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Spring cleanup

Fort Sam Houston's Installation Spring Clean-Up ends Friday. The event, for military and civilian, concentrates efforts on the appearance of areas adjacent to work places and assigned police areas of responsibility as outlined in Fort Sam Houston Regulation 420-2. Take pride in the appearance and beautification of the installation. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Mirko Maravi at 221-2539 or 336-4937.

Tax center extends hours

Normally, April 15 marks the last day to file, but since it falls on a Saturday, the deadline has been extended until Monday. This year, the Tax Assistance Center is offering extended hours through Monday. The extended hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The center will be closed Sunday. For more information or to make an appointment, call 295-1040 or 295-0061.

Quadrangle closure

The Fifth U.S. Army Quadrangle will be closed to the public until 1 p.m. Saturday for a unit function. The historic Quadrangle is open for visitors to view deer and fowl weekdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and from noon to 6 p.m. on weekends and federal holidays. The Quadrangle is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Dogs are not permitted inside.

Brigade run

The 32nd Medical Brigade will sponsor a brigade run called "Viva Fiesta" Friday at 5 a.m.; the assembly area is the BG Johnson Track Field.

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Photo by Olivia Mendoza

Spring cleaning

(From left) Sgt. Marlene Williams, Sgt. 1st Class Patty McFarland and Sgt. Fana Moseley bag leaves Tuesday behind U.S. Army Garrison Headquarters. The Soldiers are participating in the post-wide Installation Spring Clean-Up week, which ends Friday. See more photos on Page 5.

PT program confers first doctoral degrees

By Yolanda Hagberg
Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

History was made Friday as 12 officers received diplomas and were conferred doctoral degrees by Dr. Kenneth Wilkins, associate dean of the Baylor University Graduate School, in a ceremony at Blesse Auditorium.

The graduation was the culmination of 27 months of study in the top-ranked U.S. Army-Baylor University Doctoral Program in Physical Therapy for 10 Army and two Air Force officers. The group is the first in the program to receive a doctoral degree.

The change came about in an effort to remain competitive with civilian programs in recruiting the best applicants and to better align the program with the American Physical Therapy Association's 2020 Vision of becoming a doctoring profession.

"I present to you the class of 2006. They are a unique group of 14 military officers —Army and Air Force. Over the course of this program, the class' overall GPA was a stellar 3.76! They have completed a rigorous five semesters, the rough equivalent of 36 months of graduate school, and they did it in 27 months," said Col. Josef Moore, director, U.S. Army-

Baylor University Doctoral Program in Physical Therapy.

"You are now part of history; you are part of an elite group," said Maj. Gen. George Weightman, U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School and Fort Sam Houston commander.

"It takes a lot of drive and energy to do this day after day. Your service will have a major impact on the medical community. Get out of the hospitals and into the units. Get out there and get your boots dirty and make a difference," he said.

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Celebrate Fiesta at Fort Sam Houston April 23

The public is invited to Fort Sam Houston's free Fiesta celebration, one of the grandest of the city's Fiesta events, April 23 beginning at 1 p.m. at MacArthur Field parade grounds on the corner of Stanley and Harry Wurzbach Roads. Coolers and pets are not permitted.

The public may enter Fort Sam Houston from Interstate Highway 35 at either the Walters Street gate or the Binz Engleman entrance. The entrances at the Winans gate, off Harry Wurzbach Road, and Cunningham/Wilson gate, off Broadway Street, will be open for vehicles with Department of Defense decals.

The Country Fair will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. in the field adjacent to the MacArthur pavilion. It will feature a display of military equipment and exhibits, live entertainment, kid's

carnival, games, food and drink booths. Some of the exhibits include the "Johnsonville Brats," the world's largest grill, selling brats. The grill is 65 feet long and weighs 54,000 pounds. It can cook 750 sausages at one time. Also, the Spammobile will be providing free spam samples.

Continuous entertainment will begin at 1 p.m. and will include: Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team; Army Medical Command "Sin Limite" Latin band; Kazamba Drum and Dance Group; the Tailpipes, performing 60s era music; Ballet Folklorico Del Cielo dance group; the Almost Patsy Cline Band from Bandera, Texas; and Fort Sam Houston's own Rainbow Kids performing 50s and 60s country-style music.

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Kazamba Drum and Dance Group will perform at 3:30 p.m.

Army Emergency Relief campaign under way

WASHINGTON — The annual Army Emergency Relief fundraising campaign kicked off March 1 and continues through May 15 with the slogan, "Soldiers Helping Fellow Soldiers."

The campaign on Fort Sam Houston runs through May 1.

Army Emergency Relief provides no-interest loans and grants to active duty and retired Soldiers, and National Guard and Reserve members who are active under Title 10 for 30 days or more, and their qualifying family members, for any emergency that results in a financial need.

Examples include death or serious illness of an immediate family member, vehicle repair, utility or rent assistance.

AER also gives undergraduate-level scholarships to children of Soldiers, and provides financial assistance to spouses through its Spouse Education Assistance Program.

Tax-deductible gifts may be given directly to AER, via allotment, or donors may make their contributions to the general assistance fund. Donors may also target their contributions to such specific programs as scholarships or widow assistance.

AER was founded in 1942 as a nonprofit organization by the secretary of war and the Army chief of staff.

Active duty Soldiers can contribute to the AER campaign through their units. Contributions, memorials or bequests to AER are also accepted year round and can be delivered to the Fort Sam Houston AER section at the Army Community Service Community Center, Building 2797 on Stanley Road. For more information about the AER campaign, visit <http://www.aerhq.org>.

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Easter egg hunt for residents

Lincoln Military Housing will host an Easter egg hunt for children Friday from 12 to 3 p.m. Residents are encouraged to bring their children to Salado Creek Park for the event. The event will include games and refreshments. For photos and upcoming activities, visit LMH's interactive Web site at www.sam-houstonlpc.com. For more information, call LMH at 270-7638.

Neanderthal Trail Run

The Neanderthal Trail Run, sponsored by E Company, 32nd Medical Brigade, will be held Monday at 6:30 a.m. at Building 5130. The 5.2-mile course comprises rugged off-road terrain with challenging trails. Unit T-shirts and guidons are welcome. The event is open to active duty service members and Army civilians. The cost is \$10 and includes a T-shirt and refreshments. For more information or to register, call Sgt. Anthony Derencius at 295-7645 or e-mail anthony.n.derencius@us.army.mil.

SAEDA, OPSEC training

Subversion and Espionage Directed Against the U.S. Army, or SAEDA, and operations security training is a mandatory requirement for Department of Defense personnel, to include contract employees. The next training for U.S. Army Garrison organization and tenant unit personnel will be held Tuesday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in Evans Theater. People should arrive early to sign in and report their attendance to their training coordinator. For more information, call the Garrison Security Office at 221-1906, 221-1859, 221-9500 or 221-9611.

Unit Prevention Leader Seminar

Fort Sam Houston's Army Substance Abuse Program will sponsor a Unit Prevention Leader Seminar April 24 to 28 in Willis Hall, Room 2206. This is a mandatory class for UPLs currently on orders to collect drug-testing specimens for their unit. Certificates of completion may be used for promotion points. Reservations will be on a first-come, first-served basis, and registration must be done via e-mail. For more information or to register, e-mail April.Johnson-Walker@samhouston.army.mil or Angela.Moss@samhouston.army.mil.

Misleading VA Web site

An organization called Veterans Affairs Services is gathering personal information on veterans using a VA Services Web site. However, this organization is a private company based in California and is not affiliated with the VA. The self-described nonprofit veteran's service organization is affiliated with the Military Financial Planning Association. If people know of any VAS acts, such as VAS employees assisting veterans in the preparation and presentation of claims for benefits, send the information via e-mail to Michael Daugherty, staff attorney with the Department of Veterans Affairs, at Michael.Daugherty2@va.gov or call (202) 273-8636.

Walters Street gate update

The completion date for phase II of the Walters Street gate construction project has slipped due to inclement weather. The project is now scheduled to be completed by April 18.

Pharmacy improvements

Patients filling prescriptions at the newly renovated Fort Sam Houston Community Pharmacy can expect shorter wait times and ample parking. Located in Building 2401 on Scott and Allen Roads, the Fort Sam Houston Community Pharmacy is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 916-8700 to use the automated refill system.

MEDCOM names Soldier, NCO of year

By Jerry Harben
U.S. Army Medical Command

The Western Regional Medical Command landed both big prizes at the 2006 Medical Command Soldier of the Year and Noncommissioned Officer of the Year competitions.

Sgt. Mario Medina, assistant wardmaster at Madigan Army Medical Center, Wash., was named NCO of the Year, while Spc. Annette Mott, medical laboratory specialist at Fort Irwin, Calif., U.S. Army Medical Department Activity, is Soldier of the Year.

The competition was held from April 2 through Friday at Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis. All competitors had to pass a 100 question written test, write an essay about Army values, pass the Army Physical Fitness Test and demonstrate marksmanship with M-16 rifles. They also negotiated a land navigation course and, in tactical scenarios, defended a convoy against ambush, reacted to an explosive device, secured an enemy prisoner and treated casualties.

Finally, each candidate was inspected and questioned by a board of senior NCOs.

"It was amazing. It was so close they could have announced anyone's name and no one would be surprised," Mott said.

"This competition is such an experience for all of us," Medina added. "I have made some friends."

"I'm going to go home, let the bruises heal, study a lot and run a lot. This is going to be the year MEDCOM takes (Department of the Army)," Mott said, referring to the Army-wide competition at Fort Lee, Va., Oct. 1 through 8.

Corporals and higher ranks were in the NCO competition, while specialists and lower ranks competed as Soldiers.

Competition first began last year when local units selected

their best Soldiers and NCOs. Local winners competed in each of six regional medical commands. The regional winners then joined representatives of Dental Command, Veterinary Command, the Army Medical Department Center and School and Medical Research and Materiel Command for the finals at Fort Sam Houston.

The winners each received an Army Commendation Medal, two \$1,000 savings bonds, a plaque and their choice of future assignment. They also were presented a Bowie knife from First Command, a plaque and coin from the Association of the U.S. Army, a \$250 certificate for a dress blue uniform from Armed Forces Insurance, a \$1,000 savings bond from the Government Employee Insurance Company, a statue from the DUSTOFF Association, a sword and coin from Pioneer Financial Service, and \$250 gift certificates from United Services Automobile Association and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

All competitors received certificates and coins from the MEDCOM commander and MEDCOM command sergeant major. The Western Regional Medical Command received trophies for both awards.



Sgt. Mario Medina
NCO of the Year



Spc. Annette Mott
Soldier of the Year

Reserve support

Ombudsmen keep peace between employers, employees

By Elaine Wilson
Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

(This article is the last in a three-part series about the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve)

Col. Jesse Quisenberry may have retired from the Air Force, but he didn't hang up his military affiliation with his uniform.

As a volunteer ombudsman with the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, Quisenberry acts as an informal mediator between service members from all branches of the service and their civilian employers. He is one of hundreds of ESGR volunteers throughout the nation specifically trained to handle the never black and white world of employment law.

"Ombudsmen ascertain whether an employment issue is valid in regards to the law," the former personnel officer said. "And, with an employee's permission, we go to the employer to try to resolve the issue. We don't represent anyone; just ascertain the validity of the claim and try to find an acceptable solution."

To mediate effectively, ombudsmen must first understand the ins and outs of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, a federal law established in 1994 to offer protection to service members in regards to employment and re-employment. The law encompasses companies of any size and military members who are on active duty for anything other than peacetime humanitarian missions, Quisenberry said. The exclusions are college students and Native Americans. The law also requires mobilized members to perform satisfactorily while on active duty.

"There are a lot of college students working as reservists," Quisenberry said. "Fortunately, many colleges have programs for relief." As for Native Americans, "They have their own set of statutes and regulations."

For those to whom the law applies, "USERRA supersedes any state or federal statutes," Quisenberry said. "It was written with the idea of keeping individual members from losing compensation and benefits."

Once trained, ombudsmen bring their knowledge of USERRA to the mediation table where they resolve a host of issues ranging from job retention after a deployment to promotions the employee may be entitled to after a lengthy absence.

The bulk of Quisenberry's work stems from Reserve and Guard members, many with deployment-related employment issues.

"Reservists are being deployed for 18 months or more these days," Quisenberry said. "The longer they are gone, the more complicated the re-employment process can become."

The most common issues, Quisenberry said, are related to the "accelerator clause." "The law basically states that when military members return and are re-employed, they must be treated as if they never left. Their seniority picks up to the day they departed."

Quisenberry described a recent case where an analyst returned from a deployment to find his former job unavailable. "The law dictates his employer must give him an equivalent position with equal status," he said.

The analyst was placed into a position with the same duty location, hours and job description but with one exception, "He didn't have the access to outside companies he had before," Quisenberry said. "That change wasn't in line with the law. I brought it to the company's attention and the employee was moved to his original position."

Some cases don't have as happy an ending. "There was an airline that had a different set of benefits for furlough and military pilots," Quisenberry said. "Both are on a leave of absence, but the furlough pilots are treated differently. That

case was deemed discriminatory by the Department of Labor."

Most of the issues he confronts can be resolved with a simple phone call, Quisenberry said, but there are a few that end up elevated to the Department of Labor, the enforcing authority for USERRA. DOL processes all formal complaints of violations of the law, according to an ESGR Employer Resource Guide. And, if the issue fails to be resolved there, "it will be sent to the justice department," Quisenberry said. "But that's a rare scenario."

"The problem is usually lack of knowledge regarding the law," he said. "Smaller companies don't have the resources and personnel to keep abreast of the law."

Additionally, "smaller companies have fewer employees and have to backfill, and then don't want to fire the new person when the former employee returns. But, it's the law to rehire so the company has to make a tough decision."

To prevent issues from arising, Quisenberry recommends ongoing two-way communication between the service member and civilian employer.

"Employees should provide written notice about upcoming training dates or a deployment as early as possible, keep in touch while they're gone, and when they are ready to reapply, provide written notice," Quisenberry advised. "Good communication can avoid a lot of issues."

As for the employer, "Get familiar with USERRA. It's all spelled out in there."

Ombudsmen can speak in person to military units and employers, and can also answer questions over the phone. To find a local ombudsman, call (800) 336-4590 or visit www.esgr.com and go to "Our Staff."

ESGR is also looking for volunteer ombudsmen. For more information, call (800) 336-4590. For more information about ESGR, visit www.esgr.com; and for information on USERRA, visit <http://www.dol.gov/elaws/vets/userra/userra.asp>.

PT program

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Weightman also recognized the faculty for their leadership in making the PT program such a great success. He acknowledged the families and friends in the audience for the support system they provided the students during the "tough" 27 months of the course.

Other dignitaries and speakers included retired Col. David Greathouse, adjunct professor, U.S. Army-Baylor Doctoral Program in Physical Therapy, and Col. David Maness, dean, Academy of Health Sciences.

The Col. David G. Greathouse Research Excellence award was presented to 1st Lts. Richard Westrick and Jennifer Rieger and to their faculty research committee chair, Maj. Deydre Teyhen. Their research abstract was presented this year at the American Physical Therapy Association's combined sections meeting in San Diego, and at the Texas Physical Therapy Association's annual conference in Austin, Texas, where they won recognition as the "Best Research Platform Presentation."

Eight students were named to the Academic Excellence List, which was created this year in lieu of the traditional Honor

Graduate or Distinguished Honor Graduate awards. The list recognizes officers who maintained a grade point average of 3.75 or greater on the 4-point scale. Historically, this honor would have only gone to four students in each class. Remarkably, this class had eight students that exceeded this high standard, to include: Capts. Michael Crowell and Christine Iverson, U.S. Army; Capt. Linda Currier and 1st Lt. Elissa Ballas, U.S. Air Force; 1st Lts. Scott Carow, Carrie Hoppes, Kane McAndrew and Tansy Middag, U.S. Army.

Other graduates include Army 1st Lts. Paul Froehlich, Jennifer Rieger, Richard Westrick and Joshua Walters. First Lts. Matthew Perkins and Rebecca Morrell are also students in the class whom will graduate in May.

The course is 27 months long with an 18-month didactic phase at Fort Sam Houston and a nine-month clinical internship at a medical training facility. The graduates will now return to their installations to practice; however, they must all still pass the national licensure exam.

The top-ranked U.S. Army-Baylor Physical Therapy program trains Army and Air Force physical therapists and prepares them for entry-level competence in all tra-

ditional physical therapy skills as well as to emphasize those skills needed as part of the neuromusculoskeletal evaluation process. Students are commissioned in the Army Medical Specialist Corps and the Air Force Biomedical Sciences Corps, usually at the rank of first lieutenant, and receive the DPT degree upon successful completion of the 27-month Baylor University curriculum.

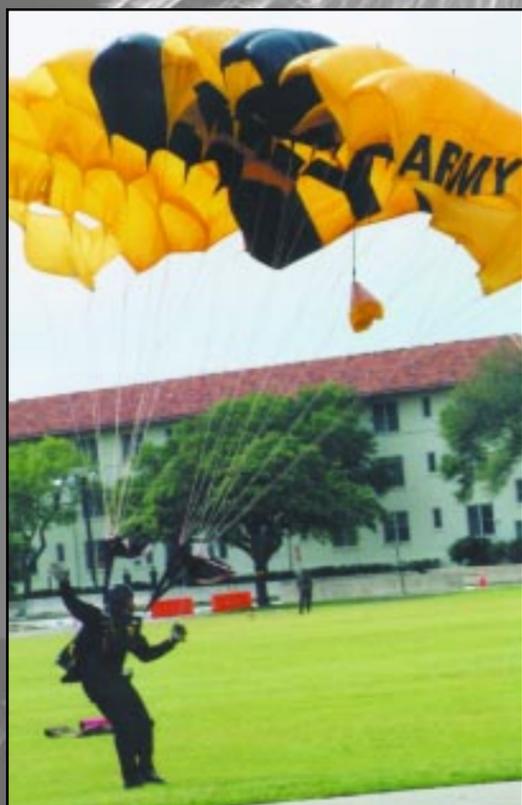
The Army-Baylor PT program has a proud tradition of national leadership in physical therapy education with formal programs dating back to 1922. The program began offering a master of physical therapy degree in 1971 with a 15-month curriculum. This was expanded to 18 months in 1989 based on accreditation requirements, and later changed to the current doctorate degree.

The program has a national reputation for excellence in academics, research and leadership, having currently achieved its highest ever ranking by U.S. News and World Report as fifth out of more than 200 graduate programs nationally.



Photo by Ed Dixon

Maj. Gen. George Weightman, U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School and Fort Sam Houston commander, congratulates 1st Lt. Jennifer Rieger of Baskings Ridge, N.J., assigned to Darnall Army Community Hospital, Fort Hood, Texas, after receiving her doctorate degree in physical therapy Friday.



Fort Sam Houston Fiesta and Fireworks Celebration

Entertainment Schedule

- 1 to 1:30 p.m. - 16-Man Air Force Drill Team from Washington
- 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. - Army Medical Command "Sin Limite" Latino Band
- 2:15 to 3 p.m. - Tailpipes Band (60s-era music)
- 3 to 3:30 p.m. - Ballet Folklorico del Cielo Dancers
- 3:30 to 4 p.m. - Kazamba Drum and Dance Group
- 4 to 4:30 p.m. - Rainbow Kids (young kids performing 50s and 60s country-style music)
- 4:30 p.m. - U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team at MacArthur Parade Field
- 5:30 p.m. - Fife and Drum Corps
- 6 p.m. - Fiesta salute, Soldiers on parade
- 7 to 7:30 p.m. - Escaramuza Rosas de Castilla, an equestrienne drill team, performs at MacArthur Parade Field
- 7 to 7:40 p.m. - The Almost Patsy Cline Band from Bandera, Texas
- 7:40 to 8 p.m. - Las Erendiras, an all female marachi group
- 8 to 9 p.m. - Joint Fiesta concert with the Army Medical Command Band and the Alamo City Community Marching Band; features a giant fireworks show and cannon fire to the famed "Overture 1812" by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky
- 9 p.m. - Fireworks finale!

Spring cleaning



Photos by Olivia Mendoza

Sgt. Derrick Washington (left) and Sgt. 1st Class Donald Curry clean up MacArthur Parade Field Monday. Fort Sam Houston sponsors an Installation Spring Clean-Up each year to improve the appearance of the installation in time for spring and the Fort Sam Houston Fiesta, which is open to the public. This year's Fiesta is April 23.



(Left) Staff Sgt. Daniel Munoz rakes leaves Monday near a parking lot on Stanley Road.



(Right) Sgt. Jovanny Cruz (left) and Staff Sgt. Robert Liedl bag leaves Monday on Stanley Road. The Installation Spring Clean-Up week ends Friday.



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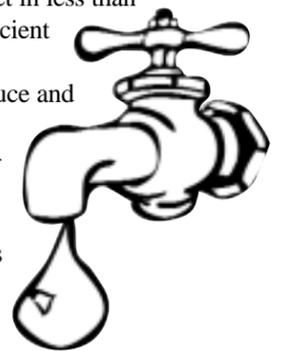
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Water-saving tips

- If your shower can fill a 1-gallon bucket in less than 20 seconds, then replace it with a water-efficient showerhead.
 - Collect the water used for rinsing produce and use it to water houseplants.
 - Divide watering cycle into shorter periods to reduce runoff and allow for better absorption every time you water.
 - Check outdoor faucets, pipes and hoses for leaks.
 - Periodically check your pool for leaks if you have an automatic refilling device.
- (Source: Fort Sam Houston Environmental Office)



Post Pulse: Do you know who to call to report child abuse?



"I would report alleged child abuse to Child Protective Services and the 1-800-Hotline."

Maj. Josie Queen



"I would contact the local police department to report alleged child abuse."

Spc. Derrick Tucker



I would contact the Directorate of Emergency Services."

Maria Preda



"I would contact the 1-800-Hotline and also Child Protective Services."

Wendy Montgomery with son, Steven

The correct answer: On post, call the Fort Sam Houston Police at 221-2222 and off post, call local law enforcement.

Child Abuse Prevention Month

Parents can be sports fans, positive role models

By Bob Harry

Family Advocacy Program Assistant

Children develop an interest in sports because they are fun and offer teamwork and competition. Oftentimes, sports are part of the family dynamic — mom, dad, brothers and sisters play sports or enjoy games on television.

Most parents enjoy going out and watching their children at sports practice or, better yet, in full competition mode on game day. However, some parents may get excited about how their child's team is performing and yell at their children: "What's wrong with you? Get in position; you should have had that!" Outbursts such as this do not have the hoped-for effect. More often than not, the athlete will feel embarrassment, ridicule, shame or anger, feelings coaches strive to overcome by building self-esteem and confidence through practice and guidance.

Parents can contribute to positive development by doing several things, none of which include ridicule, sarcasm, anger or belittling language.

First, encouragement and praise are not the same.

Encouragement is the love and attention that is paid for the attempt that is made. It is a gesture of recognition by the parent that indicates that love is there regardless of how well progress is developing like, "I can see how hard you've been working."

Praise, on the other hand, is a value that is given for the accomplishment, such as "Congratulations, you did a great job." Both of these are very positive communication tools, but neither should be used exclusively. If praise is given for the end accomplishment without the reinforcement of encouragement, a child may feel doubts as to whether or not they would be as accepted if they had not done so well. By providing encouragement throughout the day, for all aspects of their life, children will feel they are valued regardless of how well they perform. In contrast, if encouragement is given without praise, there may be feelings that it doesn't matter whether or not effort is given since love will be there. This would not promote an environment where challenges would be met with the full strength of effort that might be required for success.

Another way to be a good sports parent is to avoid sideline coaching. If a parent is providing coaching from the sidelines a child may become confused. The coach may be giving directions for team play that may be contrary to the parent's desires for a child's performance. This places the child

in an undesirable predicament of whether to obey the coach of the team or the parent with whom there is the strongest allegiance. These types of strains are what make many children feel that sports are no longer fun and may cause them to discontinue their involvement with sports. Sports are not necessarily for everyone, but they do promote the ability to work within a team concept, the ability to prepare for competition and an understanding of how to cope with winning and losing. All of these characteristics have meaning in life as well as on the field or court.

A better role for the parent would be to support the child and team with enthusiastic encouragement by promoting positive feedback to the players and support for the coach.

Additionally, a parent should also refrain from verbally assaulting the game's officials. This enables the child an opportunity to model good sportsmanship and the recognition that fair play is supported by the oversight of the game's rules. This sportsmanship can then be further channeled through the respect for fellow athletes on the opposing team. There is nothing like meeting a worthy opponent in a head to head competition and enjoying the outcome because the competition was fierce.

Parents can be supporters for sports and their favorite athletes in a positive way. By doing so, they enhance the self-esteem and a sense of self-worth in their children.

For more tips on how to be a supportive sports parent, call the Family Advocacy Program at 221-0349.



Photo by Olivia Mendoza

Uniform donation

Sgt. 1st Class Rose Allen-Outen donates an old uniform outside of the Department of Combat Medic Training headquarters. As the Army transitions to a new combat uniform, Soldiers can put their old uniforms to good use by donating them to the DCMT for Soldiers in training. The collection bins are placed in front of Building 1374 on W.W. White Road.

Taxpayers can track their refunds online

Taxpayers who already filed their federal tax return and are due a refund have several options for checking on the status of their refund.

One way is to use "Where's My Refund?," an interactive tool on the Internal Revenue Service Web site at IRS.gov. Simple online instructions guide taxpayers through a process that checks the status of their refund after they provide identifying information shown on their tax return. Once the information is processed, results can be one of several responses, including:

- Acknowledgement that a return was received and is being processed;
- The mailing date or direct deposit date of the taxpayer's refund; or
- Notice that the refund has been returned to the IRS because it could not be delivered.

The results also include links to customized information based on the taxpayer's specific situation. The links guide taxpayers through the steps they need to take to resolve any issues that may be affecting their refund.

The "Where's My Refund?" service meets

stringent IRS security and privacy certifications.

Taxpayers enter identifying information that includes their Social Security number, filing status and the exact amount of the refund shown on the return. This specific information verifies that the person is authorized to access that account.

"Where's My Refund?" is accessible to visually impaired taxpayers who use the Job Access with Speech, or JAWS, screen reader used with a braille display, and is compatible with different JAWS modes.

Additionally, taxpayers can call the IRS TeleTax System at (800) 829-4477 or the IRS Refund Hotline at (800) 829-1954. When calling, people will need to provide the first Social Security number shown on the return, filing status and the amount of the refund. If the IRS processed the return, the system will inform people of the date their refund will be sent. The TeleTax refund information is updated each weekend. If a refund date cannot be given, wait until the next week before calling back.

(Source: Fort Sam Houston Tax Assistance Center)



Top biker stresses motorcycle safety

Story and photo by Cheryl Harrison
Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

A mandatory motorcycle safety class and inspection was held April 4 at Evans Theater.

Command Sgt. Maj. David Eddy, of U.S. Army Medical Command, addressed a large group of motorcycle riders, presented a short video and inspected their motorcycles parked outside in the theater parking lot.

An avid motorcyclist for more than 40 years, Eddy said he and the Army surgeon general are concerned with rising accidents and fatalities within the Army. "I'm passionate about this. This is a Medical Command program designed to help people like us keep the Army smart about motorcycles and safety issues."

The Army has viewed bikers as rebels, who display risky behavior," Eddy said. "As a result, registering a bike on post is complicated at best. Cars are allowed on post without decals by showing some form of identification, but not motorcycles.

"Gen. Weightman made an exception, allowing motorcyclists without a motorcycle safety course to enter the post for this event," said Eddy. "This is a first. That is how important this issue is."

During the briefing, Eddy emphasized safety and encouraged motorcycle mentorship to help new riders with purchasing bikes, gear and setting up periodic rides. "It's a method to police our own," Eddy said.

Following the briefing, inspection and safety checks were performed for each bike in the parking lot. All participants were required to have safety gear and documents, registration insurance and proof of

motorcycle safety course.

This was a great opportunity for motorcycle riders to get acquainted with other bikers and learn about bike safety," Eddy said. "It also gave leadership the chance to become familiar with Soldiers in their command that ride motorcycles."

Eddy could not emphasize the importance of wearing proper gear without telling the story of one rider who planned to attend the morning's briefing.

"A Fort Sam Houston Soldier was preparing to leave for this briefing wearing only a light jacket, but decided on a thicker leather jacket instead, knowing her personal protective equipment would be inspected. As this Soldier was en route to the theater, her bike was struck from behind by an automobile causing the motorcycle to shoot out from under her, exposing her body to the road. Even though this Soldier was transported to the emergency room, an hour later she walked out of the ER with only bruises. Had the biker worn the lighter jacket, the outcome more



Command Sgt. Maj. David Eddy, of U.S. Army Medical Command, points out a few items to local bikers while inspecting motorcycles April 4 at the Motorcycle Safety Course.

than likely would have been much more tragic," Eddy said.

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation-approved training course is required for all Department of Defense employees. For more information about a course, call Wayne Blanco-Cerda, Installation Safety Office, at 221-3836 or e-mail wayne.blanco-cerda2@samhouston.army.mil.

'myPay' Web site free of phishing, identity theft

ARLINGTON, Va. —Recently, a message was sent from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service as a notice to caution service members and employees about using safety when accessing Web sites that reference the words "my pay."

The message was merely a warning to remind members to be aware of protecting

their personal finance information. There are no phishing scams or cases of identity theft occurring with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service and the pay information system, myPay at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.

While many Web sites may use the words "my pay" in their URL address, they do not claim to be the DFAS myPay

Web site. The myPay system is still the best way to manage payroll accounts.

The myPay Web site manages the flow of personal information with 128-bit secure socket layer encryption and firewalls. With the continued awareness of identity theft and scams, DFAS officials continue to stress the security of systems and the privacy measures taken to protect pay information. The secure technology meets or exceeds security require-

ments in private industry worldwide.

DFAS provides responsive, professional finance and accounting services to the men and women who defend America. In fiscal 2004, DFAS made 104 million pay transactions to about 5.9 million people, processed more than 12.6 million invoices from defense contractors, disbursed more than \$455 billion and managed more than \$226 billion in military trust funds. For more information about DFAS, visit <http://www.dod.mil/dfas>.

(Source: DFAS news release)

Cliff Manis wins national title again

For the third time, Cliff Manis won the Military National Powerlifting Championship in his age and weight categories, ages 65 to 69 and under 220 pounds.

The March 11 competition was in Killeen, Texas.

Manis took first place for benchpressing 227 pounds, squatlifting 289 pounds and deadlifting 387 pounds.

"I've been doing this for about four years. I started after I had a heart attack. The doctor told me to lose weight so I started exercising and enjoyed it," Manis said.

This recent win, which pitted Manis against military and retired military powerlifters, qualifies him to compete in the USA Powerlifting Masters Nationals this May in Killeen, Texas.

"I'm really excited about competing in May because powerlifters from around the world will be competing in that event," Manis said.

Manis works at the U.S. Army Medical Information Technology Center at Fort Sam Houston as the domain name service administrator for Army Medical Command. He retired from the Army in 1979 as a master sergeant.

(Source: USAMITC news release)



Photo by Martha Louise Reyna

Powerlifting judge Kim Beckwith presents Cliff Manis with his first place medal and plaque at the 2006 Military National Powerlifting Championship. Manis beat out the competition with the combined score of 903 pounds, a personal best.



Military Appreciation Night

Force 3 salutes Fort Sam Houston at Military Appreciation Night with the San Antonio Missions baseball organization April 26 at Wolff Stadium. The game begins at 7:05 p.m. and will feature Fort Sam Houston Soldiers participating in several pre-game activities. The game is the first of three military appreciation nights the Missions will have this season to recognize and thank military personnel in the San Antonio area for their service. Tickets vouchers can be picked up after Tuesday at various Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities. For more information, call 221-2606 or 221-9904. The salute to military families is sponsored by Force 3.

Sports Briefs . . .

Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp

Applications are being accepted for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. Boys and girls ages 10 to 19 are eligible to apply and the camp is by invitation only. Past participants include Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan and Vince Carter. College basketball scholarships are available for players selected to the All-American team. For a free brochure, call (704) 373-0873.

All-Army Sports Program

The All-Army Sports Program offers Soldier-athletes the opportunity to participate in more than 20 sports at an armed forces or higher level of competition. Interested participants can go to the Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation Web site at

www.armymwr.com, select Recreation and click on the Army Sports link to see what sports are available and view the criteria for selection. The All-Army online application allows Soldiers with Internet access to apply for any All-Army sport online. For a direct link to the All-Army application process, visit <https://armysports.cfsc.army.mil>.

Intramural Soccer Standings

April 6 - final standings

	Win	Loss
BAMC	5	1
Baylor	4	2
264th Med Bn	0	6
April 5		
BAMC	8	264th Med Bn 0
Baylor	4	BAMC 1
April 5		
Baylor	3	264th Med Bn 1

Calling all unit commanders

Briefings are available for new family readiness groups and key personnel. The next FRG leadership training and workshop will be held April 21 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2727 on Stanley Road. To schedule a briefing or to reserve a space in FRG leadership training, call Jutta Aviles at 221-0946.

Smoke-free, courageous forever

Attend smoking cessation classes in the Health Promotion Center and learn how to find the courage to give up the nicotine habit forever, whether you smoke, dip or chew. Become one of our graduates and earn your "wings." Visit the Health Promotion Center, Room L31-9V, Brooke Army Medical Center, or call 916-3352 or 916-5538.



Tick-ed off

Avoid tick-borne illness with protective measures

A Camp Bullis employee tested positive for Rocky Mountain spotted fever, an illness transmitted through the bite of an infected tick.

The American dog tick and Rocky Mountain wood tick are the primary arthropods that transmit Rocky Mountain spotted fever bacteria in the United States. The brown dog tick and the tick *Amblyomma cajennense* found in countries south of the United States also can be transmitters.

Symptoms

Initial symptoms of the fever may include fever, nausea, vomiting, muscle pain, lack of appetite and severe headache. Later signs and symptoms include rash, abdominal pain, joint pain and diarrhea. Rocky Mountain spotted

fever can be a severe illness, and the majority of patients are hospitalized.

Personal protection

If there is a risk of tick exposure, the following protective measures should be taken:

- Wear light-colored clothing which allows people to see ticks that are crawling on clothing.
- Tuck pant legs into socks so that ticks cannot crawl up the inside of pant legs.
- Apply repellents to discourage tick attachment. Repellents containing permethrin can be sprayed on boots and clothing and will last for several days. Repellents containing DEET can be applied to the skin, but will last only a few hours before reapplication is necessary. Use DEET with caution on children.

Application of large amounts of DEET on children has been associated with adverse reactions.

- Conduct a body check upon return from potentially tick-infested areas. Use a hand-held or full-length mirror and inspect all parts of the body.
- Parents should check their children for ticks, especially in the hair, when returning from potentially tick-infested areas. Ticks may also be carried into the household on clothing and pets, so both should be examined carefully.

Tick removal

If a tick is found, the best way to remove the tick is to:

- Use fine-tipped tweezers or notched tick extractor, and protect fingers with a tissue, paper towel or latex gloves. People should



An American dog tick is a carrier of the organism that can cause Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

avoid removing ticks with bare hands.

- Grasp the tick as close to the skin surface as possible and pull upward with steady, even pressure. Do not twist or jerk the tick; this may cause the mouthparts to break off and remain in the skin. If this happens, remove mouthparts with tweezers. Consult a health care provider if illness occurs.

(Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

Brooke Army Medical Center

Health Promotions April Class Schedule

Class	Dates	Time	Place
* Asthma Management	Tuesday and 25	2 to 3:30 p.m.	BAMC Health Promotion Center lower level, Room L31-9V
* Blood Pressure Management	Wednesday	9 a.m. to 12 p.m.	Seventh floor, hospital education conference room
Breast-feeding Class	Fridays	1 to 2:30 p.m.	BAMC, OB/GYN fifth floor conference room
Cholesterol Management	Wednesday 25	1 to 2:30 p.m. 10 to 11:30 p.m.	BAMC Health Promotion Center (This class is by consult only)
Diabetes Management	Monday Tuesday	Call for more information	BAMC, Call Lila Kinser at 916-0794 to sign up
Diabetes Management (Pre-Diabetes)	Wednesday	Call for more information	BAMC, Call Lila Kinser at 916-0794 to sign up
* Tobacco Use Cessation B	Tuesday	5 to 6:30 p.m.	BAMC, fourth floor conference room, Room 413-11
* Tobacco Use Cessation C	today and 20	3 to 4:30 p.m.	BAMC, fourth floor conference room, Room 413-11
Yoga	Wednesday and 26	12 to 1 p.m.	BAMC, fifth floor, Room 531-14

* To schedule these classes, call 916-9900 and choose option number 4. For more information, call 916-3352.

Army Community Service

Family Advocacy Program – April Class Schedule

Class	Dates	Time
Girl Talk! Ages 9 to 11	Monday	4 to 5 p.m.
Helping Us Grow Securely (H.U.G.S.) Playgroup	Tuesday and 25	9 to 11 a.m.
SOLVE	Monday and 24	2 to 3:30 p.m.
S.T.E.P. Program for Parents of Teens	Tuesday and 25	11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Truth or Consequences?	Tuesday and 25	4:30 to 6 p.m.
You and Your Baby	Wednesday	8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Class space is limited. To register or for more information, call ACS Family Advocacy Program at 221-2418.



Photo by Cheryl Harrison

High achiever

Elizabeth Smith, Child and Youth Program lead at the youth center, shows her co-worker, Erica Cawthorn, her Norma Zielger scholarship, which was awarded from San Antonio College. Smith was awarded the prestigious scholarship April 4 by Cheryl Fikes from the Department of Early Childhood Studies based on recommendations from professors on her merit, hard work and grade point average.



Photo by Ed Dixon

Retirees honored

Brig. Gen. Ken Keen, commanding general, U.S. Army South, served as host commander and reviewing officer for the installation monthly retirement ceremony honoring (from left) Staff Sgt. Victor Ortiz; Sgt. 1st Class Wayne Angelito; Sgt. Maj. Delfino Ramirez and Dennis Wheeler; Col. David Cohen and James Hampton; Lt. Col. Marvin Alexander and Gail Deterra; and Master Sgt. Arnold Campbell.

Career Clips

New Parent Support Program home visitor, San Antonio - Provides culturally sensitive home visits to military families with children up to age 3. Services will include role model and mentoring; pregnancy and parenting education; support groups, individual and couples crisis counseling; and information and referrals to other military and civilian resources.

Family Advocacy Program assistant, San Antonio - Performs all administrative responsibilities for the Family Advocacy Programs. Duties include receiving new client referrals with the Family Advocacy Program manager; performing duties in the absence of the other designated staff; preparing reports; organizing educational materials, marketing and briefing materials; preparing media releases for staff use; maintaining inventories; and scheduling education classes and support groups.

The Army Career and Alumni Program office provides numerous services to eligible people in transition including job assistance. Information on these and other positions is available to ACAP customers in the ACAP Office, Building 2263, Room B099 or by calling 221-1213.

Parents, children enjoy BAMC Spring Egg Hunt

Story and photos by Phil Reidinger
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs Office

Saturday was a special day at Brooke Army Medical Center for members of the Troop Command Family Readiness Group.

The arrival of the Spring Bunny in the Medical Mall area kicked off the BAMC Spring Egg Hunt, a day-long series of events that included egg hunts for five different age groups and photos with the Spring Bunny. Crafts, face painting, magician shows, balloon art and performances by the Rainbow Kids kept children and parents busy. Both adults and children enjoyed a picnic-style hot dog lunch and cotton candy served throughout the day.

The BAMC Spring Egg Hunt is one of several events sponsored for families of the medical center to provide mutual support during deployments. More than 100 volunteers, including BAMC staff members, supported the event. Organizers included Lt. Col. Ricardo Glenn; Capts. Elba Villacorta and Stephanie Sido; 1st Lt. Cherry Buchanan; 1st Sgts. Rosalie Worthy and Fred Mumford; Sgt. 1st Class Frederick Williams; Kathleen



Sgt. Adam Wheeler and his daughter, Marisol, visit with the Spring Bunny for a souvenir photo Saturday in the Medical Mall during the Brooke Army Medical Center Spring Egg Hunt. Besides the bunny, children were entertained throughout the day by clowns, balloon artists, face painters, magicians and the Rainbow Kids.



Sgt. Jerome Story, Brooke Army Medical Center Troop Command, peeks into Maya Woods' egg basket with James and Jametra Johnson on their way back to the Medical Mall Saturday during the BAMC Spring Egg Hunt. Story was a volunteer guide for family members.

Mumford; and Rika Blake. Steele High School Key Club students also pitched in with face painting expertise.

The Troop Command FRG, led by Capt. Elba Villacorta, sponsors activities throughout the year including an FRG Summer Welcoming Party, children's holiday party and a Valentine's Day fundraiser to support activities. The FRG also works with affiliated reserve component medical units to empower family member self-reliance and coordinate command support of FRG members during deployments. The Troop Command FRG currently supports families of 88 staff members deployed with the 10th, 21st and 47th Combat Support Hospitals; two Forward Surgical Teams; and several medical teams assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division and 4th Infantry Division.

FSH Independent School District Weekly Calendar – Tuesday through April 22

FSH Elementary School

Tuesday

Third, fourth and sixth grades *TAKS math
Third, fourth fifth and sixth grades **SDAA II math

Wednesday

Fourth and sixth grades *TAKS reading
Third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades **SDAA II reading
Early dismissal – kindergarten thru fourth grade, 2 p.m.
Early dismissal – fifth and sixth grade, 2:45 p.m.

April 20

Fifth grade *TAKS science
FSHISD regular school board meeting in Professional Development Center, 11 a.m.

April 21

Kindergarten field trip to zoo

Robert G. Cole Jr./Sr. High School

Tuesday

*TAKS testing for seventh, eighth, 10th and 11th grades
**SDAA testing for seventh, eighth, ninth and 10th grades

Wednesday

*TAKS testing for seventh, eighth and 11th grades
**SDAA testing for seventh and eighth grades

April 20

FSHISD school board meeting in Professional Development Center, 11 a.m.
*TAKS testing for eighth, 10th and 11th grades

April 21

*TAKS testing for eighth, 10th and 11th grades
Cole baseball vs. Navarro, 4 p.m.

April 22

Varsity band and choir American classics big “D” contest, Dallas
Regional academic UIL competition at Texas State University
*TAKS – Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills Test – state mandated
**SDAA – State-Developed Alternative Assessment Test – state mandated

Cole hosts district UIL academic meet

By retired Lt. Col. Robert Hoffmann

Robert G. Cole Jr./Sr. High School

Cole High School hosted the annual District 27-2A University Interscholastic League Academic Meet March 27 and 31. About 90 students from other districts and their sponsors converged on the Cole campus on the first day and another 240 on the second day.

Sponsors and chaperones from other districts, such as Randolph Field, Blanco and Geronimo, were complimentary about the Cole staff, facilities and the coordination of the competition.

Nancy Hildenburg, Cole meet coordinator and family and consumer science teacher, echoed her district counterparts’ sentiments, “Everyone deserves credit for their efforts in making the district academic meet a success. It really couldn’t have been done without each of the Cole staff members.”

The following Cole students were district winners:
Computer Applications - Josh Heaney, second place (regional qualifier)
Computer Science - Josh Heaney, fifth place; John Milnik, sixth place; Cole, second place team

Editorial Writing - Amy Rarig, first place (regional qualifier)

Feature Writing - Jordan Maney, third place (regional qualifier)

Headline Writing - Chaquille Hicks, third place (regional qualifier)

Informative Speaking - Lauren Swiger, second place (regional qualifier)

Literary Criticism - Sara Salisbury, sixth place

Mathematics - John Milnik, second place (regional qualifier)

News Writing - Jordan Maney, sixth place

Persuasive Speaking - Brenna Andrews, sixth place

Prose Interpretation - Christina Gonzales, sixth place

Ready Writing -Caitlin Mester, third place (regional qualifier); Taylor Richardson, fourth place; Jennifer Sees, sixth place

Spelling and Vocabulary - Jamie Siegle; first place (regional qualifier); Jake Buchanan, fourth place; Cole, first place team: Jamie Siegle, Jake Buchanan, Roy Aviles and Tim Pedro

The regional competition will take place April 22 at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas.

ISD Board of Trustees Meeting

The Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting April 20 at 11 a.m. at the Fort Sam Houston ISD Professional Development Center, 1908 Winans Road.

Fiesta parade tickets

The Cole Jr./Sr. High School Cougar Pride Club is selling tickets to the Battle of Flowers Parade and the Fiesta Flambeau Parade. Tickets are \$8. For more information, call Lana Dochnal at 226-2746.

Cole sports update



Courtesy photo

Principal's Students of the Month

Each month Cole Jr./Sr. High School recognizes one student from each grade level for outstanding attitude, citizenship and overall contribution to the school. The students are nominated by their teachers and then one student is selected by the faculty of each grade level. The recipients for March are (back row from left) Bryan Nanton, 12th grade; Jordan Maney, 10th grade and Ryan Boyles, 11th grade; sitting (from left) Lakin Thomas, seventh grade; Nicole Norelli, ninth grade; and Megan Davis, eighth grade.



Baseball

The Cole High School varsity baseball team split two district games last week. In a midweek game against Comfort, Texas, the Cougars lost 8-1. Cole was only down 2-1 until Comfort opened up a big lead by scoring six runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. Shane Russe hit his second home run of the season for the Cougars' lone score.

On Friday, Cole defeated Johnson City 13-12 in an exciting high scoring affair. Cody Oswald knocked in the tying run in the bottom of the seventh inning and scored the winning run on a

passed ball. Matt Newcomer hit a home run and knocked in six runs. The Cougars are now 8-8 overall and 3-3 in district play. Darrell Kurek, Cole history teacher, is the coach.

Golf

The Cole golf team took second place at the District 27-2A tournament in Comfort, Texas, last week. As a result, the team will be going to the regional tournament later this month. Low score for the Cougars was James Raymond with an overall second place round of 72. James Cox, business teacher, is the coach.



Volunteers needed for super quiz

Volunteers are needed to work the United States Academic Decathlon National Championship Meet super quiz event April 28 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Laurie Auditorium, Trinity University campus.

Positions available are proctor super quiz, crowd control and team line-up. Training and lunch will be provided. For more information, call Gail Siller at 368-8701 or e-mail gsiller@fshisd.net.



(From left) Andre Mantovani, Bryan Nanton, Tim Pedro, Naomi Squires, Courtez Tyler and Taren McDaniel watch as Jerod Jerry, instructor for the music and technology class, explains the benefits of the sound board for the guitar.

Post youth center offers cure for after-school boredom

Story and photos by Cheryl Harrison
Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

April is the Month of the Military Child. On Fort Sam Houston, many events are taking place throughout the month to put special emphasis on children in military families.

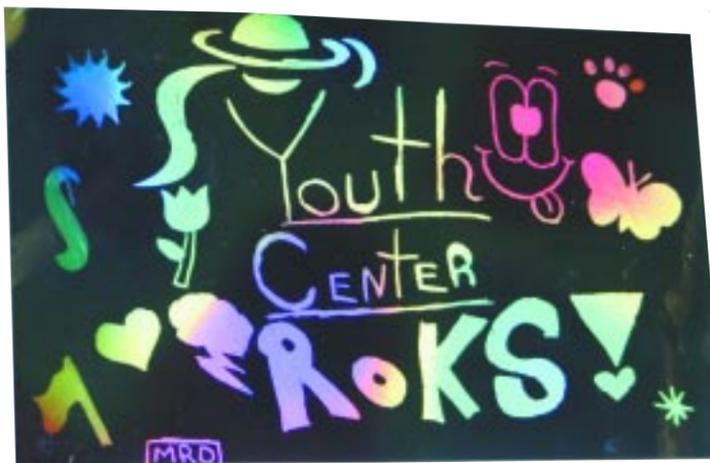
A noticeable example is the post youth center. Visit the youth center any afternoon and, as a sign in the window states, the "Youth Center Rocks."

Every day at 4 p.m. the youth center becomes a hub of activity. Before becoming a part of the center's world, each child must sign in. Snacks are served and eaten in front of afternoon cartoons, movies or comedic TV shows. High schoolers "chill" in their own "retreat" room munching on hamburgers, drinking soda and rehashing the day's happenings. Middle schoolers have a corner where they can giggle together, tease or just "veg" before finding something to occupy their time.

Boredom doesn't seem to be a problem at the youth center. On Fridays, for instance, a number of activities are offered for the many middle and high school-age children. Photo club members are busy working on 35 mm and digital photos in preparation for a contest with the Boys and Girls Club of America. The entries will be judged at the end of April. The photo club meets in a room filled with computer equipment and caged creatures captured by members of Ultimate Journey, which meets each week. The journey's objective is to learn about nature and the world we live in.

It seems that after school hours the last thing a kid would want to do is homework, but a special area is designated for just that purpose and is used by a number of teens.

Every area of the center is occupied with activities meant to fill the free time of teens without the stress of



unacceptable peer pressure, such as basketball, pool, poster making and a 4H project in the making. All are monitored by the dedicated teen leaders at the center.

Each day of the week is full of fun, inspiration and learning activities. A few upcoming events call for teen volunteers, such as the Fort Sam Houston Fiesta and the annual Easter egg hunt. Participants are also needed for the cooking class, Passport to Manhood, Smart Moves for Girls and Becoming a Clown class.

Recently a new class got under way. In music and technology class, a group of future communication scholars are learning firsthand the creative and technical skills required to succeed in the music industry. The class is part of a grant received from International Music Production and Communication Technologies, Inc. IMPACT is a nonprofit media arts organization designed to employ music and the arts for teaching the intricacies of the music industry.

"We are very excited to have IMPACT here, working

with the kids, said Jeanne Warren, Youth Center director. "This was made available through grants and is offered to the kids free of charge."

Participants had their first chance to experience the music industry up close and personal last weekend at the Black Eyed Peas concert. Jerod Jerry, president and CEO of IMPACT, said, "The kids saw what it is like behind the scenes. They were there all day working with the crew for the Black Eyed Peas. They learned what it means to set up, tear down and everything in between."

The program will last three to four months. "We have about 15 in this class, getting hands-on experiences, behind-the-scenes and beyond-the-door views at major concerts, recording studios and radio stations," said Jerry.

The group involved in this endeavor are ages 10 thru 18. They all want to take something a little different from the experience.

Courtez Tyler, age 11, said, "I want to be famous and recognized."

"We are learning the music industry stuff, like amp mixers. I like music, playing piano, guitar, but I like to dance more," said 12-year-old Naomi Squires.

During the class, students will also have a chance to record their own CD. "We are working with a lot of kids whose parents are fighting overseas. They are recording a CD as a tribute to deployed Soldiers. The CD will be ready for purchase in July," said Jerry.

The youth center offers daily, supervised activity for middle school students sixth through eighth grade and the teen program includes students in ninth through 12th grade. The youth center is located in Building 1630, Watkins Boulevard. For more information about the programs offered, call 221-3502.

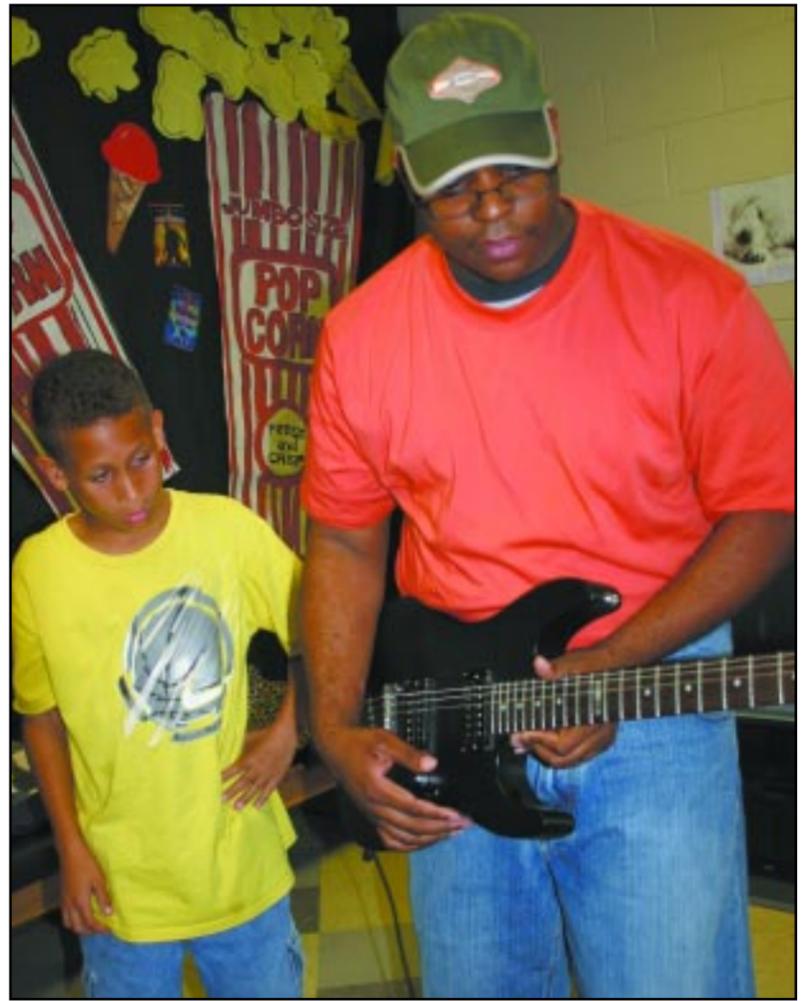


(From left) Francesca Mercado, N'dea Spivey and Gina Conception work together to design a poster advertising an upcoming event.

(Left) Robert Davis plays one-on-one during his free time at the youth center.



(Above) Marlene Sloan (left) and Kaylin Meier, put together a model for a 4H project.



Taren McDaniel (left) watches closely as Jerod Jerry tunes the guitar and checks for sound during the music and technology class.



Naomi Squires (top) and Tim Pedro connect cords to the sound board during the music and technology class.



Victoria Lewis signs up for the field trip to the Poteet, Texas Strawberry Festival, while her dad, David Lewis, waits to sign the permission slip.

Religious Happenings . . .

Easter Sunrise Service

There will be an outdoor ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service Sunday at 6:45 a.m. next to the Main Post Chapel.

OCF Easter cookout

The Officers' Christian Fellowship will not meet Wednesday as regularly scheduled. Instead, join the group on Easter for church and a cookout. The cookout will start at 1 p.m. at 1008 Gorgas Circle (by old Brooke Army Medical Center). For more information, call 385-8451 or e-mail robert.griffith1@amedd.army.mil.

11:01 worship service events

The Fort Sam Houston community is invited to a special Good Friday showing of Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" Friday at 6 p.m., sponsored by the 11:01 contemporary worship service. The movie will be followed by a time of discussion and prayer. "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe" will be shown at the same time in a separate room to children. Worship services for Easter Sunday will start at 11:01 a.m. The movies and the Easter service will be held at the Installation Chaplain's Office connected to Child and Youth Services, Building 2530 on Funston Road to the left of Burger King. For more information, e-mail Chaplain (Maj.) Yvonne Hudson at Yvonne.hudson@samhouston.army.mil.

Other upcoming events include:

- April 30: Worship followed by barbecue at Salado Park
- May 7: Communion Sunday
- May 13: Ladies Retreat
- May 14: Children's Godly Play Worship Service
- June 3 to 4: Men's Retreat at MO Ranch

Chapel youth group

The Fort Sam Houston chapel youth group meets Sundays from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel. The group is open to seventh through 12th graders and is sponsored by the chapel congregations. The theme, "Where Faith and Life Meet," is incorporated in fun activities, Bible applications and off-post events. Adults are invited to help and join in the fun. For more information, call Joanne Benson at 599-0157.

PWOC weekly Bible studies

The Protestant Women of the Chapel invites women in the Fort Sam Houston community to weekly Bible studies at Dodd Field Chapel. The daytime study meets Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and the evening study meets Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Childcare is provided for both studies. For more information, call Lois Griffith at 226-1295 or visit <http://www.cs.amedd.army.mil/chaplain/Womensministry/>.

PWOC seeks homeschool moms

The Protestant Women of the Chapel invites women who homeschool their children to attend PWOC programs Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Dodd Field Chapel. For more information, call Jenifer Sones at 271-3174 or e-mail jecsones@earthlink.net.

Post Worship Schedule

Main Post Chapel, Building 2200, 221-2754

Catholic Services:

4:45 to 5:15 p.m. - Confessions - Saturdays
5:30 p.m. - Mass - Saturdays
9:30 a.m. - Mass - Sundays
11:30 a.m. - Mass - weekdays

Protestant Services - Sundays:

8 a.m. - Traditional Protestant
11 a.m. - Traditional Protestant

Jewish Services: 379-8666 or 493-6660

8 p.m. - Fridays - Worship and 8:30 p.m. - Oneg Shabbat

Dodd Field Chapel, Building 1721, 221-5010 or 221-5432

Catholic Services: 12:30 p.m. - Mass - Sundays

Protestant Services:

10:30 a.m. - Collective Gospel Protestant - Sundays
9:30 to 11:30 a.m. - Women's Bible Study (PWOC) - Wednesdays, child care is provided.

Samoan Protestant Service: 8:30 a.m. - Sundays

Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel, Building 3600, 916-1105

Catholic Services:

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Sundays
11 a.m. - Mass - Sundays

11 a.m. - Mass - weekdays

Protestant Services:

10 a.m. - Worship Service - Sundays
12 p.m. - Worship - Wednesdays

AMEDD Regimental Chapel, Building 1398, 221-4362

Troop Catholic Mass:

11 a.m. - 32nd Med. Bde. Soldiers - Sundays

Troop Protestant Gospel Services:

9:45 a.m. - 32nd Med. Bde. Soldiers - Sundays

Troop Protestant Service: 8:30 a.m. - 32nd Med. Bde. Soldiers - Sundays

FSH Mosque, Building 607A, 221-5005 or 221-5007

10:30 a.m. - Children's Religious Education - Sundays

1:30 p.m. - Jumma - Fridays

7:30 p.m. - Adult Religious Education - Thursdays

Evans Auditorium, 221-5005 or 221-5007

Mormon Services: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. - Sundays

Installation Chaplain's Office, Building 2530, 295-2096

Contemporary service: 11:01 a.m. - Sundays

Web site: www.samhouston.army.mil/chaplain

MWR hotline

Information about MWR events, activities and programs is available 24 hours a day at 295-3697 or visit www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com.

Community Recreation

Post garage sale

The next post garage sale will be held May 6 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the MacArthur Pavilion parking lot. There is no cost to participate, but individuals selling items must pre-register by calling 221-2523 or 221-2601. A valid Department of Defense ID card is required to participate. Participants must bring their own tables or rent them from the Outdoor Equipment Center at 221-5224.

Canyon Lake trailer renovations

The Fort Sam Houston Recreation Area at Canyon Lake is not accepting trailer reservations until further notice. Trailers are scheduled for renovation and construction soon. Only mobile homes will be affected by the construction project. The marina, cabana and beach areas will not be affected. For more information, call (830) 226-5357 or (888) 882-9878.

Library closure

The Fort Sam Houston Library will be closed Sunday in observance of Easter Sunday. The library will re-open Wednesday at normal business hours. For more information, call 221-4702.

Archery lessons

Indoor archery lessons from beginner to professional level are offered at the Archery Training Center at the Outdoor Recreation Center. Lessons are by appointment only Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. Special group sessions are available on the weekend. For more information or to make an appointment, call the Outdoor Recreation

Center at 221-5225 or 221-5224.

Bench press program

Participants of the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center's bench press program receive a free T-shirt when they bench press specific weight categories. Men who bench 250, 300 and 400 pounds and women who bench 115 and 135 pounds receive T-shirts. For more information or to participate, call 221-2020 or 221-1234.

Fun run/walk

The BG Johnson 5K and 10K Fun Run/Walk has been rescheduled for April 22 at 8 a.m. at the Brigade Gym. If interested in participating, call the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center at 221-2020 or the race director at 385-8248.

Cruiser bikes for rent

New men's and women's cruiser bikes are available for rent at the Outdoor Recreation Center. Cost is \$3 a day or \$5 for the weekend, and includes bicycle helmet and combination lock. For more information, call 221-5225 or visit the Outdoor Recreation Center at 1111 Forage Ave.

Dining and Entertainment

Sam Houston Club, 224-2721

Facility closure

The Sam Houston Club will be closed Monday due to kitchen construction. The facility will reopen for business Tuesday at regular operating hours. For more information, call 224-2721.

Sunday brunch

Brunch will be Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club. New features have been added to enhance the family-style atmosphere to include a kids' meal station, a chocolate fondue station, a complimentary champagne fountain and an international food station. Children under 6 years old eat free. For more information, call the Sam Houston Club at 224-2721.

Club membership special

Get the first month of membership free

when becoming a Sam Houston Club member. Membership benefits include discounts on Sunday brunch, lower prices for weekly buffet lunch, valuable coupons for special events and a monthly newsletter.

Club membership benefits

Become a member of the Sam Houston Club and receive special benefits such as a free first month of membership. The Sam Houston Club will soon offer a membership card which will give members the chance earn complimentary items such as Sunday brunch, weekday lunch meal, bowling games, a bingo package and dinner theater show. The club member will be offered one complimentary service after using or participating in 10 paid activities at the Sam Houston Club. For more information, call the Sam Houston Club at 224-2721.

Administrative Professionals' Day

In honor of Administrative Professionals' Day, the Sam Houston Club will offer a special lunch meal April 26. The meal will include spring mixed salad, pasta salad, marinated chicken breast with Alfredo sauce, fettuccini noodles, buttered broccoli, herbed fried mushrooms, Italian green beans, carrot or chocolate cake, garlic bread and iced tea. The cost is \$10 per person. Reservations are required by April 24. For more information or to make reservations, call 224-2721.

Bowling Center, 221-3683

Family Day

Every Sunday is Family Day at the Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center. Children under 12 years old bowl free from 2 to 9 p.m. when accompanied by a paying adult. For more information, call 221-4740.

'Bowl-A-Jam'

"Bowl-A-Jam" is Saturdays from 7 to 10 p.m. The cost is \$8 per person, which includes shoes and one order of fries per lane. Stop by for music and fun.

Golf Club, 221-4388

Golf clinic

The golf course will sponsor a

ladies golf clinic for beginners every Tuesday in April from 6 to 7 p.m. The cost is \$120. For more information, call 355-5429.

April special

Get 10 lessons for \$150. Open to men and women of any level of experience. To register, call 355-5429.

Harlequin Dinner Theatre, 222-9694

The Harlequin Dinner Theatre will present the comedy production, "Breaking Legs," by Tom Dulack starting Wednesday. In this production, murder and menace are served up with plenty of pasta and laughter. The Harlequin Dinner Theatre box office is open Monday through Friday from 12 to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. Military discounts are available. For more information or reservations, call 222-9694.

MWR Ticket Office, 226-1663

Season passes to Fiesta Texas, Disney World and Universal Studios are available. For more information, call 226-1663 or 224-2721.

Military Appreciation Night



Force 3 salutes Fort Sam Houston at Military Appreciation Night with the San Antonio Missions baseball organization April 26 at Wolff Stadium. The game begins at 7:05 p.m. and will feature Fort Sam Houston Soldiers participating in several pre-game activities. The game is the first of three military appreciation nights the Missions will have this season to recognize and thank military personnel in the San Antonio area for their service. Tickets vouchers can be picked up after Tuesday at various Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities. For more information, call 221-2606 or 221-9904. The Salute to Military Families is sponsored by Force 3.

Child and Youth Services

Youth Services registration

Youth Services registration is Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Central Registration, Building 2797, Stanley Road. Central Registration takes walk-ins and appointments. To register, parents need to bring current shot records, name and telephone number of two local emergency contacts, physical exam or well baby check completed within the last 12 months with physician's signature affixed, child's Social Security number and proof of total family income such as a current leave and earnings statement or pay stub. There is an \$18 annual registration fee per child, maximum \$40 per family of three or more registering participants. For more information, call Roxanne Lacy at 221-4871 or Arlene Alvarez at 221-1723.

Summer camp registration

Early onsite middle school/teen and School Age Services summer camp registration will be held through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Building 1705 for active duty only. Registration for the community and active duty will be held Monday through April 21 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Building 1630 A. Registration is required for the camps even if currently using the program. A one week non-refundable deposit will be required. A current Child and Youth Services membership is required to participate. For membership registration, parents must bring a current leave and earnings statement, current immunizations for kindergarten to fifth grade, physical for kindergarten to fifth grade, two local emergency designees and \$18 for the registration fee. Children must have completed kindergarten. For more information, call Central Registration at 221-4871 or 221-1723.

Easter egg hunt

An Easter egg hunt will be held Saturday at Dodd Field baseball complex. Mr. and Mrs. Bunny will be available for

pictures from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for \$1 each. The times for the egg hunts are as follows: 10 a.m. – ages 2 and under; 10:15 a.m. – 3- and 4-year-olds; 10:30 a.m. – 5- to 7-year-olds; 10:45 a.m. – 8- to 10-year-olds and 11 a.m. – special needs children. For more information, call School Age Services at 221-4466 or Youth Services at 221-3505.

Baseball, T-ball, softball registration

Registration for youth baseball is ongoing from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Central Registration, Building 2797. To register, parents must pay a \$45 activity baseball fee and bring updated immunizations for fifth graders and below, sports physical and a current leave and earnings statement. All participants must have a current Child and Youth Services membership. For more information, call 221-4871 or 221-1723.

Parent Advisory Council meeting

The Child and Youth Services Parent Advisory Council will meet Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Child Development Center. Lunch will be provided. All CYS patrons are encouraged to attend. This is an opportunity to meet staff, learn of upcoming events and attend parent education opportunities.

Part-day preschool program

Patrons interested in the part-day preschool program at the Child Development Center can call Central Registration at 221-4871 or 221-1723. Preschool is Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fees are based on total family income.

Home-based child care

Family Child Care offers home-based child care for ages 4 weeks to 12 years on and off post with certified providers. FCC offers full-day, part-day, before- and after-school care, hourly care, extended hourly care and long-term care.

For referral information or child registration, call Central Registration at 221-4871 or 221-1723.

Family Child Care Online

Family Child Care Online is a marketing tool that allows parents to take a virtual tour of FCC homes. In addition, parents can read about the provider's philosophy of care, hours of operation and background. This online tool can be accessed through the Child and Youth Services Central Registration office at Building 2797 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Youth Center happenings

Middle school and high school age youth are encouraged to check out the events at the Youth Center, Building 128.

Date	Time	Event
Today	4 to 5 p.m.	Arts and crafts – coiless Easter pins
	4 to 5 p.m.	Volleyball
	5 to 6 p.m.	Flag football
	5 to 6 p.m.	Monopoly
	5 to 6 p.m.	Frisbee toss
Friday	4 to 5 p.m.	Skip bo
	4 to 5 p.m.	Cooking class – Easter dream bar cookies
	5 to 6 p.m.	Computer cyber night
Saturday	3 to 5 p.m.	Becoming a crown class
	7:30 to 9 p.m.	Flashlight Easter egg hunt
Sunday	Closed	
Monday	4 to 5 p.m.	Scooter relays
	5 to 6 p.m.	PowerPoint training
	5 to 6 p.m.	Xbox 360
Tuesday	4 to 5 p.m.	Three-on-three
	4 to 5 p.m.	Computer treasure hunt
	5 to 6 p.m.	Pool tournament
Wednesday	4 to 5 p.m.	Pop stop
	5 to 6 p.m.	Kite flying
	5 to 6 p.m.	Junk food Bingo

All middle school and high school children interested in any of the activities must be registered through Central Registration. For more information, call Child and Youth Services at 221-4871 or 221-1723.

Events

Comfort Easter egg walk

The walk is Saturday at the Comfort Community Park on Highway 27 West, Comfort, Texas. For more information, call (830) 995-2421 or e-mail tina.bohnert@comfort.txed.net. The 10K and 5K walk and Easter egg hunt is sponsored by the Hill Country Volkssports-verein Volksmarch Club.

A&M presents Vietnam Experience

The event is Tuesday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 4:45 p.m. in the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Center, 1730 Corral St., Kingsville, Texas. For more information, call (361) 593-2208. The symposium will address the U.S. involvement in Vietnam.

'Step to Your Health' health fair

The fair is Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the basement of the Army Medical Center and School, Willis Hall, near the food court. For more information or to request space to exhibit, e-mail laura.thompson1@us.army.mil. Displays will focus on deployment health, HIV/STD prevention, alcohol use, abuse, family advocacy, fitness and much more. Event is sponsored by the 6A-F5 Principles of Military Preventive Medicine class.

Fort Sam Houston Fiesta walk

The walk is April 22 at 7:30 a.m. and 12 p.m., ending at 3 p.m. at the U.S. Army Medical Department Museum. For more information, call 658-2160 or visit walktx.org/TexasWanderers/. The 10K and 5K walk is sponsored by the Fort Sam Houston Texas Wanderers Volksmarch Club.

Children's parade

The parade is April 22 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and April 23 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 1370 Church Hill Drive, Exit 189 and U.S. Highway 35. For more information or to register for the parade, call 830-6504 or visit www.nberheritagevillage.com. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for students ages 6 to 12 and free for children ages 5 and under. The parade is sponsored by the Heritage Village and the Museum of Texas Handmade Furniture.

Native Plant Society of Texas

The event is April 25 at 7 p.m., Lions Field Adult Center, 2809 Broadway, Brackenridge Park. Visitors welcome. For more information, call 733-0034 or visit www.npsot/SanAntonio.org. Seed and plant exchange at 6:30 p.m. Paul Cox of the San Antonio Botanical Center will present a slide show history of the Botanical Center.

St. Philip's College culture fest

The culture fest is April 27 booth spaces are available; vendors must pay a \$75 security deposit at the Turbon Student Center, Room 115, by close of business. For more information and application forms, call 531-3240 or visit www.accd.edu/spc/studact.

Fiesta tickets sales

The sale hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fiesta San Antonio Commission's consolidated ticket sales office, 2611 Broadway. For more information, visit www.fiesta.sa.org.

Annual Tejano/Conjunto Festival

The festival is May 10 to 14 from 6 to 9 p.m., Rosedale Park. For more information, call 271-3151, ext. 15 or visit www.guadalupeculturalarts.org. Tickets are \$7.50; four-day passes are \$25. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the gate during the event. The festival will feature many popular Texas-based acts. The festival is sponsored by the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center.

Meetings

Sergeants Major Association

The Fort Sam Houston Sergeants Major Association will meet today, May 18 and June 15 at 5 p.m. in the Sam Houston Club. All active duty and retired sergeants major and command sergeants major (E-9 from all services) are welcome to participate in this community-based fraternal association. For more information, call Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy Burke at 221-8050 or Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen Paskos at 221-1676.

Health care community meeting

Christus Santa Rosa Health Care will sponsor a health care community meeting Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the San Fernando Cathedral community center at 231 W. Commerce St. The meeting will focus on the health care system. Seating is limited. For more information, call 704-2955 or visit www.citizenshealthcare.gov.

BAMC chess club

The Brooke Army Medical Center chess club meets Wednesdays from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the BAMC Medical Mall. The club is open to military and their dependents, civilians and patients; experience is not necessary. People can bring a chess set, or sets can be provided on site. For more information, call Sgt. Michael Veri at 513-3435 or e-mail michael.veri@cen.amedd.army.mil.

BOSS seeks single Soldiers

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers meets the first and third Wednesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. at the Hacienda Recreation Center. The BOSS committee was established to provide Soldiers input to the commander, who uses the committee's recommendations to improve single Soldiers' Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Micaela Reyes at 221-8947.

Training

ACAP teacher certification seminar

A teacher certification seminar will be held April 24 from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Army Career Alumni Program Center, Building 2263, Room B-100, 1706 Stanley Road. A representative from the San Antonio College and "Troops to Teachers" will be available to provide details on becoming a certified teacher in Texas and to provide information on financial assistance.

Army seeks warrant officers

The U.S. Army seeks highly motivated Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and Airmen to fill its warrant officer ranks. Positions are open in all 41 specialties. Current application shortages include military intelligence, special operations, ammunition technician and many more. For more information, call (502) 626-0328, 626-0466, 626-0484, 626-0458, 626-0271 or 626-1860; call toll free at (800) 223-3735, ext. 6 and enter the last four digits of the phone number; or visit www.usarec.army.mil/warrant.

ROA offers college scholarships

The Reserve Officers Association will award up to 60 \$500 Reilly Scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students for the 2006-2007 school year. Undergraduate applicants must be the children, grandchildren or spouses of ROA members. Graduate applicants must be ROA members. ROA membership is open to any officer (active, Reserve, National Guard, retired or former) of the seven uniformed services: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Public Health Service or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. To join ROA, call (800) 809-9448 or visit www.roa.org. For more information, call Chandrá Oliphant at (800) 809-9448, ext. 730.

Scholarships in health care careers

The PacifiCare Foundation and the UnitedHealthcare Latino Health Scholars program offers 75 \$2,000 scholarships to Spanish-speaking, bicultural high school students who want to pursue careers in the health care industry. Applicants must be high school seniors with a minimum grade point average of 3.0; fluent in Spanish and English; show proof of acceptance into a university, community college or accredited technical college; and enrolled in an approved health care program at the time they receive the scholarship. Applications are due May 29; visit www.pacificarelato.com.

GED classes offered

General Equivalency Diploma classes are offered Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, Stanley Road. Sessions are free and open to all military and dependents with ID cards. For more information or to register, call Gabriele Dias at 221-0516 or Jennifer Swiger at 221-0427.

St. Mary's education office

A St. Mary's University representative is available Mondays and Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Building 2248, Room 206, to assist individuals interested in pursuit of a master's degree in teacher certification. For more information, call Iona Million at 226-3360.

Military intelligence recruiting

The 6th Battalion, U.S. Army Reserve, seeks Soldiers to fill military intelligence positions at Camp Bullis. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Barbara Richardson at 295-7629.

Army health care recruiting

A health care professional's greatest calling is to serve the Soldiers who defend our nation's freedom. The U.S. Army offers virtually every health care specialty found in the civilian sector. Call an Army health care recruiter to learn about opportunities for direct commissions, scholarships, internships and residencies at 692-7376 or visit www.healthcare.goarmy.com.

Army physician assistant program

The U.S. Army is looking for qualified Soldiers to attend the Interservice Physician Assistant Program at the Army Medical Department Center and School at Fort Sam Houston. Graduates of the course receive a commission as a second lieutenant and a master's degree from the University of Nebraska. For application procedures, reference Army Regulation 601-20, The Interservice Physician Assistant Training Program, or visit www.cs.amedd.army.mil/ipap. Local Army education centers can also assist applicants. For more information, call (502) 626-0386, DSN 536-0386, (800) 223-3735, ext. 6-0386 or e-mail ipap@usarec.army.mil.

Volunteer

Post volunteers needed

The Fort Sam Houston Army Volunteer Corps needs volunteers to help enhance and augment programs and organizations in the Fort Sam Houston community. Volunteers are needed at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre, Youth Services and the Red Cross. For more information, call Kim Taylor at 221-0921 or e-mail kimberly.taylor2@samhouston.army.mil.

Conservation Society

The San Antonio Conservation Society needs volunteers to help build and set up booths for the "A Night in Old San Antonio" event April 25 to 28. For more information, call Glenda Duffin at 226-5188.

Girls, Boys Town seeks mentors

Father Flanagan's Girls and Boys Town of San Antonio is looking for volunteer mentors to help children improve their reading skills. For more information, call 271-1010 or e-mail chavezm@girlsandboystown.org.

Cub Scouts seeks volunteers

Cub Scout Pack 23 is accepting applications for den leaders and committee members. Volunteers do not have to be parents of scouts. For more information, call Eric Craig at 683-3469.

Alamo city gets ready to celebrate Fiesta 2006

Listed below are just a few of the events open to the public:

April 21

9 to 10 a.m. – Fiesta San Antonio

Official Opening Ceremony in front of the Alamo. A ritual tie-cutting gives the cue to get the party started. The event features singing, dancing and all the merriment that is Fiesta San Antonio.

5 to 11 p.m. – Fiesta Oyster Bake, St. Mary's University Campus, One Camino Santa Maria.

April 22

7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. – 10K Walk: Caminada de Fiesta, held through Fort Sam Houston, the San Antonio Botanical Gardens and the Army Medical Department Museum located at Stanley and Harry Wurzbach Roads.

7:30 to 8 p.m. – Investiture of King Antonio LXXXIV in front of the Alamo.

April 23

8 to 9 a.m. – Fiesta Mariachi Mass, San Fernando Cathedral, 115 Main Plaza.

1 to 9 p.m. – Fort Sam Houston Fiesta Ceremony and Fireworks at MacArthur Field, Fort Sam Houston.

3 to 4 p.m. – Day in Old Mexico and Charreada, 6125 Padre Drive.

April 24

11 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Air Force at the Alamo.

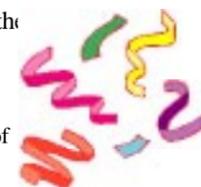
4 to 5:15 p.m. – Pilgrimage to the Alamo, procession from Municipal Auditorium to the Alamo.

7:30 to 9:30 p.m. – Texas Cavaliers River Parade, San Antonio River.

April 25

5:30 to 10:30 p.m. – A Night in Old San Antonio, La Villita.

7 to 9 p.m. – Fiesta in Blue (Air Force Musical Extravaganza) at Laurie Auditorium, Trinity



University, 715 Stadium Drive.
8 to 10 p.m. – Mariachi Festival, Riverwalk, River Bend and extension of the Paseo del Rio.

April 26

3 to 10:15 a.m. – Lackland Fiesta

Parade at Lackland Air Force Base

parade grounds.

3 p.m. to midnight – Texas Guard Fiesta,

Texas National Guard Armory, 4255 Interstate

Highway 35.

5:30 to 10:30 p.m. – A Night in Old San Antonio,

La Villita.

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Navy Day at the Alamo.

4 to 5 p.m. – Marines at the Alamo.

5:30 to 10:30 p.m. – A Night in Old San Antonio, La Villita.

7 to 9:15 p.m. – Battle of Flowers Band

Festival at the Alamo Stadium.

11:50 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Battle of Flowers

Parade, downtown San Antonio, beginning on

Broadway and Grayson Streets.

5:30 to 10:30 p.m. – A Night in Old San Antonio,

La Villita.

8:30 to 10:30 a.m. – Fiesta Pooch Parade,

Alamo Heights Swimming Pool, 250 Viesca.

9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. – King William Fair and

Parade in the King William Historic District on

South Alamo Street.

6:50 to 10 p.m. – Fiesta Flambeau Parade,

Parade Route through downtown San Antonio.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Fiesta Bicycle Classic,

Texas Research Park, 14815 Omicron.

1 to 6 p.m. – Day in Old Mexico and

Charreada, 6125 Padre Drive.

Submission guidelines:

Freebies are published on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline is noon Monday. Freebies are intended for personal household goods, and may only be submitted by active, retired or reserve military members and civilian employees working on Fort Sam Houston. Real estate ads will not be published. To submit a Fort

Freebie, e-mail to news.leader@samhouston.army.mil or fax to **295-0512**. Freebies run for one week unless submitter calls to renew. Limit of five items per entry. For more information, call 221-1031.



For Sale: Walking stroller, \$10; man's bowling ball, \$5; TV cabinet corner model, \$85; small rocking chair, \$20. Call 656-7840.

For Sale: Saint Bernard puppies, parents on site, ready after Saturday, \$600. Call Kelly or Shawn at 661-6944 for interview.

For Sale: Deck bar and four swivel bar stools with arm and back rest, \$195. Call 657-6264 or 834-1746.

For Sale: Light blue wing back chair, \$60; two wood end tables with glass tops, octagonal, \$20, rectangular, \$25 or both, \$40. Call 490-5240 or 213-2182.

For Sale: Two Westpoint prints, "This is the Moment," \$400 and "Thru the Years of a Century Told," \$400, both are numbered artist proofs by Stalaker. Call 223-0287 for viewing.

For Sale: 1987 Corvette, 106,000 miles,

runs good, good body, \$7,250 obo. Call 387-1884 or e-mail knelson10@satx.rr.com.

For Sale: 2000 Chrysler XLE, red, 20,000 miles, in-floor ramp, kneeling system, easy lock, leather interior, power windows and locks, AC, \$18,900 obo. Call 614-1019.

For Sale: 1992 Toyota DX, extended cab pick-up with topper, four-wheel drive, five-speed, V6, bed liner, AC, CD player, auto door locks, \$4,500. Call 262-5493 or 566-2169 after 6 p.m.

For Sale: Seven-piece master bedroom set, solid wood, \$2,000 obo; three-piece entertainment center holds a 35-inch TV with bookshelves and storage area, \$1,000 obo; computer desk with overhead storage area, \$300 obo. Call 447-7694, 295-8526 or 695-8016.

For Sale: GE 24.9-cubic foot side-by-side refrigerator, white, new, \$800 obo. Call

658-1643 after 6 p.m.

For Sale: 2004 Land Rover Freelander, silver, 25,000 miles, four-door wagon/sport utility, V6, automatic, \$22,700 obo; 2004 Jeep Liberty Sport, black, 17,000 miles, four-door wagon/sport utility, V6, automatic, two-wheel drive, tinted windows, \$16,000 obo, both in excellent condition. Call 745-1526.

For Sale: Occasional table set with rectangular coffee table, tables are framed in wood with beige tile center and bent antique ironwork legs, \$250 obo. Call 818-6585

For Sale: Four-piece wicker set includes: sofa, two armchairs all featuring a tight, sturdy, polypropylene-fiber weave over a rattan frame, padded cushions, multi-colored stripe design, coffee table opens for storage, \$250 obo. Call 818-6585.

For Sale: Green leather loveseat, \$250;

recliner/rocker, \$25; two end tables, \$30 each or both \$50; two 26-inch bicycles, \$15 each or both \$25; stereo system (cassette and CD player), \$35. Call 824-8986.

For Sale: Computer desk, \$25; patio set with four chairs, \$150; Dazey hair dryer, \$20; two Holmes air purifiers, \$15 each or both \$25; table lamp, \$10. Call 650-0108.

For Sale: Belgian rug, 5.5 feet by 7.5 feet; white wicker desk, \$50; vacuum cleaner, upright model with attachments, \$35. Call 495-2296.

For Sale: Frigidaire washing machine, white, \$200 obo. Call 473-4098.

Community Garage Sale: May 6, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., Forest Ridge Subdivision, I-35 North and FM 3009, Schertz, Texas. In case of inclement weather, sale will be postponed to May 13.