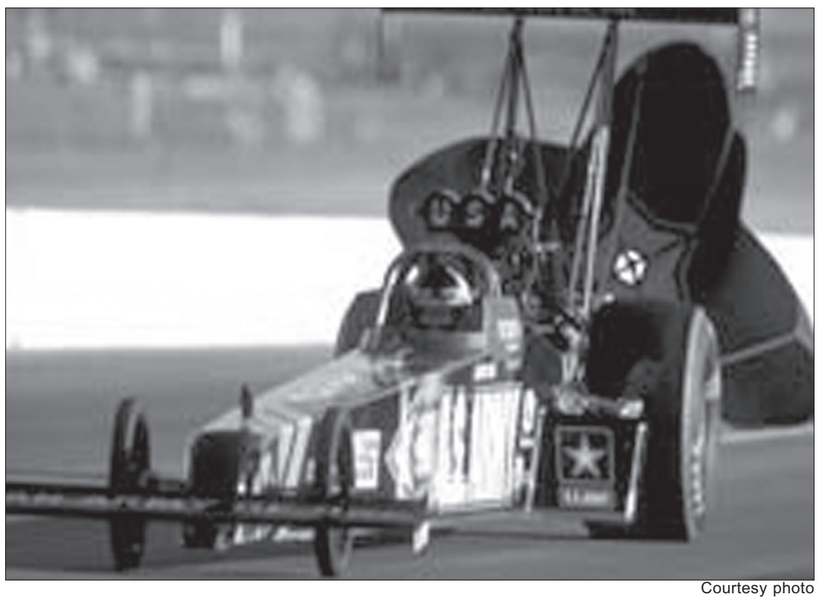
Entries are being accepted for the **May 1** Tin Man Triathlon at Fort Rucker, Ala. The event is a fund-raiser for Army Emergency Relief. A Duathlon for non-swimmers is also included. For details ago to **http://www.trifind.com/r/tinman.html**.

The Triathlon includes a one-kilometer swim, a 30-kilometer bike race and 10-kilometer run. The Duathlon is a two-mile run, 30-k bike race and a second 10-kilometer run.

Advance entries are $30 for individuals, $65 for two-person teams. The first 100 entrants in each event receive a T-shirt. To register e-mail **curtis.harper@rucker.army.mil** or call (334) 255-9133.

Photo by Pvt. Armando Monroig

In a controversial game, Company E, 369th Signal Battalion proves to be too much for Company B, 447th Signal Battalion and takes the morning division championship. Company B defeated 369 twice during regular season play. For more on the game, pick up the March 12 issue of the Signal.



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Schumacher now heads for Firebird International Raceway in Phoenix next weekend for the Checker Schuck's Kragen Nationals as the Top Fuel point leader.

The 'Sarge' wins season opener at Pomona

Chris Dorato
Army News Service

Tony "The Sarge" Schumacher captured the K&N Filters Winter Nationals Feb. 29 at Pomona Raceway with a final-round victory over Doug Kalitta.

The driver of the United States Army Top Fuel dragster ran off a string of 4.4-second passes in the opening three round of eliminations before taking out Kalitta after the latter broke at the starting line.

"Sometimes it's better to be lucky than good," said the Chicago native after recording a problem-laden 4.659-second run at 243.55 mph in the finals. I'm not sure what happened to Doug, but I wasn't shy about taking a single run. We got one from the `luck bank' today. We were running real well to half-track and then the engine just laid over. Knowing I was on a solo, I just shut it off so we wouldn't oil the track down and be penalized points. Despite that, this is such a great win for the Army team."

After qualifying second, Schumacher's Army dragster posted a 4.451-second run in a first-round win over Rhonda Hartman-Smith, then banked a 4.486-second pass in a second-round victory over David Baca. He followed that performance with a 4.474-second jaunt in a semifinal win over Brandon Bernstein.

"We really had an outstanding car all weekend," added the 1999 Top Fuel world champ. This Army team did what they needed to do. They kept reminding me to be a machine each round."

This was Schumacher's 12th career win and his first at Pomona Raceway.

"I've been wanting to win here so bad ever since I started coming here," Schumacher said. "The place has so much history. You want to be on that list of winners. It's that special."

Schumacher now heads for Firebird International Raceway in Phoenix next weekend for the Checker Schuck's Kragen Nationals as the Top Fuel point leader. It's the first time he has led the points since the U.S. Nationals in 2000.

"It's great to be in the points lead, but there are 22 races to go," he said. We have a long season ahead. We'll take them one at a time."

Fort Gordon Sports Results

Al Robinson
Sports Coordinator

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Morning Division
Company B, 447th Signal Battalion 3, Company A, 369th Signal Battalion 0
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Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 206th Military Intelligence Battalion 1, Company D, 551st Signal Battalion 1
Company D, 369th Signal Battalion 2, Company A, 201st Military Intelligence Battalion 0
Company B, 447th Signal Battalion 1, Company C, 551st Signal Battalion 1
31st Intelligence Squadron 1, Company D, 447th Signal Battalion 0
Company A, Eisenhower Army Medical Center 3, Company C, 73rd Ordnance Battalion 3
Company B, Eisenhower Army Medical Center 1, Company C, 369th Signal. Battalion 0
Company D, 447th Signal Battalion 2, Company E, 447th Signal Battalion 0
31st Intelligence Squadron 3, Company C, 73rd Ordnance 0
Company A, Eisenhower Army Medical Center 1, Company C, 369th Signal Battalion 0
Company D, 369th Signal Battalion 1, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 206th Military Intelligence Battalion 0
Company C, 551st Signal Battalion 2, Company A, 201st Military Intelligence Battalion 0
Company B, Eisenhower Army Medical Center 3, Company B, 447th Signal Battalion 1

Unit Basketball Standings

Standings As of Feb. 24

Team	Won	Lost	Team	Won	Lost
Blue Division			B-551	7	7
B-73	14	3	D-447	4	10
BNCOC	14	4	C-447	3	11
D-551	11	6	D-369	3	11
B-447	11	8			
D-447	9	8	*Red Division*		
C-551	8	8	A-442	16	4
B-551	9	10	HHC-201	15	5
C-447	9	10	NSGA	14	6
C-73	6	11	USAG	12	8
C-442	4	13	249	11	9
E-369	3	17	A-551	10	9
			A-369	9	11
Green Division			A-447	8	12
518	19	1	338 TRS	6	13
B-297	18	2	A-73	1	19
HHC-206	16	4			
ANCOC	14	6	*Women's Division*		
B-EAMC	11	9	EAMC	20	0
252	10	10	GRSOC	16	4
HHC-93	8	12	B-297	15	5
31IS	7	13	A-442	13	7
B-67	4	16	ANCOC	13	7
C-67	3	17	E-369	11	9
A-67	0	20	C-369	10	10
			B-551	5	15
Morning Division			E-447	5	15
B-447	10	4	73RD	2	18
C-369	10	4	D-551	0	20
C-73	10	4			
E-369	9	5			

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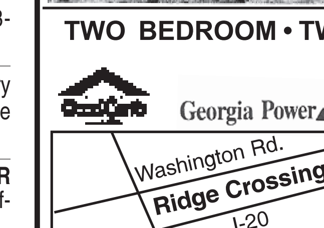

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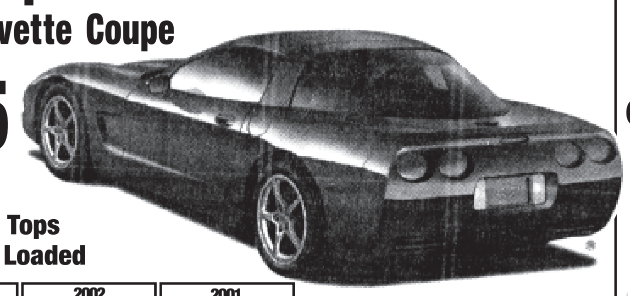

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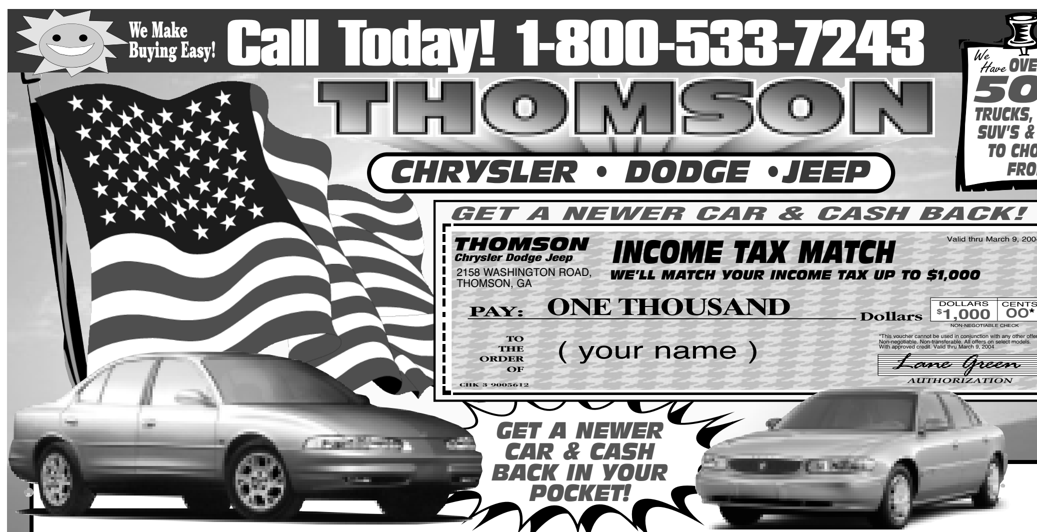

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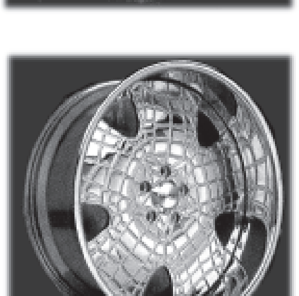

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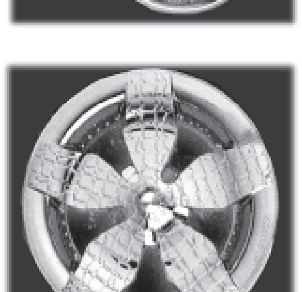

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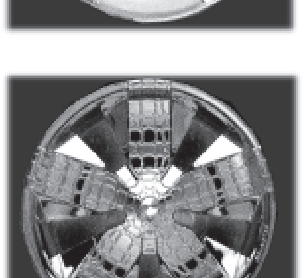

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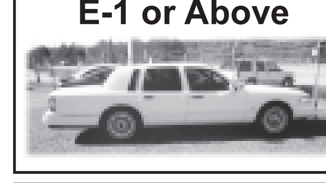

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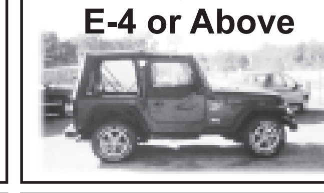

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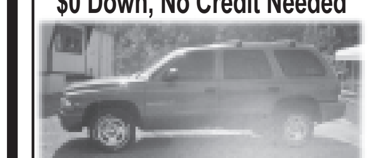

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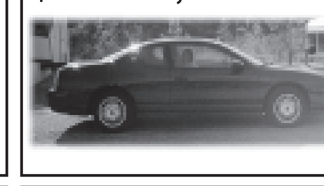

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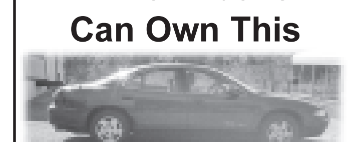

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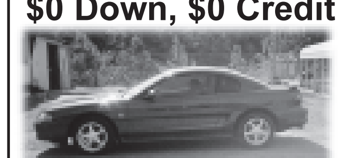

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Spectrum

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Audience members watch the closing of one of the showings of the Royal Hanneford Circus which performed at Barton Field, Friday through Sunday.

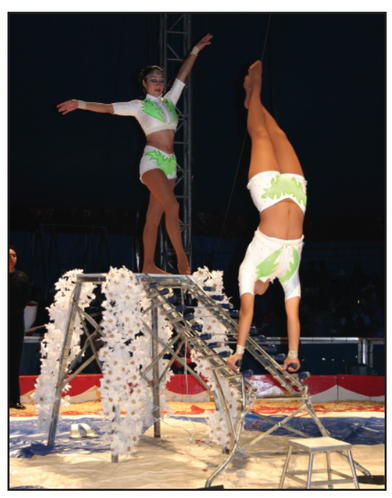
Nellie Hanneford, equestrian and seventh-generation Hanneford circus performer, puts on a show with the aid of her "Living Carousel" horse act.

Ringmaster Billy Martin takes center stage as the show begins.

Angela, a circus performer, entertains the crowd with her high trapeze act.

Adam Hill, animal trainer, performs his elephant and camel act.

Jorge Thompson Jr. picks out a toy at one of the vendor booths.



South American acrobats perform their balance routine.

Benny the clown tosses around a beach ball with the children in the audience before the start of the show.

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The aroma of freshly roasted peanuts and the unmistakable sounds of the big top filled the air as the Royal Hanneford Circus staged eight performances here Friday through Sunday on Barton Field.

Shows originally scheduled for Feb. 26 were cancelled due to bad weather, but the other scheduled shows went on without a hitch with the beautiful weekend weather.

The fun began with a special showing Friday morning for school children on post.

About 5,500 people attended the shows throughout the three days of performances.

Robert Stewart and his wife Barbara brought their three grandchildren to the circus to see the animals.

Gabby, their six-year-old granddaughter, thought the circus show was "good." She especially liked the horses and said they were well trained.

Billy Martin, ringmaster of the Royal Hanneford Circus, spoke about the circus that has come to Fort Gordon for the first time.

"The Royal Hanneford Circus has something for everyone," said Martin. "We like to say, 'something for children of all ages.'"

The circus featured performing horses, elephants, camels, dogs, daredevil acts, a flying trapeze act, and acrobatic acts. The acts are performed by an international cast of circus performers.

"The performers come from all over the world," Martin said of the 35-member circus unit. "There are artists from Peru, Argentina, Mexico as well as the United States."

The unit that performed on Fort Gordon is one of five different touring shows that make up the Royal Hanneford Circus, said Brian Sprague, president of Metrogroup Event Promotions, a company that helps set up festivals. They were involved in helping organize Oktoberfest on post in 2003.

This one was a patriotic, traditional circus show. Hanneford has other units such as a Chinese Acrobatic unit.

The Royal Hanneford Circus, one of the largest in the United States, has shows all over the country year-round, with at least 200 performances due to the popular demand, Martin said.

Sometimes they perform under the big top and other times in arenas seating up to 20,000 people.

"Parents bring their children to relive their childhood memories," added Martin.

Jorge Thompson of Augusta took his two-year-old son, Jorge Jr., and seven-year-old daughter Yazmin to one of the showings.

Jorge Jr. said he liked the horses and the clown.

"I liked when they did the flips," Yazmin said of the acrobats. "I liked the horses."

When asked why Thompson brought his family to the circus, he answered simply, "Just being together and enjoying it."

The eight-generation Royal Hanneford Circus is more than 300 years old. According to Martin, it originated in England and gained popularity in Ireland. It came to the United States in the 1920s and has been an American tradition ever since.

As with everything else in this world, with time comes change.

"It's so old it's new again. We like to say, 'Come see it again for the first time,'" he said. "The tents are made of vinyl now, not canvas. The brass band has been replaced by synthesizers."

Despite changes like these, the circus is still a favorite form of family entertainment.

"Everything else remains the same," said Martin. "It's reassuring the tradition still lives on."

And Martin said he is pleased to bring that tradition here on post.

One of the Royal Hanneford Circus performers who continues that tradition is Benny Fornasari, circus clown and World War II veteran who has been in the circus business for almost his whole life.

Fornasari said being in the circus is a tradition that was handed down from his grandfather to his father and then to him.

"My family was in it," he said of the circus business. "It's all I knew. I have no regrets. It's been very good to me."

He said he enjoys the lifestyle because working for a circus allows him to travel and meet people.

And Martin agrees with this sentiment adding it is a pleasure to bring the show to this post.

"We're very pleased to be here at Fort Gordon," said Martin. "We'd like to keep coming back."

And they just might do so, said Sprague.

"We are looking forward to fun-filled, future events in 2004," he said.

Sprague added the circus and Metrogroup were thrilled with the reception they received here.

"We've been treated with respect, graciousness and politeness," he said. "They've really welcomed us with open arms."

After leaving Fort Gordon, the circus will travel to Michigan, Arizona and Ohio.