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MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY
May 30 at 9 a.m. at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

“One Team, Supporting Military Missions and Family Readiness!”



Photo by Kara Carrier

Civilian medical staff work alongside Army and Air Force members to receive, track and transport Soldiers acting as patients to local hospitals after they arrived by C-130 aircraft at the Lackland Air Force Base flightline during the National Disaster Medical System exercise May 17.

Mass casualty exercise tests city, military medical capabilities

By Maria Gallegos
BAMC Public Affairs

The scenario started out May 17 with a number of tornadoes tearing through populated areas of Oklahoma, resulting in casualties that overwhelmed the local medical capabilities. It quickly became necessary to airlift some injured persons to San Antonio for medical care.

In reality, the casualties were Army and Air Force trainees who volunteered to participate in the annual mass casualty exercise held at the Lackland Air Force Base flightline and extended to Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston and Methodist Hospital in downtown San Antonio, as patients were triaged and transported to the

local hospitals.

The National Disaster Medical System exercise brought Army, Air Force, and local civilian organizations together to orchestrate the movement of casualties into San Antonio by air, then out to local hospitals by ambulance and ambulance buses.

Participants included Brooke Army Medical Center, 502nd Air Base Wing, 59th Medical Wing, 802nd Mission Support Group, the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council on Trauma and American Medical Response.

The overall objective of the exercise was two-fold, explained Lt. Col. Chuck Williams, NDMS Federal

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‘Pershing’s Chinese’ leave mark on history, Fort Sam Houston

By L.A. Shively
FSH News Leader

Inspired by the course of history, early Spanish colonial concepts adorn the facades of buildings and embellish the plazas of downtown San Antonio; plus engender the celebrations that take place in those squares and spaces.

But the city dances through its roots with more flavor

than a Mexican “salsa” and Fort Sam Houston has played a major role influencing its cultural stock.

Overlooked among the area’s unique mix of American Indian, Spanish, Mexican, Anglo and German is the Chinese culture. According to the Texas State Historical Association, the Chinese were the first Asian immigrants to come to Texas, arriving as

contract laborers from California with the railroads in 1870 and again in 1881.

After reaching a peak of 836 individuals in 1900, the Chinese population in Texas declined as a result of the Chinese Exclusion Act signed in 1882. The law came into being with the intent of preserving jobs for U.S. residents.

Chinese immigration nearly ceased for 60 years, except

in 1917 when Gen. John J. Pershing brought 427 Chinese refugees from Mexico.

Known as “Pershing’s Chinese,” the men had attached themselves to an expeditionary force conducted by the U.S. Army against the paramilitary forces of Mexican insurgent Francisco “Pancho” Villa from 1916 to 1917, explains Edward Brisco in his Master’s thesis titled “Persh-

ing’s Chinese Refugees: An Odyssey of the Southwest.”

“At any truck concentration point, or any sort of military station, one Chinese at least appeared,” writes Brisco.

“Pies, doughnuts, candy, tobacco, matches and fruit were stock items that these desert merchants offered for sale. The soldiers bought

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Gen. Patrick: Building trust with elected officials takes two-way communication

By Steve Elliott
 FSH News Leader

By building trust and good relationships with the San Antonio and Texas politicians, Joint Base San Antonio has been able to thrive, support a myriad of mission partners and create more efficient working environments.

As commander of the 502nd Air Base Wing, Brig. Gen. Len Patrick said it's a matter of constant engagement with the four U.S. Congressmen who have JBSA military installations in their areas and the two U.S. senators from Texas.

Each year, Air Force wing commanders are allowed to go to Washington, D.C., to meet their Congressional members and discuss Air Force issues important to Congress and their constituents back home.

"It's an opportunity to talk about current policy and Air Force issues, since our representatives don't always have a chance to get out to the military installations on a routine basis," Patrick said.

"I've made five visits to Capitol Hill overall, three of them as 502nd ABW commander," the general said. "It's given me a chance to engage with them and tell them what we are working on, since the military is a tremendous part of the areas they represent and the economic impact of JBSA is worth billions of dollars."

As a 2005 Base Realignment and Closure mandate to consolidate installation support func-

tions and nearby installations under one military department to optimize installation management, the joint base concept has found support on Capitol Hill.

"Our political leaders have a very good understanding of JBSA," Patrick added. "We've worked very hard to articulate that the missions of Fort Sam Houston, Lackland and Randolph Air Force Bases haven't changed and that our 211 mission partners still have their missions to do."

By forming relationships with the MLAs – the military legislative

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Courtesy photo

502nd Air Base Wing commander Brig. Gen. Leonard Patrick, 502nd Mission Support Group Command Sgt. Maj. Donald Freeman; 502nd ABW Command Chief Master Sgt. Juan Lewis and 502nd ABW Executive Officer Capt. Robert Clark pose at the Pentagon press room podium during their trip to Washington, D.C. May 5.

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502 MSG Quarterly Town Halls

The 502d Mission Support Squadron Commander's Quarterly Town Hall meetings for housing residents are scheduled for May 23 at 6 p.m. at the Watkins Terrace Community Center; May 24 at 6 p.m. at the Harris Heights Community Center; and May 25 at 6 p.m. at the Main Resident Center, 407 Dickman Road. Several organizations will conduct summer safety briefings. Bring your swim gear, the pools will be open and refreshments will be provided. Call 270-7638.

Cancellation of USA Staffing Overview Briefings

The briefings scheduled for May 24, June 4 and 7 are canceled. Check the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center training web site at <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/cpac/training.aspx>, for future dates.

IMCOM Best Warrior Competition

Twelve Soldiers and Noncommissioned Officers of the Year from Installation Management Command regions will meet at Camp Bullis May 23-26 to determine who will go on to represent the command at the Army Best Warrior Competition at Fort Lee, Va., in October. Military ID cardholders are invited to watch and cheer on the Soldiers May 24 from 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Camp Bullis athletic field. The Soldiers will cross the finish line from a 12-mile road march between 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m., then demonstrate their skills on common Soldier tasks such as calling for medical evacuation, giving first aid and establishing an observation post. A combatives tournament will take place from 2-6 p.m. Call 424-8182.

Memorial Day Ceremony

The Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery will hold a ceremony May 30 beginning at 9 a.m. with a musical prelude by

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Leadercast motivates, energizes 502nd ABW headquarters staff

By Brent Boller
502nd Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Fourteen members of the 502nd Air Base Wing returned charged up after a day-long leadership experience May 6 in Atlanta, Ga. It was called Leadercast, an annual event focused on global leadership development.

The trip was organized and led by George DeCoux, director of staff for the 502nd Air Base Wing.

"I had the opportunity to experience this event a few years ago in person and it was a defining moment in my journey," DeCoux said. "I decided that others needed to be exposed to this in person or via simulcast so they can learn and share with others."

The Leadercast was opened by Dr. John C. Maxwell, a world-renowned speaker and author who has sold more than 13 million books on lead-



Courtesy photo

Members of the 502nd Air Base Wing headquarters staff attended a day-long leadership experience in Atlanta, Ga., May 6. The event, called Leadercast, focused on global leadership development and featured accomplished speakers from the corporate world, sports and the media. Trip organizer George DeCoux, 502nd ABW director of staff, said the pledge is to offer the 2012 Leadercast event to each Joint Base San Antonio installation through simulcast at a large local venue.

ership.

"In my opinion, the most profound statement he made was that 'leadership is a verb,'

which means that it's moving," said Capt. Brent Knapp, 502nd ABW executive officer.

Other speakers included

Mack Brown, University of Texas Longhorns football

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Conservation, preservation groups tour JBSA installations

By Lori Newman
FSH News Leader

A pair of historic events affecting Joint Base San Antonio took place May 12 and 13.

In honor of Historic Preservation Month, the San Antonio Conservation Society, in conjunction with the Society for the Preservation of Historic Fort Sam Houston, sponsored a two-day tour of Fort Sam Houston, Camp Bullis and Randolph Air Force Base. A new Joint Base San Antonio Programmatic Agreement was also signed.

Fifty people, including city officials, members of the San Antonio Conservation Society and history buffs arrived by bus. The first stop of the tour was the Fort Sam Houston

Quadrangle, followed by a windshield tour of the historic buildings and new construction on post.

"It's wonderful to see all the restructuring [at Fort Sam Houston]. These buildings are cherished," said Inell Schooler, from the San Antonio Conservation Society.

"The goal of the tour was to show the affect of the BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) and joint basing on historic preservation and historic buildings," said Joan Gaither, president of the Society for the Preservation of Historic Fort Sam Houston and member of the San Antonio Conservation Society.

The group had lunch at

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Photo by Lori Newman

Deborah Tharp (left), Command Cultural Resources Manager, and Col. Mary Garr (right), commander of the 502nd Mission Support Group, watch Joan Gaither, president of the Society for the Preservation of Historic Fort Sam Houston and member of the San Antonio Conservation Society, sign the new Joint Base San Antonio Programmatic Agreement.

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the U.S. Army Medical Command Band. The guest speaker is U.S. Coast Guard Capt. Brendan C. Frost.

Summer Job Fair

Employment Readiness will hold a Summer Job Fair May 31 from 3-5 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. The job fair is open to the Fort Sam Houston community. Call 221-0516 or 221-2705 for information.

SRMC Change of Command

The Southern Regional Medical Command will hold a change of command ceremony June 2 at 8 a.m. at MacArthur Parade Field. Brig. Gen. Joseph Carvalho Jr. will relinquish command to Maj. Gen. Ted Wong.

FMWRC Uncasing and Deactivation Ceremony

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command will hold a ceremony June 3 at 9 a.m. at the Fort Sam Houston flagpole.

Army Client Services and FSH Claims Office

The Army Client Services Office, Building 134 and the Fort Sam Houston Claims Office, Building 153 will be closed May 26 from 9 a.m.-10 a.m. and will reopen from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 221-0484 or 295-8557 for information.

FLTCIP Open Season

The Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program is currently open for enrollment through June 24. FLTCIP offers numerous options that support long term care in a home environment. Eligible applicants are active Federal and U.S. Postal Service employees and their spouses/same-sex domestic partners and active members of the uniformed services and their spouses who are not currently enrolled in the FLTCIP. Apply online at <http://www.LTCFEDS.com> or call 1-800-582-3337. For information, call 221-2526.

Expectant parents showered with advice and gifts

By Deyanira Romo Russell
502nd FSS Marketing

Hundreds of expectant moms and dads are ready to tackle parenthood – even in the most challenging military family environment – now that they are armed with advice, tips and new baby must-haves they received at the 3rd Annual Fort Sam Houston Baby Shower at the Roadrunner Community Center May 13.

In groups, as couples and with their children, both expectant and new parents took home everything from toy trucks to hand-knitted baby booties made by the Bluebonnet Ladies, a non-profit devoted to donating handmade items to military babies at Fort Sam Houston.

“This is the biggest response to date,” said Melissa Reyes, Family Advocacy Program acting manager. “Everyone tells me they love the event and really enjoy the fellowship.”

Nurses from the New Parent Support Program brought in baby dolls for a diaper-changing competition. The nurses also told the expectant parents

about the support and advice available to them.

“We offer one-on-one home visitation services, prenatal education, parenting classes, a discussion group for first time parents and other support,” said Brenda L. Perry, one of the nurses with the New Parent Program. “We want them to know we are here for them now and after their babies are born.”

Firefighters with the Fort Sam Houston Fire Department set up a child safety seat and provided information on the new Texas Safety Seat Law, which mandates that children must use safety seats until they reach their eighth birthday, unless they are 4 feet 9 inches tall or more.

“This is an awesome baby shower, especially for people like me who are expecting their first child,” said Pvt. Taylor Holloway, Company G, 232nd Medical Battalion. “I didn’t know any of this stuff and I’m sure that even some second-time moms can learn something new.”

The baby shower aims to give these expectant and



Photo by Deyanira Romo Russell

Shayna Angelou (forefront) and Ashley Gonzalez practice their diaper-changing skills on baby dolls provided by the New Parent Support Program. This healthy competition was part of the 3rd Annual Fort Sam Houston Baby Shower.

new parents who often face extraordinary challenges, an opportunity to exchange ideas and to learn successful parenting strategies, all while taking home some fun and useful gifts for their babies.

The event was planned and organized the event Sonia

Greer, an FAP educator.

“A lot of these families don’t get baby showers because they are displaced. They love this. They often come with a group of girlfriends and have a lot of fun,” Greer said. “Most, importantly, they know we are here to support them.”

Renowned pediatrician shares parenting advice

By Deyanira Romo Russell
502nd FSS MWR Marketing

First-time expectant mothers are counting down the days to the birth of their babies with a little less anxiety, thanks to the parenting tips of Dr. Harvey Karp.

The doctor shared his successful parenthood strategies with expectant moms and dads who crowded into the Roadrunner Community Center Auditorium on Friday, May 13.

Karp is the assistant professor of pediatrics at the University of Southern California School of Medicine and has authored two books on parenthood.

Staff Sgt. Cortney Chris-



Photo by Deyanira Romo Russell

Dr. Harvey Karp meets with an expectant mother after his talk at the Roadrunner Community Center May 13.

tiansen took notes and watched the videos Karp presented, in hopes of being completely ready for the

birth of her child in June.

“I was really surprised by the videos he presented and how fast his techniques worked to calm the babies,” Christiansen said.

Karp taught Christiansen and the other expectant parents the “Five S’s” – his secret to calming a crying baby – and a strategy he says is critical during the first four months of

life. They include swaddling, side position, swinging, shushing and sucking.

“The baby is not prepared

at birth to live outside the body, so parents have to mimic the womb,” Karp said. “Your job is to walk and feed them all the time and babies do not get spoiled by that. In fact, it is quite the opposite, it builds a relationship of confidence that lasts a lifetime.”

Among those taking in Karp’s advice were Staff Sgt. Justin Rivera and his wife, Stephanie, who are expecting their first baby in August.

“I really feel more confident about having a new baby after watching Dr. Karp’s videos and listening to his presentation,” Rivera said. “It was really helpful.”

Karp offered two presentations, one focusing on infants and a second one on toddlers.

McBride assumes command of ARNORTH's CCP1



Lt. Gen. Guy Swan III, commanding general, U.S. Army North and Fort Sam Houston passed the United States Army North's Contingency Command Post 1 colors from outgoing commanding general, Maj. Gen. John, Basilica Jr., to Maj. Gen. Kevin McBride signifying the change of command May 13 at Fort Sam Houston's historic quadrangle.

Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Manuel Torres-Cortes

Maj. Gen. Kevin R. McBride assumed command of United States Army North's Contingency Command Post 1 from Maj. Gen. John P. Basilica Jr. at Fort Sam Houston's historic quadrangle May 13.

Lt. Gen. Guy C. Swan III, commanding general, U.S. Army North, presided over the change of command.

The contingency command post is designed as an all-hazards command and control unit. It has the capability to go anywhere needed to ensure Department of Defense personnel responding to support local, state and federal officials during a disaster have centralized command and control.

McBride has served in a variety of command and staff positions during his career, including commanding an attack helicopter battalion, a light utility helicopter battalion and the 56th Troop Command (Air-

borne). He also served as the commanding general for the 43rd Military Police Brigade from 2005-2007 during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

McBride now leads the headquarters designed to deploy on short notice to coordinate activities of military response forces for natural or man-made disasters.

Basilica had led the CCP1 since April 2008, and was previously the U.S. Army Materiel Command's assistant deputy commanding general, Army National Guard.

U.S. Army North, as the Joint Force Land Component Command and Army Service Component Command, conducts Homeland Defense, Civil Support operations and Theater Security Cooperation activities in order to protect the American people.

(Source: ARNORTH Public Affairs)

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on sight. There were no competitors. Soap was a dear commodity and none could be found except at a 'Chinaman's stand.'"

Mexicans refused to sell or were openly hostile to the U.S. soldiers and most were just too poor to have goods for sale.

Pershing's expedition had been ordered in retaliation for Villa's raid on the village of Columbus, N.M., during the Mexican Revolution. Although he never caught Villa, two of his generals were killed. The expedition was considered a failure and Pershing withdrew.

Aware that the lives of the Chinese who had served the troops were in danger, Pershing requested official permission to allow them into the U.S. from Gen. Frederick Funston, commander of the Southern Department, with its headquarters at Fort Sam

Houston, according to Brisco.

Pershing received permission to grant asylum to the Chinese, as well as all those fleeing Mexico. Along with the soldiers, Mexican citizens who had been friendly to the U.S. Army and American Mormons who had settled in Mexican "Colonias" for 25 years, the expedition returned to U.S. soil, arriving in Columbus in early February 1917.

In June, 425 Chinese refugees were sent to Fort Sam Houston, with two following later that month. The refugees were transported by Army truck a few miles east of Camp Wilson.

Under the auspices of the War Department, the refugees were put to work feeding hundreds of workers constructing Camp Kelly, the new Army flight training center. Others worked in warehouses, laundries and post

exchanges at Fort Sam Houston.

All had dreams of permanent residency in America and felt a deep commitment and loyalty to the Army and to San Antonio as their "rescuers" according to Mel Brown, author of "Chinese Heart of Texas."

Though it was expected to take three to four months, an enthusiastic group of 350 men finished clearing mesquite scrub and cactus that blanketed their camp when they arrived.

"It was accomplished quickly a display of good will and gratitude toward their 'Uncle Sammy' for bringing them out of the hostile conditions in Mexico," Brown wrote.

The refugees also wished to make a good impression on the city according to Brown, so two dinner events were organized. Camp residents sponsored a "chop suey"

dinner at their camp, donating the proceeds to the American Red Cross.

A second dinner included exotic delicacies such as bamboo sprouts, green pea sprouts, Bombay duck, various sauces and chicken, pork, rice and tea. Colored lanterns, smoldering incense, a six-piece Chinese orchestra and white-coated waiters created an exotic evening for guests attending the event at the Menger Hotel downtown. The meal raised \$650 for the Red Cross.

In 1921, Congress approved permanent residence for the Chinese refugees. In 1943 the U.S. government repealed the Chinese Exclusion Act and according to the Institute of Texan Cultures nearly all of "Pershing's Chinese" applied for citizenship.

A marker honoring "Pershing's Chinese" will be dedicated May 27, 1 p.m., at 2998 Wilson Way on Fort Sam Houston.



Photo courtesy Library of Congress

Gen. John Pershing stands in the entrance to his tent in camp in Mexico during the Mexican Expedition, most often referred to as the "Punitive Expedition." Pershing was ordered into Mexico to apprehend Francisco "Pancho" Villa during the Mexican Revolution in retaliation for his raiding Columbus, N.M., killing American soldiers and civilians and setting the town on fire.



Courtesy photo

The Doggie Dip in 2010 provided a great way to cool off for four-legged friends who took the plunge.

Hot dogs can cool off at FSH Aquatic Center May 21

By **Deyanira Romo Russell**
502 FSS MWR Marketing

Hot dogs of almost every breed and size can cool off at the Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center from 10 a.m. to noon May 21 for the post's second annual Doggie Dip.

This canine cool-down offers service members, family members and

DOD cardholders a great way to give their four-legged companions a day in the sun.

Army policy states that dogs deemed "aggressive or potentially aggressive" are not allowed on any Army Installation.

The following breeds have specifically been identified and prohibited: Pit Bull, American Staffordshire Terrier,

English Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Rottweiler and Wolf or Wolf Hybrid.

For the safety of the participants, any dogs demonstrating aggressive behavior during the event at any time will be asked to leave immediately.

For more information, call 221-4887 or visit <http://www.FortSamHoustonMWR.com>.

Know your numbers: high blood pressure can be a killer

By Barbara Higdon
Taylor Burk Clinic

Most of us respond to physical or visible cues. If it's broken, fix it. If it hurts, treat it.

The problem with high blood pressure is that sufferers don't suffer with obvious symptoms. That's why it's often called the silent killer.

By the time it is diagnosed, a person may already be at a high risk of stroke or heart attack.

If left untreated, high blood pressure can damage major organs such as heart, brain, kidneys and eyes before the patient feels anything.

Since 1984, May has been proclaimed as National Blood Pressure Awareness Month in the United States.

The official motto

of the blood pressure awareness initiative is "know your numbers." The Taylor Burke Clinic at Camp Bullis is also recognizing the dangers of high blood pressure this month.

Patients in the clinic will be given fact sheets alerting them of the causes and dangers of high blood pressure or hypertension and ways to help prevent it.

Patients will also have routine blood pressure checks to alert physicians if they are in a high risk of the condition.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about one in three U.S. adults have been diagnosed with high blood pressure. It was listed as a primary or contributing cause of death for 336,353

Americans in 2007.

High blood pressure is a major risk factor for heart disease, stroke, congestive heart failure, and kidney disease.

In 2010, problems associated with high blood pressure cost the United States \$76.6 billion in health care services, medications, and missed days of work.

Every adult 18 years or older should have blood pressure taken annually. The incidence of high blood pressure increases with age.

While the aging process can't be reversed, there are many things that can be done to prevent hypertension or to keep it under control.

These steps include: have blood pressure checked regularly, main-

tain a healthy weight, exercise regularly, shake the salt habit, drink

alcohol in moderation or not at all, avoid all nicotine products and take

any high blood pressure medicines prescribed by your doctor.



Courtesy photo

Spc. Megan Sellars prepares to keep a record of the blood pressure taken from a Soldier during patient screening at the Taylor Burk Clinic on Camp Bullis. The clinic will offer patient education programs for patients this month to educate and emphasize the threat of high blood pressure with a variety of materials.

TRICARE reform proposal would save \$3.2 billion in health care costs

By Army Sgt. 1st Class
Michael J. Carden
American Forces Press Service



The Defense Department's proposal to reform the TRICARE health plan and the military health system would save at least \$3.2 billion between 2012 and 2016, the Pentagon's chief financial officer told Congress May 4.

In testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee's personnel subcommittee, Robert F. Hale said the initiatives would support President Barack Obama's debt-reduction plan, which calls for reducing the federal budget \$4 trillion by 2023.

Obama's plan includes a reduction of \$78

billion in the Defense Department's fiscal 2012 budget and an additional \$400 billion in national security cuts through 2023.

Hale stressed that although \$3.2 billion is only modest savings toward the president's overall goal, the savings are "substantial" within the Defense Department.

"The federal government as a whole would save money under this plan – not a lot, but there are modest savings," he explained. "The department savings from this proposal would be very substantial.

We're looking out over the whole career of an individual and setting aside money to pay for it, so you immediately see major effects."

The fiscal 2012 budget request calls for \$52.5 billion to support the military health system's 9.6 million beneficiaries, which include retirees, active duty members and their families. The department's health care bill has more than tripled from \$19 billion in 2001.

"We've got to find ways to maintain the quality of health care but slow the growth in cost," Hale said.

Meeting that challenge begins with streamlining operations at the health

affairs headquarters, he said, which means cutting more than 700 civilian contractors from the TRICARE staff.

The proposal also calls for reforms for beneficiaries, including a maximum \$5 a month increase for working-age military retirees under 65, raising the co-payment for prescription drugs, and regulatory changes that would eliminate special subsidies for community hospitals that serve beneficiaries, Hale said.

Hale noted that TRICARE enrollment fees have not increased since Congress appropriated funds for the program in 1994.

Families pay an estimated \$460 annually for TRICARE Prime coverage, but had the fees

been indexed today to meet the growth in per capita national health expenditure, those fees would now be more than \$1,000 per family each year, he said.

Beginning in 2013, future enrollees would pay fees based on the national health expenditure if the proposal is enacted, Hale said, and that, he added, still would be significantly less than what beneficiaries would pay in the private sector for health insurance.

The proposals would save an estimated \$430 million over the next five years and would stabilize cost sharing in TRICARE at a level much more favorable than what Congress envisioned in the 1990s, Hale said.

Reform proposals in pharmaceuticals include incentives for allowing the department to prescribe generic drugs and deliver prescriptions by mail, saving \$2.5 billion by 2016, he added.

Hale told the panel that the rates the Defense Department pays to "sole community hospitals" that serve military beneficiaries are substantially higher than the rates it pays to other hospitals. Sole community hospitals are determined by Medicare rules that factor in distance from other hospitals, capacity and other criteria.

Federal law requires that the department adopt Medicare rates when practical, and

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the Stilwell House on Infantry Post Road. While at the Stilwell House, they witnessed Gaither signing the JBSA Programmatic Agreement.

The agreement was also signed by the 502nd Air Base Wing and the president of the San Antonio Conservation Society, The Society for the Preservation of Historic Fort Sam Houston, the Native American Tonkawa Tribe and is at the city's historic office with the expectation that they will sign the agreement soon.

"The new JBSA Programmatic Agreement replaces the Army's Alternate Procedures, in effect at Fort Sam Houston until Oct. 1, when we transitioned into Joint Base San Antonio," said Col. Mary Garr, commander of the

502nd Mission Support Group.

"The agreement will allow JBSA to more efficiently manage the historical properties on Fort Sam Houston and across JBSA working with the Texas Historical Commission, the San Antonio Conservation Society and Society for the Preservation of Historic Fort Sam Houston.

"Without this agreement, we would have to consult with the Texas Historical Commission on everything we do in our historic buildings," Garr said. "With this agreement, certain types of undertakings are exempted from the consultation process."

"It's a gentlemen's agreement between all three installations and the Department of the Interior that all historic preservation guidelines will be followed at all

three installations," Gaither said. "This is an agreement that everybody will follow the Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards, so that we don't have to consult when we have activities that fall under the stipulated exemptions."

According to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation website, the National Historic Preservation Act includes provisions that specifically address Federal Agencies' responsibilities when their activities involve National Historic Landmark properties. Section 106 and its implementing regulations, "Protection of Historic Properties" address Federal Agency responsibilities when an undertaking will affect properties eligible for or listed in the National



Photo by Lori Newman

Joan Gaither (right), president of the Society for the Preservation of Historic Fort Sam Houston and member of the San Antonio Conservation Society, conducts a tour of the Stilwell House on Infantry Post Road.

Register of Historic Places.

After lunch, the group proceeded to Randolph AFB for a walking tour of the base's historic buildings. The following day, the tour concluded

at Camp Bullis where they visited several training sites and lunched on MREs.

"I thought the tour was very informative and very well done. I appreciated the opportunity

very much," said District Attorney Susan Reed.

"I am very engaged in supporting the military in San Antonio and went to keep apprised of what is happening," Reed added.

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Coordinating Center San Antonio coordinator, citing that the exercise's overall objective was "to improve patient response time readiness and to improve BAMC's ability to handle a MAS-CAL (mass casualty) situation."

"Here in San Antonio, we are one of the hubs for NDMS Region 6, where we serve as the evacuation center for natural or man-made disasters from Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Texas," said Dewey Mitchell, BAMC spokesperson.

"BAMC has the lead in today's exercise," Mitchell added, "but it is a collaborative effort of the military and civilian organizations working together that makes this work effectively."

BAMC is responsible

for strategically planning and implementing procedures under the direction of the Department of Health and Human Services, while the 502nd ABW played a key role in helping coordinate logistical support and assets required to support the NDMS mission for the use of Hangar 1610 for this exercise as well as real-world purposes.

The 59th Medical Wing at Wilford Hall Medical Center supported the BAMC Patient Reception Team in order for the NDMS mission to be capable of providing 24/7 health care service during an emergency or disaster.

"This exercise will prepare us for a real-world situation," said Master Sgt. Michael Bocconcelli, 59th MDW, chief of the Exercise Evalua-



Photo by Kara Carrier

Air Force, Army and civilians work together at the Lackland Air Force Base flightline during the National Disaster Medical System exercise May 17, moving volunteer patients from a C-130 aircraft to a waiting ambulance, in order to be transported to a local hospital.

tion Team. "You never know when a disaster will strike."

During this exercise, BAMC was evaluated on its response to an Okla-

homa tornado disaster operating from the Port of San Antonio (Hangar 1610) to receive, sort, triage, and regulate the transportation of

patients.

"In order to depict an accurate distribution plan for NDMS patients, BAMC Patient Administration played a key part

in collecting patient's data by using the Joint Patient Reception Team and Air Force Global Patient Movement Regulated Center by sending it to BAMC and to the NDMS hospitals for this exercise," Williams said.

Approximately 37 trainee volunteers from the Air Force and Army acted as simulated injured patients who were to receive medical stabilization en route to the Port of San Antonio.

Upon landing and medical triage, the patients were then transported to area hospitals, according to severity of injury and availability of bed spaces.

"At the conclusion of the exercise, local leaders considered it so successful that they are planning to make this a template to use as a model for future exercises," Mitchell said.

232nd Med Bn Commander's Cup activities gets a loud HOOAH!

By Esther Garcia
AMEDDC&S Public Affairs

A big "Hooah!" was the response from the 2,500 Soldiers and cadre who participated in the semi-annual 232nd Medical Battalion Commander's Cup May 7, when battalion commander Lt.

Col. Peter Lehning asked if they were having fun.

The battalion's companies competed against each other in categories such as ultimate football, basketball, volleyball, Light Mobility Tactical Vehicle pull, drill and ceremony, Army relay, the litter relay, the hula-

hoop weave and a hot dog eating contest.

"I one time ate eight burritos, or four pounds, in a half hour at Taco Bell," said Pvt. Mickey Jackson, Company C, who won first place in the hot dog competition. "I feel full. I'm exhausted, but I'm glad I could win it for my team."

Amid whistles and yells, Lehning and command Sgt. Major Marlo Montes presented medallions and trophies to the first-, second- and third-place winners in each category.

This day was a special treat for Marsha Nakamura, who came from Santa Cruz County, Calif. to spend Mother's Day with her daughter, who she had not seen in three months. The trip was a gift from her daughter,



Photos by Esther Garcia

Capt. Dennison Segui, commander, Company A, 232nd Medical Battalion, proudly holds up the battalion's commander's Cup. Company A came out on top as the overall winner.

Melissa, who is attending combat medic training.

"It was great to be here," said Mrs. Nakamura. "I am just excited being here with all these Soldiers."

"Everyone should be very proud of what you

did today. It was a great competition across the board," Lehning said. "The idea is that a competitive spirit will push you every single day to be better and to win, so the enemy will fall and you will survive.

Company A, 232nd Medical Battalion came out as the overall winner with the most points and received the Commander's Cup, knocking off Company B, which had won for the last two years.



Pvt. Mickey Jackson, Company C, 232nd Medical Battalion, celebrates winning first place in the hot dog eating contest while his competitors continue to eat, striving for second and third place.

PATRICK from P2

assistants for congressional and senatorial staffs – the general said he has been able to keep elected officials well informed about JBSA successes.

“They are very interested to see how we are doing,” Patrick said. “Are we more efficient? Are we saving money?”

“On my last trip May 5, I could show that not only are we saving money and manpower for the services we’re providing, but we’re also giving time back to our mission partners, so their civilians and military members have more time to do their jobs.”

The general said it’s been amazing to realize

the kind of efficiencies found with joint basing.

“If we find that one installation is able to save time on a process, we can transfer that knowledge to all three parts of JBSA,” he said. “For instance, we’re taking multiple service contracts that provide the same thing and putting them under one contract.

“We are standardizing procedures on emergency response, installation access, customer comment feedback, occupational health, environmental responses and much more,” the general continued. “There is so much value in learning from each other. When we do find an issue at one of the installations,

we have the three organizations from our three installations get together to solve it.”

With Joint Base San Antonio still in its infancy, the general said it’s going to take time to find all the efficiencies possible.

“That is our day-to-day charge: to effectively support our mission partners in the way they enjoyed in the past while we become more efficient,” Patrick stressed. “I feel the transition over to joint basing been successful.

“We’ve had some rough seas, and there are some things we are learning to ensure we keep the heritage and culture of each of the

three bases in Joint Base San Antonio intact, while the organization known as the 502nd Air Base Wing provides the municipal support for those three organizations,” Patrick added.

Even with Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and Sen. John Cornyn both being Republicans and the four U.S. congressmen split 50-50 between Democrats (Rep. Charles Gonzalez and Rep. Henry Cuellar) and Republicans (Rep. Lamar Smith and Rep. Francisco Consecro), Patrick said support remains strong across party lines for San Antonio’s military installations.

“We have a mixture of both parties that

represent our installations and they treat the military in San Antonio with the highest regard,” the general said. “This city goes out of its way to make the military feel welcome.”

The general said building trust takes an open line of communication.

“Sometimes their offices call us, and other times we’ll go through the City Council or the Chamber of Commerce and let the officials know what we are working on,” Patrick said.

When there are decisions made that may prove unpopular, having that two-way communication helps both sides mediate the results.

“Our elected officials in Washington understand that some decisions are because of directives we’ve been given, like going to Force Protection Condition Bravo, or changing access to the installations like we had to do after 9/11,” the general said. “They know we had a well-thought-out process in making these decisions, rather than operating in a vacuum.

“Our Texas representatives know our missions, they know our leadership by their first names and they participate in our events,” Patrick noted. “They are very interested in the success of all the missions in San Antonio.”

LEADERCAST from P3

coach, who discussed his recruiting process and philosophy on promoting winners; Dave Ramsey popular radio and TV host, financial author and founder of EntreLeadership; Dan Cathy, president and chief operations officer of Chick-fil-A and Muhtar Kent, president and chief executive officer of the Coca-Cola Company.

Cathy and Kent took part in a panel discussion answering questions on global development, the importance of giving back to the community

and effective team-building.

But after all of the profound quotes and amazing concepts provided by some of the world’s greatest leadership minds, Knapp said he didn’t find that fail-safe leadership secret

“As a matter of fact, I realized that leadership has no secret. It’s all about taking care of your people. Leadership is developing, empowering, communicating, guiding, supporting and caring for each individual on your team,” Knapp reflected.

Second Lt. Rachel Mitchell, 502 ABW pro-

cedure officer, noted that “the multiple accounts of perseverance and trial with success provided an unmatched experience pushing my personal and professional growth to the next level.”

Amber Marcella, 502nd ABW deployment officer, found metaphorical resonance in the presentation by Alison Levine, an adventurer and mountaineer.

“Her experiences of climbing Mount Everest were inspiring and they apply directly to what we experience right here in Joint Base San Antonio,” Marcella noted.

“In order to climb Everest or any other extreme altitude you have to ascend a certain distance and turn around to rest, hydrate, move forward to the next level, and do the same several times to reach the top,” Marcella said.

“Although most of us in JBSA would like to just ‘get things done,’ there are times when we have to move back a few steps or processes to move forward. It reinforced what I’m doing is appropriate. Tenacity pays large rewards in the end both personally and professionally.”

Meg Reyes, 502nd ABW director of manpower, personnel and services said her leadership experience was enhanced by stepping outside the military leadership tools and expanding her toolkit with other value information.

DeCoux likened the theme of this year’s Leadercast, “Voices of Change,” to the process within JBSA.

“Every day we are dealing with change in standardizing products and services across JBSA,” DeCoux said.

“Joint basing is taking the voices of three instal-

lations and creating one chorus for the future. We want others to join the chorus.”

And speaking of the future, Mr. DeCoux said the goal is “Pay It Forward!”

He said the pledge is to offer the 2012 Leadercast event to each installation through simulcast at a large local venue.

“Lackland offered this opportunity to more than 350 people in May 2009 and the response was tremendous,” DeCoux remarked.

“This event impacts people in different ways, but it always delivers.”

TRICARE from P10

combined with lower rates paid to sole community hospitals, the proposal would save the department \$395 million through 2016, Hale said.

“We will phase in this change slowly, at least over a four-year period, in order to avoid adverse effects on care provided at these hospitals,” he added.

Hale also discussed

the department’s proposal for equitable treatment for all Medicare-eligible military retirees.

Under current law, he said, some Medicare-eligible enrollees are allowed to remain in the U.S. Family Health Plan, a TRICARE Prime option that provides care to active duty family members and all military retirees regardless of whether they participate in Medicare Part

B, which covers doctor services, outpatient care and home health services that Part A does not.

The Defense Department, Hale added, seeks legislation that requires those who are part of the U.S. Family Health Plan to join Medicare, as all other retirees must.

This, he added, will ensure that TRICARE does not pay claims that exceed Medicare rates when military retirees

qualify for both programs.

“We will make these fee changes very gradually, very slowly, and ‘grandfathering’ all those who are currently over age 65 and in the Family Health Plan, so it will take place over a number of years,” Hale said.

“I particularly ask the committee’s support for the provisions affecting the sole community hospitals and for legisla-

tion to permit changes to the U.S. Family Health Plan.”

The proposals are more than reasonable, Hale said, and strike a solid balance between bringing savings and maintaining quality health care for veterans and their families.

None of the proposals would affect active duty troops, he emphasized.

“These proposals generate savings that will

help us pay for needed training and equipping of the armed forces,” Hale said.

“If we don’t get authority to do this, we’ll face major holes in the military budget, and it will be very hard to handle in difficult budgetary times. But most importantly, these proposals will lay the groundwork for a sustainable future of the military health care system.”

Program celebrates Asian Pacific American heritage

By Gregory Ripps

470th Military Intelligence Brigade Public Affairs

Fort Sam Houston celebrated Asian Pacific American Heritage Month with entertainment and a lesson on diversity May 13 at the Middle School Teen Center.

Mimi Yu, associate director of the East Asian Institute at the University of Texas at San Antonio, gave the featured presentation on this year's theme, "Diversity, Leadership, Empowerment and Beyond."

Before introducing Yu, Col. Jim Lee, commander of the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade, which hosted this year's installation observance, said the celebration held special meaning for him because his grandparents came to the United States from Korea.

Lee also recognized Lt. Gen. Guy Swan III, commanding general, U.S. Army North; Maj. Gen. Simeon Trombitas, commanding general, U.S. Army South; Brig. Gen. Leonard Patrick, commanding general, 502nd Air Base Wing; and their commands' support to the observance.

Yu outlined the history of Asians in America, beginning with the first recorded Japanese immigration on May 7, 1843, and continued with the indispensable contribution of Chinese immigrants to the completion of the



Photo by Gregory Ripps

Mimi Yu, associate director of the East Asian Institute at the University of Texas in San Antonio, makes a presentation on the theme "Diversity, Leadership, Empowerment and Beyond."

transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. While much of her presentation focused on stories of Chinese and Japanese immigrants, she also related history of Koreans, Filipinos, Vietnamese and others in the United States, with information of particular interest to her Fort Sam Houston audience.

"Asians make up 4 percent of the U.S. population but only 1 percent of military recruits," Yu said. "However, it is changing."

She explained that Asian-American parents' traditional emphasis on education has made military education benefits appealing; that many parents encourage their children to enlist to show their loyalty to the United States; and that the rising visibility of Asian-Americans in military service (such as retired Gen. Eric Shinseki or Maj. Gen. Antonio Tabuba) makes that career more attractive.

"Asian Americans are woven into the fabric of the U.S. military, and the Army, like the U.S., is an ethnic mix," said Yu. "Diversity is understanding, valuing and using the differences in every person."

"The 21st century challenge of the U.S. military is to systematically develop a demographically diverse leadership and to pursue a broader approach to diversity that includes the range of backgrounds, skill sets and personal attributes that are necessary



Photo by Spc. Natalie Sampson

Members of Jones and Korean Dance Group perform a traditional Korean dance.



Photo by Spc. Natalie Sampson

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Chad Brown appears to enjoy himself after volunteering to perform an impromptu hula dance number.



Photo by Gregory Ripps

Jennifer Cox, a third degree black belt with Kuk Sool Won, offers a demonstration in Korean traditional martial art with knives.

Health Command Region South, said the event was an enjoyable way to learn about Asian cultures.

"Understanding different cultures – to broaden our diversity – is what it's all about," said Gartman.

Capt. Rochelle Sallis, of the 14th Military Intelligence Battalion, found the history of Asian Pacific Americans in Texas and in the

military particularly interesting.

"I didn't realize how many Asian people were in the United States," said Sallis. "We need to learn about other cultures; we need to speak to the people next door."

"There are many distinctive groups among Asian Pacific Americans," said Sgt. 1st Class Mina Vasquez, equal opportunity adviser for the 470th MI Brigade and master of ceremonies for the event. "We could offer only a sampling of their cultures, but I trust our program was entertaining and informative."

to enhance military performance."

Entertainment took place both before and after Yu's presentation. Jones and Korean Dance Group, Aloha Entertainment, and Kuk Sool Wan Korean traditional martial arts demonstrated aspects of their respective cultures in colorful costumes. Also, at the close of the event, all those attending could sample Asian or Pacific food provided by the Aloha Grill, Arirang Korean Restaurant, Koi Kawa Japanese Restaurant and Tong's Thai Restaurant.

Sgt. Maj. Dru Gartman, of Public

Bikes abound during the JBSA Motorcycle Safety Rally

By Lori Newman
FSH News Leader

Motorcycles lined the Fort Sam Houston Commissary parking lot May 11 for the Joint Base San Antonio Motorcycle Safety Rally.

The rally was planned to kick off the motorcycle riding season, explained William Johnson from the 502nd Air Base Wing Safety Office.

More than 200 riders from Fort Sam Houston and Randolph and Lackland Air Force Bases participated in the safety rally that featured motorcycle safety mentoring, safety equipment vendors, prize giveaways, a best bike contest and a slow-speed race.

The purpose of the slow-speed bike race was to see who could ride the slowest, controlling their motorcycle without having their feet touch the ground.

Brittany Morrow, from Lexington, Ky., traveled to San Antonio to share her story.

On Sept. 25, 2005, Morrow was a passenger on a GSXR 750 sport bike going about 120 mph when she fell off the back.

"I didn't put on any gear, except for a borrowed helmet," she explained. "The whole group that was riding with me said, 'that's all you need.'"

After the accident, she spent two months in the hospital and received skin grafts on more than 50 percent of her body. Morrow said she had nine surgeries and almost died from a blood clot.

Morrow is currently a Motorcycle Safety Foundation rider-coach and is the spokesperson for Rock the Gear, a national, non-profit web campaign, funded in part by the MSF and the



Photo by Lori Newman

Soldiers admire one of the many motorcycles that participated in the JBSA Motorcycle Safety Rally May 11. More than 200 riders from Fort Sam Houston and Randolph and Lackland Air Force Bases participated in the safety rally that included a best bike contest and a slow-speed race.

Motorcycle Industry Council, through the National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety.

According to the Rock the Gear web site, <http://www.RocktheGear.org>, the site is dedicated to producing a community for current and prospec-

tive motorcyclists where information on personal protective apparel is available and the choice to "Rock the Gear" is supported and rewarded.

"You would never go into combat without as much training and protection as you possibly could have. So, why would you choose to do anything different on a motorcycle," Morrow said.

"It's about the attitude before you get on [your bike], what you do while you're on the motorcycle and then your last resort is going to be your gear. Why not choose to wear it?"

In conjunction with the motorcycle safety rally the Directorate of Combat and Doctrine Developments, Army Medical Department Center & School, hosted and organized the first DCCD



Photo by Esther Garcia

Col. Daniel Chapa Jr. (right), director, Directorate of Combat and Doctrine Development, and Lt. Col. Dan Kral (left), road captain, leads motorcycle riders down New Braunfels Street enroute to Floresville. DCDD held their safety ride and motorcycle training in conjunction with the JBSA Motorcycle Safety Rally May 11.

Motorcycle Safety Training and Ride.

Nineteen riders representing six organizations from the post participated in the safety ride and the training that covered areas such proper pre-operation checks and services on a motorcycle following the approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation Checklist.

Following all the preventive measures and checks, the riders departed post to Stockdale, Texas for a brief

stop, then traveled to Floresville for a total of 100 miles ended back at the JBSA Motorcycle Safety Rally.

"We wanted to take the opportunity to do a safety ride and emphasize safe riding, then end up at the rally to get information about motorcycle safety," said Col. Daniel Chapa Jr., director for DCDD. "It is all about motorcycle safety."

(Editor's Note: Esther Garcia, AMEDDCC&S Public Affairs, contributed to this article.)



Photo by Lori Newman

Brittany Morrow, guest speaker at the JBSA Motorcycle Safety Rally shows Terry Todd the helmet she was wearing when she fell off the back of a motorcycle going about 120 mph.



Photo by Esther Garcia

Riders check their motorcycles, following the approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation Checklist, prior to their two hour ride. Nineteen riders participated in the Directorate of Combat and Doctrine Developments Motorcycle Safety Training and Ride May 11.

National Nurse's Week celebrated at Brooke Army Medical Center

By Maria Gallegos
BAMC Public Affairs

Brooke Army Medical Center celebrated and honored nurses during the National Nurse's Week, May 6-12. They were recognized and honored with various celebrations and cer-

emonies highlighting their dedication and achievements throughout year. This year's theme was 'Nurses Trusted to Care'.

The annual celebration is to heighten awareness of the value of nursing and help educate the public on duties

they perform to meet the health care needs of the American people.

Maj. Gen. Patty Horoho, chief of the Army Nurse Corps, who was recently nominated for Surgeon General of the U.S. Army, wrote in an e-mail message to all Army nurses, "The

profession of nursing requires a special person who is the embodiment of selfless service, compassion, dedication, and commitment. Military nursing requires that and more; it requires an extraordinary person – you."

"The Army Nurse

Corps future is bright! As we refine our capabilities across the Corps, I'll continue to envision a healthier tomorrow with Army nursing leading the way," Horoho added.

"Your professionalism, ability to care deeply, and openness to change has empowered the Army Nurse Corps to be a recognized and influential member of the health care team inciting and affecting change for the better."

The commemoration concluded with the announcement of BAMC's "2011 Nurses of the Year." The winners were recognized for their overall professional contributions, dedication and commitment to

patients and their everyday support of BAMC's mission.

The winners are: Maj. David Allen, APN, ISR; Lisette Melton, APN, Med-Surgery; First Lt. Shawn Bourdon, RN, 2 West; Ouima Richardson, RN, Ophthalmology Service; Sgt. Jeremy Lochabay, LVN, 2 East; Dylan Schmidt, LVN, McWethy TMC, Dept of Family and Community Medicine; Spec. Phillip Canafax, medic, Audiology Clinic and Donald Cooley, CNA, 6 East.

National Nurse's Week is observed each year from May 6 through 12, which is the birthday of Florence Nightingale, founder of modern nursing.



Edwards Aquifer Level

in feet above sea level
as of May 18

CURRENT LEVEL* = 655.4'

*determines JBSA water conservation stage

Normal - above 660'

Stage I - 660'

Stage II - 650'

Stage III - 642'

Stage IV - 640.5'

Stage V - 637'



Weekly Weather Watch

| | May 19 | May 20 | May 21 | May 22 | May 23 | May 24 |
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| San Antonio Texas | 89° Mostly Sunny | 83° Isolated T-Storms | 88° Isolated T-Storms | 89° Partly Cloudy | 91° Partly Cloudy | 92° Partly Cloudy |
| Kabul Afghanistan | 90° Sunny | 89° Sunny | 90° Sunny | 92° Sunny | 90° Mostly Sunny | 87° Mostly Sunny |
| Baghdad Iraq | 101° Sunny | 100° Sunny | 98° Sunny | 98° Sunny | 101° Sunny | 103° Sunny |

(Source: The Weather Channel at www.weather.com)

Brooke Army Medical Center adopts Cole Middle, High Schools

By Maria Gallegos
BAMC Public Affairs

Brooke Army Medical Center staff and Fort Sam Houston's Cole Middle and High School students and faculties joined together to celebrate and recognize their new partnership through the Adopt-A-School program at Cole High School May 5.

The charter signing between BAMC and Cole schools emphasized the goals to improve citizenship and learning experiences of Cole students.

Col. Noel Cardenas, BAMC deputy commander

of administration and Dr. Gail Siller, Fort Sam Houston Independent School District superintendent, were guest speakers for the event.

"Our mission through the Fort Sam Houston Adopt-A-School is to motivate and inspire the students to reach for success in everything they do," Cardenas said.

"We will work with Cole's staff to coordinate and pursue the best possible ways to achieve this goal. This includes school visits, mentoring and participation in various program activities."

Siller spoke of the benefits and values of the program and gave an example of a fifth-grader from Cole Elementary who was inspired and motivated by the leaders of the program.

"They offered so much free advice to him, and more importantly they listened to his questions as he shared his thoughts. By the end of the session, both of the engineers said 'this kid has the engineer gene,'" Siller said. "This is a special example, but how nice it was for one of our students to have the opportunity of that level

of support from people [mentors] to receive advice or guidance to his questions as he grows in our school."

"However the mentoring occurs, it helps to think of our long term positive difference in any individual's mind," Siller added.

"BAMC is honored and privileged to have this opportunity to 'lend a hand' to nurture the intellectual, emotional, social and physical growth of children at Cole," Cardenas said. "They are the future leaders of our generation."



Photo by Maria Gallegos

Col. Noel Cardenas, BAMC deputy commander of administration and Dr. Gail Siller, Fort Sam Houston ISD superintendent signs the charter between BAMC and Cole Middle and High School Adopt-A-School program May 5.

SIGNING CEREMONY LINKS 32ND MEDICAL BRIGADE UNIT AND WHEATLEY M.S.

(From left) 1st Sgt. Roderick Batiste and Maj. Eliasib Lozano from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 32nd Medical Brigade, and Horace Franklin, principal of Phyllis Wheatley Middle School, sign an oversized poster of the Fort Sam Houston Adopt-A-School Charter during a signing ceremony in the school's auditorium May 5. Local military leaders joined Wheatley Middle School students and faculty and watched as the charter was signed as part of the Fort Sam Houston Adopt-A-School Program. The charter outlines the terms and areas of responsibilities between the unit and the school. As the HHC, 232nd Medical Brigade's adopted school, the unit provides military resources year round as needed to the school to teach, coach, mentor and inspire students. "We are very grateful to Sam Houston for their commitment to our kids and their education. It is above and beyond their duties. This will mean a lot to our kids," said Robert Duron, superintendent, San Antonio Independent School District. The middle school bears the name of Phyllis Wheatley, an ex-slave who was the first woman, as well as the first African American, to publish a book of poems in the United States.



Photo by Esther Garcia

SAN ANGELO CENTRAL JROTC VISIT POST

An Air Force Junior ROTC student from Central High School in San Angelo, Texas, looks through a microscope in the Entomology lab at the Army Medical Department Center & School as part of their tour of Fort Sam Houston May 13. The students also had lunch at the Rocco Dining Facility, visited Benner Barracks and the Fort Sam Houston Museum.



Photo by Lori Newman

COLE JROTC RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS



Courtesy Photo

Six senior Junior ROTC cadets from Fort Sam Houston's Robert G. Cole High School were recognized for having received college ROTC scholarships at the school's annual JROTC Spring Awards Ceremony May 5. (From left) Ashley Erickson, University of the Incarnate Word; Kayanna Wade, Colorado State University; Dominique Edmonds, St. Mary's University; Sheyondra Evans, UTSA; Stephanie Aviles, TCU; and Shelby Tallent, United States Naval Academy.

HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION

French National Honor Society members Rebecca Lavender, Valeri Michna, Alexandra Herel, Lovelia Gomez, Taylor Kane, Eileen Garcia-Sanchez, and Tayler Potts light candles during an induction ceremony May 3. The National Honor Society, the Spanish National Honor Society and the French National Honor Society inducted nearly 30 new members. While each society has its own charter service and scholarship are requirements for admittance to all. These young men and women are exemplary students that commit to numerous volunteer service activities, participate in extracurricular activities and maintain A averages.



Courtesy Photo

FSHISD WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES MAY 23-28

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School

May 24

Bike Rodeo Assembly in gym, 1:30 p.m.

May 25

Kindergarten to fifth grade Bike Rodeo

Fifth grade – 8:15-9 a.m.

Second grade – 9:05-9:50 a.m.

Fourth grade – 9:55-10:40 a.m.

Third grade – 10:45-11:30 a.m.

Kindergarten – 11:35 a.m.-

12:20 p.m.

First grade – 12:20 p.m.-1:05 p.m.

May 26

FSHISD Board Meeting in the

Professional Development Center, 11 a.m.

May 27

Spirit Day

Kindergarten to fourth grade Step Up & Fly High, 2:15-2:45 p.m.

Robert G. Cole Middle and High School

May 23

Senior Exams – seventh and eighth periods

May 24

Senior Exams – third and fourth periods

Middle School National Junior Honor Society Ceremony in Middle School Mall, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

May 25

Senior Exams – first and second periods

May 26

Senior semester exams – fifth and sixth periods

FSHISD Board Meeting in Professional Development Center, 11 a.m.

Middle School Awards Ceremony in Moseley Gym

Sixth grade at 3:05 p.m.

Seventh grade at 9:25 a.m.

Eighth grade at 10:55 a.m.

May 27

Senior Awards Ceremony in Cole Ceremony, 9:30 a.m.

HIGHLAND HS CADETS VISIT FORT SAM

William Pittman, deputy branch chief, Environmental Health introduces a red tale boa constrictor to Highland High School JROTC cadets after a briefing on preventive medicine at AMEDDC&S during their tour of Fort Sam Houston May 3.

A boa constrictor can live up to 30 years and can be eight to 10 feet in length and weigh as much as 50 pounds. The Cadets visited the Medical Education Training Center, Fire Station and the Army Medical Department Museum as part of their tour.

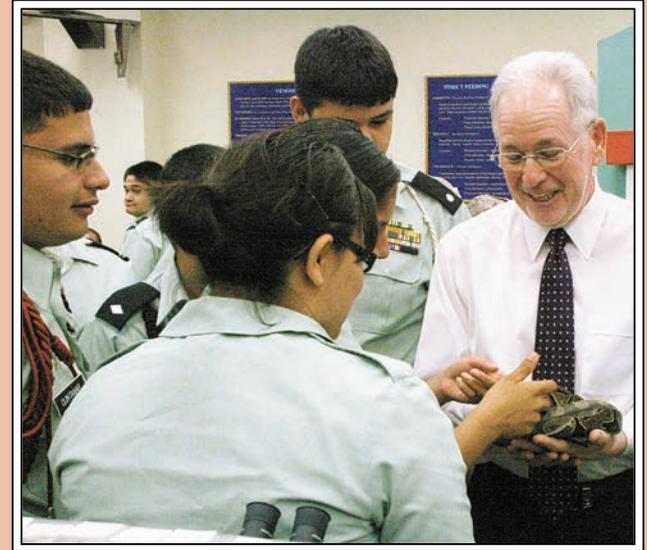


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Force Support Squadron

Family & MWR

Announcements

Youth Sports Registration

Child, Youth and School Services is offering registration for flag football, cheerleading and tackle football in the fall. Registration runs through June 10 from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Call Parent Central at 221-4871 for information.

Swimming Lesson Registration

The Aquatic Center will officially open May 27 at 4 p.m. Parents can register their children ages, 6 months- 16 years old for swimming classes now. All lessons are taught in accordance with American Red Cross standards. Call 221-1234.

Free Fitness Training

The Brigade Gym offers free body fat calculations, Body Mass Index, measurements and taping, personal and group fitness training. Services include high intensity movement training, body sculpturing, muscular strengthening and

endurance training. Call 221-4893 for information or an appointment.

Driver's Education

The SKIES program will offer a driver's education course beginning June 6. To register, call 221-4871 or visit <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/samhoustoncymys.html>.

Midsummer Knight's Read

Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library launches its summer reading program June 1-Aug. 13. Children, young adults, adults and retirees are all encouraged to participate. Sign-up begins June 1 at 9 a.m. Call 221-4702/4387 or visit the library at 2011 Harney Path.

Canyon Lake Annual Pass

An annual pass to the Joint Base San Antonio Recreation Park at Canyon Lake is \$50. This pass gets you into both the east and west sides of the park. Otherwise, the daily entry fee for the park is \$5 per visit, per vehicle. Annual passes include a vehicle and boat/trailer pass and are valid for one year from date of issue. Annual pass holders are not charged the boat launch fee. Call 1-800-280-3466.

Outdoor Movie Nights

May 20, "Despicable Me" at the flagpole
May 21, "Karate Kid" at Dodd Field
June 3, "Iron Man 2" at the flagpole
June 4, "Legends of the Guardians" at Dodd Field

All movies begin at dusk around 8-8:30 p.m. The movie time will get later as daylight remains longer. Bring chairs or blankets and enjoy free popcorn, snow cones and cotton candy. Call 221-2418/2704.

Boater's Safety Course

The course is offered Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Outdoor Recreation, Building 897, Randolph Air Force Base. This class is required before boats can be rented at the Joint Base San Antonio Recreation Park Marina at Canyon Lake.

Catfish Pond at Camp Bullis

Camp Bullis has opened the pay-as-you-go catfish pond. Catfish are \$2 per pound (live weight). No fishing license required. Pole

rental is \$1. Call 295-7577.

Language Classes

English as a Second Language classes are held Monday and Wednesday 5-7:30 p.m. and Spanish classes are held Tuesday and Thursday 5-7:30 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, for military I.D. cardholders. To register, call 221-1372/2705.

Legends of the Golden Oldies

The show featuring 1950s music runs through June 11 at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre. Dinner is served at 6:15p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m. Ticket prices are \$23-\$30/military, \$33/civilians, \$26/students, and \$16.50/children 12 and under. Call 222-9694.

Microsoft Office Classes

May 19 – PowerPoint Level 2
 May 24 – Access Level 2
 May 25 – Word Level 3
 May 26 – Excel Level 3

Classes are 8 a.m.-noon at the Roadrunner Community Service, Building 2797. To register, call 221-2518/2705.

2011 Army Arts & Crafts Contest

Enter now through June 30. Categories include 2-D drawings, oil base paintings, water base paintings, digital art, mixed media, 3-D ceramics: fibers, glass,

metals, jewelry, woods and mixed media. Visit <http://www.atrs.armymwr.com>.

Great Getaways

Enter now through June 15 for a chance to win a trip for two to an Armed Forces Recreation Center Resort destination. The prize package will include airfare, lodging for two and \$2,500. Visit http://www.edelweisslodgeandresort.com/great_getaway.html for entry and rules.

Spouses Sweepstakes

Enter A Salute to Spouses Sweepstakes online May 1-31 at <http://www.MWRPromotions.com>.

Calendar of Events

May 19

Trails and Tales of Fort Sam Houston

The event is 9 a.m.-noon, leaving from the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-1628/2705.

Mandatory Initial First Term Financial Readiness

The class is 10 a.m.-noon at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-1612.

Musical Story Time at the Library

The Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library will hold a musical story time 10-11 a.m. for children five and younger. Chief Warrant Officer 5 Douglas Paarmann, commander, U.S. Army Medical Command Band

will be the guest reader.

EFMP: Maximize Medicaid with Beneficial Tips

Exceptional Family Member Program will discuss Medicaid benefits, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-1612.

Sponsorship Training

The training is 2-3 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-9698/1681.

May 20 Baby Proofing Your Marriage

The class is 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-0349/2705.

FRG Leader/FRSA Forum

The forum is 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-1829/0946.

Texas Hold'em

A tournament will be held 6 p.m.-midnight at the Sam Houston Club. Players must be at least 18 years old to participate, register to play before 6 p.m. event day and 21 to purchase or consume alcohol. To register, call 226-1663.

May 21 Armed Forces Day 5K Fun Run/Walk

Register at 6:30 a.m., walk begins at 7 a.m. from the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. T-shirts can be purchased for \$10. Free and open to all DOD ID cardholders. Call 221-1234/2020.

Doggie Dip

The Doggie Dip is 10 a.m.-noon at the Aquatic Center, Building 3300, Williams Road. All dogs must have proof of distemper combination, Lepto and rabies vaccinations to be allowed in the pool. Breeds not permitted are Pit Bull, American Staffordshire Terrier, English Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Rottweiler and Wolf or Wolf hybrid. Call 221-9904.

Combatives Tournament

The 32nd Medical Brigade



Announcements

Holiday Children's Story Contest

The U.S. Air Force Band of the West is hosting a Holiday Children's Story Contest. The story must be 800-1000 words and include one of the following themes: "A Hero's Holiday Wish," "A Patriotic Holiday" or "Holiday Traditions." The contest winner will have an original composition commissioned to be performed at Holiday in Blue 2011 performances. All submissions are due by June 17. This contest is open to all San Antonio residents. Send submissions to band.media@us.af.mil or 1680 Barnes Ave. Lackland AFB, TX 78236.

Endodontics Department Seeks Patients

The Department of Endodontics at Lackland Air Force Base

is seeking patients needing root canal therapy for treatment at the MacKown Dental Clinic Endodontic Residency Program. Applicants must be a military retiree, family member of a retiree or active duty service member and have recently been diagnosed by a dentist with an endodontic condition requiring root canal therapy. Eligible patients should obtain a written consult from their referring dentist and fax it to 292-6431 or bring it to the MacKown Dental Clinic during normal duty hours. Patients will be selected for treatment based on the needs of the endodontic training program. Call 292-7831 for information.

Diabetes Study

Do you have Type 2 diabetes? Are you overweight? You may be a candidate for a research study entitled, "Sleeve gastrectomy versus medical management for remission of diabetes in mild to moderately obese patients." Candidates must be military medical beneficiaries (retired and family members of active duty and retired), 18-65 years old, diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes and on medication. Active duty personnel are unable

to participate. Call 292-2210 for information.

Cloverleaf Communicators Club

The Cloverleaf Communicators Club is open to military, family members and civilians who are interested in developing or enhancing their leadership and communications skills. Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of every month 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at San Antonio Credit Union, Stanley Road, in the conference room. Call 916-3406 or 221-8785 for information or visit <http://powertalkinternational.com/>.

Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association meets the third Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at the Longhorn

Café, 1003 Rittiman Rd. All active duty Reserve, National Guard and retired sergeants major are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 221-0584 or 889-8212 for information.

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meets the third Thursday of each month at noon in the Men's Card Room at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club. All Sergeant Audie Murphy or Sergeant Morales members are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 808-5194.

Lost Property

If you have lost any property on Fort Sam Houston, call 221-2340. To claim items, you must have a form of photo identification and be able to identify the property.

Calendar of Events

May 19

Tell me a Story

Fort Sam Houston Parent to Parent presents Tell Me a Story, "The Three Questions" read by Col. Mary Garr at 6:30 p.m. at Fort Sam Houston Elementary School. Open to the FSH community. Every family will receive a free copy of the book.

May 20

King William District and Southtown/Riverwalk Walk

The Randolph Roadrunners volksmarch club will host a 5k and 10k walk starting at the Beethoven Mannerchor Halle und Garten, 422 Perida. Walks start 3:30-6 p.m.; finish by 9 p.m. Call 658-8324.

May 21

All American Armed Forces Parade

Parade starts at 8 p.m. in Floreville. Call 215-7606 for information.

May 25

John Lapham Bullis Exhibition

The Fort Sam Houston Museum will present a special exhibit, entitled "John Lapham Bullis and the Camp which bears his name," May 25-30 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at historic Stilwell House. Free and open to the public. Call 221-1886.

May 26

Donald Rumsfeld Book Signing

Former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld will be at the FSH Main Exchange from 4-6 p.m. signing copies of his memoir, "Known and Unknown." Call 225-5566.

REMINDER CALENDAR

- May 20** Texas Hold'em Tournament, 6 p.m.-midnight, Sam Houston Club
- May 21** Armed Forces 5K Fun Run/Walk, 6:30 a.m., Jimmy Brought Fitness Center
- May 21** Combatives Tournament, 9 a.m., Jimmy Brought Fitness Center
- May 21** Doggie Dip, 10 a.m.-noon, Aquatic Center
- May 23** 502nd MSG Residents Town Hall Meet, 6 p.m., Watkins Terrace Community Center
- May 24** 502nd MSG Residents Town Hall Meet, 6 p.m., Harris Heights Community Center
- May 24** Newcomer's Extravaganza, 9:30-11 a.m., Sam Houston Club
- May 25** 502nd MSG Residents Town Hall Meet, 6 p.m., LMH Main Resident Center
- May 25-30** John Lapham Bullis Exhibition, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Stilwell House
- May 30** Memorial Day Ceremony, 9:30 a.m., FSH National Cemetery



For Sale: Chinese carpet, 8 feet by 10 feet, wool, green and white, \$100 obo; dining room table, two leafs, four chairs, \$100; green plush recliner, \$25; plastic dog house, \$15; futon mattress, \$10. Call 885-7538.

For Sale: Nikon D1 digital SLR camera (body only), 2.7 megapixel image sensor, 4.5 frames per second continuous shooting, accepts full range of Nikon F-mount lenses, excellent condition, \$450. Call 744-5665 or 221-0615.

For Sale: Storage cabinet, 30 inches by 17 inches by 60 inches, \$17; new eight panel wire pet pen, foldable, 2 feet by 4 feet by 16 feet, \$45; handcrafted flower hanger beams, holds three flower pots, \$8; 52-inch ceiling fan, 3-speed, five lights, five blades, \$20; Sunbeam gas barbecue grill, \$15. Call 313-0061

Rocco Dining Facility Menu

Building 2745, Schofield Road

Dining Room Breakfast Hours:
Monday-Friday 6:15-8:15 a.m.,
weekends and holidays 8-9:30 a.m.

Friday – May 20

Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bean soup, cream of broccoli soup, Creole chicken, beef stroganoff, blackened catfish, cheese french bread pizza, mashed potatoes, egg noodles, hopping john rice

Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.

Honey glazed cornish hens, beef stir fry, baked salmon, redskin potatoes, long grain and wild rice

Saturday – May 21

Lunch – noon to 1:30 p.m.

French onion soup, cream of mushroom soup, turkey pot pie, grilled ham steaks, parmesan baked fish, vegetable egg rolls, Mediterranean brown rice, Franconia potatoes

Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Beef tacos, barbecued chicken, spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian pasta and broccoli, Mexican rice, garlic-roasted potato wedges

Sunday – May 22

Lunch – noon to 1:30 p.m.

Cream of broccoli soup, tomato rice soup, Swedish meatballs, sesame chicken, chopstick tuna, grilled

chicken breasts, vegetable curry with rice, mashed potatoes

Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Salisbury steaks, shrimp linguine, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, chipotle chicken pannini, vegetarian burgers, grilled cheese sandwiches, mashed potatoes, vegetable stir fry,

Monday – May 23

Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Chicken noodle soup, cream of mushroom soup, baked chicken, chili macaroni, Caribbean flounder, vegan pierogy, brown rice with tomatoes, mashed potatoes

Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Oriental pepper steaks, roast pork tenderloin, lemon-pepper baked fish, macaroni and cheese

Tuesday – May 24

Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cream of chicken soup, knickerbocker soup, hot and spicy chicken, Yankee pot roast, grilled tuna patties, red beans and rice, steamed rice, O'Brien potatoes, ratatouille

Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.

Jerk roast turkey, hamburger yakisoba, cheese enchiladas, vegetarian nuggets, rice pilaf, baked sweet potatoes, cauliflower au gratin, Brussels sprouts

Wednesday – May 25

Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cream of mushroom soup, minestrone soup, braised beef cubes, grilled pork chops, chicken parmesan, vegetable pizza, mashed potatoes, egg noodles

Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.

Santa Fe glazed chicken, turkey meat loaf, Cajun baked fish, grilled chicken breasts with mushrooms and onions, vegetable egg rolls, lyonnaised potatoes, steamed rice

Thursday – May 26 (Meal Celebrating Memorial Day)

Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Creole soup, cream of broccoli soup, barbecued chicken, oven fried chicken, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, garlic-roasted potato wedges, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, cauliflower combo

Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.

Chicken enchiladas, Mexican baked chicken, beef fajitas, bean burritos, Spanish rice, parsley potatoes, Spanish-style beans, carrot and celery amandine, Mexican corn

Menus are subject to change without notice

MWR from P24

will host the Fort Sam Houston Combatives Tournament at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. First match begins at 9 a.m. Participants must weigh-in May 20 at 8 a.m. in Building 1160. Admission is free and the event is open to spectators.

Bowhunter's Education Class

Camp Bullis will offer a bowhunter's education class May 21-22. Minimum age of certification is 9 years old. The fee is \$15. To register, call 295-7577.

May 23

Unit Trauma Training

The training is 1:30-3 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-1829/0946.

Consumer Awareness

The class is 2-4 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-2380.

May 24

FRG Leadership Academy

The training is May 24-25 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-1829/0946.

Newcomers Extravaganza

Service members, civilian employees and their families who are new to Fort Sam Houston are invited to attend the Extravaganza, 9:30-11 a.m. at the Sam Houston Club. Date change due to Memorial Day holiday. Call 221-1372.

May 25

Breastfeeding Support Group

The group meets 10-11:30 a.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-0349.

Mandatory Initial First Term Financial Readiness

The class is noon-2 p.m. at the Education Center, Building 2248. To register, call 221-1612.

New Parent Support Orientation

The class is 2-3:30 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center,

Building 2797. To register, call 221-0349.

May 28

3D Archery Shoot

The shoot is May 28-29 at Camp Bullis. Register on event day from 8-10 a.m. Fees are \$15-16/competitive or \$10/non-competitive. Bow and arrows not supplied. Open to all ages, must be a DOD cardholder or MWR patron to participate. Call 295-7577.

Joint Base San Antonio Military Golf Classic

This year's Joint Base San Antonio Military Golf Classic will be held May 28-30, at Randolph Oaks, Gateway Hills and the Fort Sam Houston Golf Course. Entry fees for two-player teams are \$130 per player for advanced players, \$170 for non-advanced player DOD ID cardholders and \$185 for civilian players. Entry fee includes green fee, cart, refreshments, prizes and banquet. Entry deadline is May 20, no exceptions. All three rounds begin at 8 a.m. each day. Call 671-2517.