

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Oct. 29, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.



Time to fall back

Don't forget to turn clocks back one hour on Oct. 26. Standard time resumes and daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. officially on the last Sunday in October in each time zone.

CYS holds Family Fun Fest

Child and Youth Services will sponsor a Family Fun Fest, Oct. 25, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Aberdeen Area Youth Services, building 2522.

The event is free and activities will include a book fair, arts and crafts, games, food, face painting, and a special visit from the Nothing Up My Sleeve—balloon sculptures and magic show.

RAB scheduled for Oct. 30

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its Restoration Advisory Board meeting 7 to 9:45 p.m. at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topics will include updates on the Graces Quarters and Carroll Island Study Areas.

Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited.

For more information, call the Information Line at 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

Disposing of leaves, tree branches

The Collection Station at building 3558 will be open for disposal of leaves and branches Oct. 27 through 31, Nov. 4 through 12 and 18 through 24.

The station will be open Nov. 22 specifically for housing occupants to bring their yard waste.

Housing occupants and tenant activities are reminded that refuse dumpsters are not to be used for yard waste, leaves, limbs and branches.

For more information, call Chris Barwick, Directorate of Installation Operations, 410-306-2349.

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Police academy graduates largest class ever



Police Capt. Erick Stone, right, chief, Training Division, Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, congratulates class 03-03 graduates, from left, Charles Simmons and Ryan Tiegen, APG police, and Lionel Brown, of Tobyhanna Army Depot, after their graduation ceremony at Dickson Hall, Oct. 16.

Story and photo by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Police Academy held its largest commencement ever, graduating 35 officers from Class 03-03 during a ceremony in Dickson Hall, Oct. 16.

Police officers from Tobyhanna and Picatinny

Army depots, Defense Logistic Agency sites, and the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, along with APG military and civilian police officers, completed the nine-week training course under the direction of Robert W. Krauer, APG provost marshal, and Police Capt. Erick Stone, chief, Training Division, Directorate of Law

Enforcement and Security.

Police Maj. Joseph Darabasz opened the ceremony, welcoming visiting dignitaries, family members, and the guest speaker, Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander.

Lauding the graduates for their accomplishment, Krauer said the academy exists

because "training is imperative."

"We are the first line of defense for this country and we are here to protect families, employees and businesses," Krauer said.

"I am especially proud of your accomplishments," he told the graduates, adding "Each and every day, the good guys get home safe."

Mark noted that the academy is the first within the Department of Defense accredited through the Commission on the Accreditation of Law Enforcement Activities.

"Today we honor academic achievements," Mark said. "Each officer has been trained and tested on federal, military and state laws. That's a lot of information."

"To say the least, it has been intense and mentally and physically challenging," she said.

Echoing Krauer, she added, "We are very proud of you, for you are our first lines of defense here at APG."

In a surprise move, the class spokesperson, Sgt. Matthew Long, Headquarters Support Troop, called the academy's instructors to the stage to present each with coins of excellence, purchased by the class members.

"We wanted to change the routine and do something different to show our appreciation," Long said.

Set to exit the military and assume a role with the APG civilian police force, Long said the "very informational" course prepares officers to work within the DoD environment.

"It's heavy on academics and there's a lot of studying required," Long said, "It gets your feet wet and gives you all you need to know to get on the road with your field training officer."

"I came here with nothing but I grew as a police officer, and now I'm ready to serve," said Najiyah Mahdi, a graduate from the New Cumberland DLA police force.

"This is a necessity for any officer before heading out on the street," added Tina Nealy, also a DLA officer and one of several recipients of the academy's leadership award.

"The training and leadership were awesome," the former York, Penn., sheriff's deputy said.

"It was difficult, but necessary," said APG police officer Ryan Teigen.

A recent college graduate with a degree in criminal justice, Teigen is set to begin his first rotation with the Edgewood Area's fourth squad.

"Training is essential because it provides experience," he said. "It was all

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IMA chaplain promotes strength through training during Prayer Breakfast

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Words of encouragement for overcoming tragedies and setbacks highlighted the Aberdeen Proving Ground Prayer Breakfast held Oct. 15 at Top of the Bay.

The U.S. Army Installation Management Agency chaplain for the northeast region, Lt. Col. Stephen Moon, cited circumstances following Tropical Storm Isabel and "other storms within our lives," to convey a message of strength through faith and spiritual training.

Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander and Lt. Col. Carol VanSchenkof, garrison chaplain, welcomed the multi-denominational gathering of about 150 people to the annual event. Chaplain (Maj.) William Liprot opened the program with a prayer, asking God for blessings on the APG community.

"You know that we love you and that we have come this far by grace," Liprot said. "Through our various faiths, we bow today and ask that you bless us and our families."

Guests dined on a meal of scrambled eggs, bacon and sausage, biscuits, waffles and fruit, while enjoying a musical ministry offered by Maj. LouAnne Maddox, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, who sang "The Anchor Holds," and Pvt. Steven Presser, APG chaplain's assistant on guitar, who led a sing-along of the songs, "Lord I

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Housing receives \$2.7 million for repairs

Story and photos by
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APG News

Work began on Beach Court in Bayside Village, Aberdeen Area, Oct. 20 for some long-needed projects that include repairing sidewalks, curbing and driveways; insulation of attic heating ducts; and painting and replacement of gas lines.

Col. Mardi U. Mark, Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison and deputy installation commander, promised it would happen and it did.

"These things take time," Mark said during a Community Action Council meeting several months ago; and now it's APG's time.

Many residents of both Bayside and Patriot villages have been waiting for the time to come when repairs would be made in their housing areas.

"We received \$2.7 million dollars to repair housing areas on both Aberdeen and Edgewood," said Marilyn Spence, engineer technician,

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Kevin Ayer, site supervisor for Jacksonville Construction, fills holes in the sidewalk with a cement and soil mixture designed to level sidewalks with curbs during the first phase of repairs being made to Bayside and Patriot villages which began Oct. 20.

CHPPM honors Hispanic Americans "Honoring Our Past, Surpassing Our Present and Leading Our Future"

CHPPM

The U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine held its 3rd Annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration in recognition of Hispanic American Heritage Month, Sept. 17, when many gathered at the Gunpowder Club, Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground, for entertainment, food, and an overall educational experience.

The CHPPM Hispanic Employment Program committee coordinators, Carmen Adrover and Eleanor Gordon, physical science technicians with the Directorate of Laboratory Sciences, organized the event.

Capt. Roberto Marin, Directorate of Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance, served as the master of ceremonies and co-coordinator of the program. He welcomed the attendees and introduced Randy Weber, a training specialist at the School of Military Packaging Technology, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, who sang the national anthem.

Attendees were entertained by music and dance performances from the Harford County Hispanic Society. Under the direction of Carmen Duran, Desiree Flecha and Dario Morales performed a salsa and merengue dance. Lady Thurmon and Eduardo Espinosa performed a Bachata piece.

Marin then introduced CHPPM's commander, Brig. Gen. William Bester, as a "commander that fosters high morale throughout the ranks and supports his special emphasis program 100 percent; a man with a ready sense of humor and pleasant personality."

"He is 'El Nunero Uno', #1, El Jefe!" said Marin.

Bester welcomed an audience of civilians and military reminding them of the contributions of Hispanic Americans and the importance of this year's theme, "Honoring Our Past, Surpassing Our Present and Leading Our Future."

He spoke of the Hispanics' observance being

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Photo by W. BEN BUNGER III
Sgt. Maritza Cisneros, Noncommissioned Officers Academy, performs El Tilingo Lindo, which is a Jaracho dance from Veracruz, Mexico. Cisneros' dress was made from a fabric that represents the sugar sheets of Veracruz, the main agricultural export.

CAC focuses on fire prevention, fall cleanup, housing repair and flu shots

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Community Action Council meeting was held Oct. 2. Col. Mardi U. Mark opened the meeting noting the start of the Combined Federal Campaign contribution period, which runs through Nov. 19.

She also thanked all garrison elements involved in the re-deployment operations for the 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion, recently returned from Iraq.

"Two-thirds have already been through medical processing. We don't know when the next units will re-deploy but expect Kirk [U.S. Army Health Clinic] to be impacted," Mark said. "My thanks to all for their patience as we serve our returning troops."

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby briefed attendees on the upcoming fall cleanup season, which runs from Oct. 27 to Nov. 24.

Irby said that leaders should pay close attention to their areas of responsibility.

"Your packets identify which areas you are responsible for," Irby said, noting areas have been added to some listings.

Irby instructed Senior Area Coordinators to distribute the fall cleanup letter of instruction to housing area occupants and said that playgrounds and basketball courts are also important areas that should not be overlooked.

He said any problems with personnel not wanting to participate should be directed to his office at 410-278-1509.

Fall cleanup

During fall cleanup, garden equipment, trash bags, grass seed and fertilizer will be available in the Re-Nu-It centers, building 5413 (Aberdeen Area), and building E-5185 (Edgewood Area).

Equipment for installation housing area cleanup will be issued Nov. 17 and must be returned by noon, Nov. 24.

All units except the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School will be issued equipment Oct. 27. Equipment must be returned by noon, Nov. 3.

The OMMS units will be issued equipment Nov. 4 that must be returned by noon, Nov. 12.

The dates of cleanup are:

Installation housing areas: Nov. 18 to 24. Both Aberdeen and Edgewood area Re-Nu-It centers will be open Oct. 27 and Nov. 3, 10, 17, and 22.

All units except the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School: Oct. 27 to 31.

All OMMS units: Nov. 4 to 12.

DIO housing repair money

Marilyn Spence, engineering technician, APG Housing Division, announced that the Directorate of Installation Operations has received \$2.75 million for housing repairs and painting.

"All told, we have received nearly \$4 million maintenance dollars," Spence said. "We have about \$9 million in needed repairs so there's lots more that needs to be done, but this will help a lot."

"We should be pleased about APG getting this money," Mark said. "It's a big win for our installation, but keep those work orders coming in so we can build a case for even more."

Spence said the year-end funds will permit the painting of Plumb Point Loop and Hopkins Road housing units; patching, paving, and repairing of potholes on installation roadways; the installation of natural gas lines; and exterior painting of Patriot Village housing units.

All of the projects funded will be performed while tenants continue to live in the quarters.

Flu vaccine

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic Commander Lt. Col. David Peterson said that flu vaccines are in and the personnel deploying to overseas areas will be inoculated first, followed by active-duty personnel.

"We expect to receive all of our vaccines by Oct. 30," Peterson said.

He asked that the community check the *APG News* for the immunization schedule for family members and the civilian work force.

"Normally, we open it up to everyone the first week of January. February is the optimum month that people come down

with the flu," Peterson said.

EA Troop Store

Carol Chancellor, AAFES, said the EA Troop Store will be open for business Oct. 24. The grand opening is scheduled for Oct. 28, 3 p.m., building E-4224. Refreshments will be served.

Fire Prevention

Robert Farrell, APG Fire and Emergency Services Division, briefed attendees on fire prevention, citing two preventable fires on the installation this year; one involving unattended cooking in housing and the other due to improper disposal of smoking material.

"Every 19 seconds a fire department in the U.S. is responding to a fire," Farrell said, adding that in the last year, FESD responded to 2,600 incidents on APG.

He encouraged all to familiarize themselves with their home and workplace emergency exits in keeping with this year's theme, "When fire strikes, get out and stay out," and to report any hazardous or non-emergency incidents to FESD at 410-306-0572/3 (AA), or 410-436-4451/2 (EA).

"The fire department is here for you. If you need us, call us," Ferrell said.

Community activities

Roy Ballinger, chief, Directorate of Community and Family Activities, thanked the community for supporting the Lonestar/Trace Adkins concert that more than 5,000 attended despite the rains.

"This is a major moneymaker for Morale, Welfare And Recreation and we appreciate the support," Ballinger said.

He also announced that the APG Child and Youth Services Family Fun Fest is Oct. 25, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the AA Youth Center; that White House Christmas ornaments are available for \$15 from the ITR Office in the AA Recreation Center, building 3326; and that the U.S. Army Soldier Show will give a performance open to the public, Nov. 2, 7 p.m. at the post theater. Two other performances, Nov. 1, are for active-duty military only.

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Thrift Shop boasts treasures for community

Story and photos by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Shoppers may not find raindrops on roses and whiskers on kittens at the APG Thrift Shop, but they will find a treasure trove of bargains in good condition and at costs well below retail prices.

The installation "bargain basement," located in the Aberdeen Area in building 2458, behind the Post Chapel, is overflowing with items and in need of holiday shoppers, said Manager Barbara Layton.

"Anyone shopping for birthday presents, holiday gifts, clothing or items for the home should look here first," she said. "You can't beat our prices."

The shop only accepts concessions in good condition that are likely to be desired by its clientele. Also, the shop is open to everyone—military, family members, installation employees and civilians, she added.

The shop's inventory includes women's, men's, children's and baby's clothing, furniture, garden tools, electronic equipment, bicycles, toys, kitchenware, shoes,

books, jewelry, strollers, baby seats, Christmas trees and hundreds of knick knacks.

"We have plenty of Halloween costumes, decorations and masks, as well as items for the upcoming holiday season," she said. (See stand-alone photograph of Thrift Shop costume display on page 5.)

To further promote business, a \$3 Bag Sale is in effect for clearance items for the month of October. Shoppers may stuff as much as they can into a grocery bag and pay only \$3 for the haul. The sale does not include books or military items.

In addition, the Thrift Shop will be open for business every Saturday in November and December, except during the Thanksgiving weekend, for holiday shopping.

"We have so much to offer the community," she said, adding that proceeds from the Thrift Shop support several charitable activities on the installation. The shop also offers high school students the opportunity to fulfill community service requirements by volunteering to help out.

"We are very much in need

of more volunteers. The ones we have are great. We couldn't function without them, but there is always room for more."

"It's a great place to be if you like meeting people," said volunteer Lulu Shanks.

A member of the Military and Civilian Spouses' Club, Shanks volunteers once a week to support the shop activities.

"They do so much for the community. We feel we should do our part to help them out," Shanks said.

"Everyone should come check this out," said Marlena Spalarich, a military spouse, as she checked out the women's skirt rack.

Spalarich said she usually checks the shop first for children's clothing and house wares.

"There's always something here to catch my eye, and I love the prices," she said.

The Thrift Shop is open Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and every Saturday in November and December, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 410-272-8572.



Bob Hagan, a visual information specialist with the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, looks for that "diamond in the rough," this time in the form of a stereo amplifier. Hagan said his best purchase at the shop was an \$80 Nordic Flex exercise machine valued at \$800.



Military spouse, Marlena Spalarich, checks out the women's skirt rack for bargains at the APG Thrift Shop.

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Red Ribbon schedule of events

Cindy Scott
ASAP Office

The National Red Ribbon Week awareness campaign, focusing on the prevention of drug use, is celebrated Oct. 23 through 31.

To demonstrate the military's resolve to avoid both illegal drug use and illegal use of legal drugs, all branches of the Department of Defense adopted Red Ribbon Week.

The Mothers Against Drunk Drivers Red Ribbon campaign, "Tie one on for safety," continues the display of the red ribbon from

November through February each year.

Placing red ribbons in a visible location on vehicles symbolizes a motorist's pledge to drive safe and sober and serves as a reminder for others to do the same.

The APG Army Substance Abuse Program staff conducts and participates in a variety of events to bring the red ribbon campaign message to the community.

For more information, contact Cindy Scott at 410-278-3784, e-mail her at or visit building 2477.

THURSDAY - FRIDAY
OCTOBER 23
through **OCTOBER 31**
RED RIBBONS AND DISPLAYS

Red ribbons and awareness displays will be available at the Child Development Centers, the youth centers, Army Community Service, the chapels and at the Army Substance Abuse Program Office, building 2477.

Presentations for pre-school and pre-kindergarten children will be conducted at the Child Development centers and will include the "Good vs. Bad Drugs" program and Halloween safety. Each child will be given a reflective trick or treat bag with the message, "Say Boo to Drugs."

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 25
CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES FAMILY FUN FEST

The CYS Family Fun Fest will be held 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the AA Youth Center, building 2522. The fest will include an awareness display for both youths and parents with information on different types of drugs, including alcohol.

The ASAP staff will be operating a drunk driving obstacle course using Drunk Driving "Eyes" and remote controlled cars. The obstacle course allows participants the opportunity to experience being under the influence of alcohol or other drugs without



<http://www.justice.gov/dea/ongoing/redribbon02.html>

actually consuming them. Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, will tie a red ribbon on a police car at 11:30 a.m. to remind everyone not to drink and drive.

YOUTH RED RIBBON DANCE

A Red Ribbon Dance will be held at the AA Youth Center, building 2522, for youths ages 6 to 11, 6 to 8 p.m., and for youths ages 12 to 18, 8 to 10 p.m. All youths wearing something red will receive a special gift.

THURSDAY
OCTOBER 30
FAMILY CHILD CARE FALL FEST

The ASAP staff will participate in the FCC Fall Fest in Patriot Village, 9:30 to 11 a.m., at the end of Citizen Court.

There will be red ribbons, awareness materials, a Halloween safety presentation and another opportunity for the community to experience the drunk driving obstacle course.

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 8
YOUTH RED RIBBON DANCE

A Red Ribbon Dance will be held at the EA Youth Center, building E-1902, 6 to 8 p.m., for youths ages 6 to 11; and 8 to 10 p.m., for youths ages 12 to 18.

All youths wearing something red will receive a special gift.



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Promoting the purple ribbon campaign against family violence, Sandra Hernandez-McCullough, right, APG Victims Advocacy Program coordinator, hands a purple ribbon and family violence information packet to military spouse Charlotte Powell and her children, Johnny, 11; Fya, 10; and Darrina, 20, at the Post Exchange, Oct. 15.

Domestic Violence Awareness month

Signs of abuse (indicators)

Spouse and child abuse occurs at various levels of severity. Mild abuse involves limited physical injury with no medical treatment needed. Moderate abuse involves minor or major physical injury with short-term medical treatment. Severe abuse involves major physical injury or long-term medical treatment, inpatient care or moving the victims to an alternate environment for safety.

Some indicators of abuse include:

- Mild**
- Verbal threats;
 - Bruises, welts, scratches or abrasions not requiring medical treatment that are confined to one area; and
 - Hair pulling that does not remove hair

Moderate

- Minor burns or blisters confined to small area;
- Bruises, welts, scratches or abrasions that are widespread;
- Small cuts requiring stitches;
- Bite marks on any area;
- Sprains;
- Mild concussions;
- Broken teeth; and
- Hair pulling that results in hair removal.

Severe

- Any injury during pregnancy;
- Extensive cuts requiring stitches;
- Head injuries;
- Internal injuries;
- Third-degree burns to any area of the body;
- Minor burns to an extensive area of the body;

• Signs of abuse (indicators)

- Minor burns on face or abdomen;
- Injuries resulting in impairment to sight, hearing or mental abilities;
- Extensive and multiple bruises in various states of healing, indicating a pattern of abuse;
- Cuts, bruises or abrasions on face, neck or shoulder
- Shocking or strangling;
- Threats with a knife, gun or motor vehicle;
- Burns or bruises to the genital area;
- Sexual abuse;
- Administering any harmful substance; and
- Death.

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SALE INFORMATION For 3 days only, Koons - White Marsh has been chosen as a state wide sell-off distribution site of these vehicles to the public for as little as 10% of their original lien amount. (Maximum of 2 vehicles per household)

PREREGISTRATION Preregistration is recommended. The public may preregister and preview and test drive these vehicles on Wednesday, October 22, 2003 from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Thursday, October 23, 2003 from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Preregistrants will be given priority access and attention during Friday, October 24, 2003 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 25, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

VEHICLES MAY BE PURCHASED ON WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

REGISTRATION All prospective buyers are required to register at the gate prior to previewing vehicles. Must be 18 years or older and possess a valid driver's license. Vehicles are sold on a first come, first served basis. All registration times punched. In the event of multiple offers, priority will be given to the earliest registrant. (Auto Dealers permitted with proof of current state license and tax ID no.)

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SITE INFORMATION

HOURS: PREREGISTRATION AND VEHICLE PREVIEW:

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From front page

Treating the holiday safely

Halloween and the traditional "trick or treat" activities will be celebrated at Aberdeen Proving Ground on Oct. 31.

Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. "Trick or treat" activities are specifically limited to 6 to 8 p.m., Oct. 31.

Personnel driving in the housing areas during the "trick or treat" period are cautioned to exercise extreme care, and to be especially watchful for young children who may not be readily visible or attentive to moving vehicles.

It is strongly recommended that children either wear reflective marking on their costumes or carry a flashlight.

The cooperation of all concerned is being solicited to ensure a safe and happy Halloween at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

For more information, call Linda Holloway, 410-306-4520.

EA Troop Store grand opening Oct. 28

The grand opening of the new Troop Store, building E-4224, will take place Oct. 28, 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

The Troop Store is available for active duty military, reserves, National Guard and retirees. The facility includes a snack avenue, heat and eat and picnic tables outside.

The Barber Shop, drycleaners, and MCC Phone Center will be located with the Troop Store.

2003 CFC contribution front runners recognized

The Aberdeen Proving Ground 2003 Combined Federal Campaign is already a success for five organizations, which, as of Oct. 10, have exceeded their goal. They are the Internal Review and Audit Compliance Office, Staff Judge Advocate Office, Army Contracting Agency, Development Test Command and Development Test Command JLOG/PE.

The contribution period continues ends Nov. 14.

The 2003 Contributor's Guide for national/international organizations is at Web site <http://www.opm.gov/cfc/03-lists/Index.asp>. Paper copies of the guide and pledge cards are available from each organization key worker or at the APG CFC office.

For more information, visit the APG CFC office at building 120, room 114, or call John Belcher, Robert Solyan, or Ronda McKinney at 410-278-0001/0002/0003.

FEMA brochures available

Brochures on disaster assistance from Federal Emergency Management Agency are available at the Garrison Public Affairs Office, building 2201.

The brochures are available in English, Korean, Vietnamese, Spanish and other languages.

Attorneys offer free advice

To assist residents who were affected by the devastation caused by Hurricane Isabel, volunteer attorneys from the Maryland State Bar Association are offering free legal advice through a special toll free legal disaster hotline.

Residents are encouraged to call 1-866-858-0039 and speak with a volunteer attorney for help with all legal matters resulting from the storm.

Volunteer attorneys from MSBA's Young Lawyers Section will operate the hotline and offer legal information and guidance to disaster victims and their families in need of legal advice.

This hotline is a public service and no referrals for legal service will be given, nor can the attorneys answering the phone accept disaster cases.

Gilchrest to host veterans seminar

Congressman Wayne Gilchrest, R-Maryland 1st District, will hold a Veterans Seminar, Nov. 17, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Bel Air Army, located on 37 North Main Street. The seminar is free and open to the public. Representatives from the Regional Department of Veterans Affairs, the VA Maryland Health Care System, TRICARE, veterans service organizations and National Veterans Legal Services will present information to include pension and compensation benefits, reservist benefits, long term care and screening, CHAMPVA and more. There will be Veterans History Project and Award Presentations at 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call Angela Jones at 1-877-891-9719 or Kathy Abey at 1-888-393-3915.

CWF hosts trips

New York City

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a trip to see the "Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show," on Broadway, in New York City.

The bus will depart building 3320 at 9:30 a.m. on Nov. 28 and depart New York at 5 p.m. on Nov. 30.

The cost per person is \$499 for a single, \$325 with two people in the room, \$275 with three people in the room, and \$225 with four people in the room. Prices include charter bus transportation, the ticket for the show and hotel accommodations.

A day trip is also available for \$115 per person and includes charter bus transportation and a ticket for the show. The bus will depart building 3320 at 6 a.m., and depart New York at 6 p.m.

For more information or to make reservations, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771.

Christmas in Hershey

Start the Christmas Season out with a trip to the "Sweetest Place on Earth." The Civilian Welfare Fund will sponsor a trip to Hershey Park "Christmas in Hershey," when it will be decorated like a winter wonderland, with shows, rides, and activities for all. Cost for the trip is \$15 per person and includes charter bus transportation. There is no fee to get into the park, however, activities and events are pay as you go.

The bus will depart from the Aberdeen Area Nov. 22 at 11:30 a.m. and depart from Hershey at 8:30 p.m.

For more information or to make reservations, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771.

FEHB Open Season begins Nov. 10

The Federal Employees Health Benefits Open Season will be held Nov. 10 to Dec. 8.

Health fairs are scheduled for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 12, at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 13, at the Edgewood Area Recreation Center, building E-4140. Plan representatives will be available to provide new health plan materials and answer questions at these fairs. Employees are encouraged to attend the health fairs to speak to the carrier

Tip of the Week



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representatives and obtain individual brochures from them.

AETNA is introducing AETNA HealthFund this year, a consumer driven product that will be available in Maryland.

Comparison guides will not be distributed post-wide to administrative offices this year. In the September Benefits Administration Letter 03-401, the Office of Personnel Management announced that they will not print or distribute any hard copy Benefits Guides. Copies of comparison guides and individual brochures may be obtained from OPM's Web site at www.opm.gov/insure/health. Individual brochures will still be distributed.

Employees must contact the Army Benefits Center-Civilian (ABC-C) at 1-877-276-9287 or www.abc.army.mil.

All employee changes will be effective Jan. 11, 2004.

Questions may be directed to Teri Wright, CPAC, 410-278-4331, teri.wright@usag.apg.army.mil, or to a servicing personnel assistant.

Flexible Spending Account open season begins soon

The Flexible Spending Account Open Season also coincides with the FEHB Open Season. To enroll in the FSA, contact the carrier SHPS directly at Web site <https://www.fsafeds.com/fsafeds/> or call 1-877-FSAFEDS (372-3337).

Questions may be directed to Teri Wright, CPAC, 410-278-4331, teri.wright@usag.apg.army.mil, or to a servicing personnel assistant.

Kirk offers classes

The following classes will be held at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. For more information and to register for classes, call Preventive Medicine, 410-278-1964.

Daytime tobacco cessation

Classes are scheduled for four consecutive Wednesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Nov. 5, 12, 19 and Dec. 3, in the Preventive Medicine Conference Room on the first floor. Pre-registration is required. All TRICARE PRIME beneficiaries are invited to attend.

Evening tobacco cessation

Classes are scheduled for four consecutive Tuesdays, 7 to 9 p.m., Nov. 4, 18, 25 and Dec. 2, in the Behavioral Health Conference Room 316 on the third floor. Pre-registration is required. All TRICARE PRIME beneficiaries are invited to attend.

Diabetes education

Classes are scheduled for four consecutive Wednesday evenings, 6 to 8 p.m., Nov. 12 and 19 and Dec. 3 and 10, in the Behavioral Health Conference Room 316 on the third floor. All TRICARE-enrolled individuals with diabetes or parents or sponsors of a diabetic are invited to

attend.

Take Care of Yourself class

Class is held on the third Thursday every month, 10 a.m. to noon. Patients will be taught how to treat minor illnesses and injuries at home, and instructed when to see a doctor. Participants will be given medical cards, which will allow them to pick up specific over-the-counter medications without a prescription.

Family Child Care Training to be held

Family Child Care training will be conducted Nov. 17 to 21. Applicants who are interested in providing home-based child care, especially infant care, are encouraged to apply.

Being a professionally trained provider in a warm, home environment offers benefits such as potential for over \$500 per week; self employment; free training in a marketable profession; transferable credit to Army installations world wide; free use of lending library; free referrals by Central Registry; free monthly newsletter; free workshops (nutrition, health, child development, safety, CPR, taxes), participation in the National CDA credentialing program, participation in the USDA food program, participation in the National Family Child Care Home Accreditation program.

For more information, call Penny Branham, 410-278-7477/8720.

Kirk offers 'Take care of yourself' class

Class will be held the third Thursday of each month, 10 a.m. to noon.

All TRICARE Prime beneficiaries are eligible to attend. Instruction will be provided to teach patients how to treat minor illnesses and injuries at home, and when to see a doctor.

The classes will be conducted by a registered nurse using the "Take Care of Yourself" handbook.

At the end of each class, Medication Cards will be given out which will allow patients to pick-up specific over-the-counter medications without a prescription.

For more information and to register for classes, call Preventive Medicine, 410-278-1964.

Spouses club to begin annual pie sale

The Military and Civilian Spouses' Club begins its annual apple pie sale on Oct. 28. Each pie will be sold for a \$6 donation and is individually wrapped with baking directions. To place a pie order, call Amy Carlson at 410-939-6429 or visit the MCSC Web site at www.apgmsc.org.

PWOC upcoming activities

The Protestant Women of the Chapel are once again taking part in Operation Christmas Child this holiday season.

For those who want to participate, donated empty shoeboxes and/or wrapping paper can be brought to the chapel or participants can fill a shoebox on their own and bring it to the chapel. Items should be for a boy or girl, age 11 to 17. Age-appropriate items may include small toys, personal items, school supplies, etc. The collection period ends Nov. 30.

Bible Studies continue to enrich the lives of many.

Join PWOC on Monday nights at 7 p.m. or on Thursday mornings at 9 a.m. The Monday night series will begin "The Purpose Driven Life" in November.

Baby sitting is available for both studies.

ACS hosts telephone etiquette/customer service workshop

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program Manager will sponsor Telephone Etiquette and Customer Service workshop, Nov. 19, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., in ACS building 2754 Rodman Road, ACS Classroom.

The class will address the simple yet crucial skills needed to ensure a positive interaction when assisting a caller or customer.

Upon completion of this class, students will receive a certificate of completion from Harford Community College. Topics include Negative Speaking, Using Professional Greetings, Telephone Etiquette Basics, Why Customers Complain, Communication and Effective Relationship Building and Dealing With Vocally Challenged Callers.

For more information, call Marilyn Howard at 410-278-9669.

Washington Capitals host "Salute to the Military Night"

Service members and their families will be honored guests as part of the Washington Capitals "Salute to the Military Night," 7 p.m., on Nov. 12 at the MCI Center. The Capitals will dedicate the evening to recognizing the nation's military and their families. Free tickets are available for more than 5,000 service members.

To register for tickets, visit www.defendamerica.mil, select the Operation Tribute to Freedom icon, followed by the Events/Instructions/Register links. Service members are limited to four tickets and can only register using a military or government email address. There is no uniform requirement to attend this event.

Lose weight for the holidays

Lunchtime Weight Watchers meetings are continuing on post with the newest program from Weight Watchers - FlexPoints. FlexPoints makes losing weight in the real world easier.

Get eleven weeks for the price of ten. Lunchtime Weight Watchers meetings are open to all APG civilian personnel, retirees, military personnel and family members. For more information, call 410-278-1151.

Religious education

The Protestant, Gospel, and Catholic congregations announce the start-up of their Sunday Religious Education Programs for Fall 2003.

Aberdeen
Protestant, 9 a.m.
CCD, 10 a.m.
Gospel, 11:30 a.m.
Edgewood
CCD, 9:15 a.m.
Protestant, 11 a.m.

For more information, call the Post Chapel, 410-278-4333.

Workplace Violence Prevention Training

Workplace Violence Prevention classes are available for one or two hours and can be used to meet CO2 requirements.

Classes can be scheduled for the office, or a location can be arranged.

Topics include Community Skills Training, APG's Workplace Violence Program Overview, Diversity in the Workplace and Managing Your Stress.

For more information or to schedule a class, call Paul Papp at 410-306-1079, or e-mail him at paul.papp@usag.apg.army.mil.

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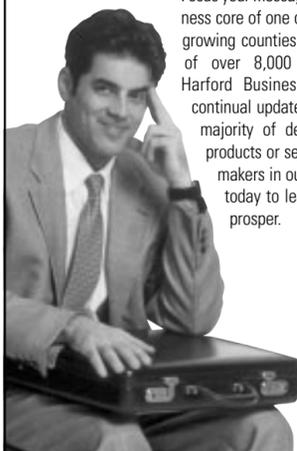
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Community Notes

**THURSDAY
OCTOBER 23
BINGO AT THE AMERICAN LEGION**

American Legion Post 128, located on 44 North Parke St., Aberdeen, will hold bingo each Thursday. Early bird starts at 6 p.m. with regular games starting at 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY
OCTOBER 24
RESCHEDULED FROM HURRICANE ISABEL- BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Soldier Programming, will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street. Tickets cost \$10; additional sets cost \$5 each.

Doors will open at 6 p.m.; bingo begins at 7 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available for purchase.

Tickets are available by calling Stacie Umbarger, 410-278-3931, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 25
VFW HALLOWEEN PARTY**

VFW Post 10028, located on 821 Old Post Road, Aberdeen, will hold a Halloween party, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Cost to attend is a \$5 cover charge or \$2 and a covered dish. Entertainment includes a DJ and karaoke, costume prizes, and door prizes will be awarded.

For more information, call 410-272-1218.

VFW POST 6054 MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054 and the Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a closet clean-up and food drive called, Make a Difference Day. All clothing items will be donated to Goodwill Industries. All clothing items must be clean and serviceable. Non-perishable food items will also be accepted and donated to "Grace Place" located at St. John's Episcopal Church, Havre de Grace. Bring items to Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054, 206 Spesutia Road, Aberdeen, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call Linda Smith, VFW Post 6054 Ladies Auxiliary Community chairman, 410-676-5226 or 410-272-3444.

**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 26
ALL DAY HALLOWEEN BINGO**

The Aberdeen Memorial VFW Post 10028, 821 Old Philadelphia Road, will sponsor All-Day Bingo. Doors open at 10 a.m., early birds start at 11:15 a.m. Packages cost \$20 and include 12 cards, one pack of specials, one jackpot card, lunch and coffee. Prizes will be given for the best costumes.

For more information, call the Post Home at 410-272-1218 or Minnie at 410-569-0127.

BINGO AT THE AMERICAN LEGION

American Legion Post 128, located on 44 North Parke St., Aberdeen, will hold bingo 6:45 p.m., each Sunday.

**FRIDAY
OCTOBER 31
'SPOOK-TACULAR' COSTUME PARTY**

"A Down Under" Halloween Spectacular Costume Party will be held at the Top of the Bay, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Oct. 31. Cost of admittance is a \$7 donation. A cash bar, food and music (hip hop, old school and dance) will be provided. Ladies will receive free from drinks 10 to 11 p.m. Participants must wear a costume - no costume, no admittance. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes. Tickets are available at the CQ Desk, building 4502.

For more information, call 410-297-4140.

VFW CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054 and the Ladies Auxiliary will be sponsoring a Children's Halloween Party 5 to 7 p.m.

Children can enjoy games, prizes, food, and have lots of fun. There will be a special door prize for the "scariest" costume.

A special guest will talk to the children about safety.

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 1
BULL & OYSTER ROAST**

American Legion Post 128, Aberdeen will hold a bull and oyster roast with music provided by River Risin' Band 8 p.m. to midnight.

Food will be served at 7 p.m. and includes oysters (steamed, raw and stewed), pit beef and ham, assorted salads and vegetable dishes, draft beer and sodas. There will also be games.

No "bring your own bottle." Attendees must be 21 years

MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3, CHILDREN \$1.50, building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard. To verify listing, call 410-272-7520.



COLD CREEK MANOR

Friday, Oct. 24, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 25, 9 p.m.

Starring: Dennis Quaid, Sharon Stone

The Tilsons and their kids move to a house in the country, but their idyllic family life is threatened when Dale, a handyman played by Stephen Dorff, reveals that there's more to the house than meets the eye. It seems that the original owners were brutally murdered.

R (for violence, language and some sexuality), 110 min

MATCHSTICK MEN (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, Oct. 25, 7 p.m.

Starring: Nicolas Cage, Sam Rockwell

Phobia addled con artist Roy and his protege Frank are on the verge of pulling off a lucrative swindle when the unexpected arrival of Roy's teenage daughter Angela disrupts his carefully ordered life and jeopardizes his high risk scam.

PG-13 (thematic elements, violence, some sexual content and language), 115 min



or older. Non-refundable tickets cost \$25 per person. For more information, call 410-272-9822.

**FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 7
COUNTRY HOE DOWN**

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a non-profit organization, sponsors country western dancing the first Friday of the month at the American Legion located on Parke Street in Aberdeen. Dancing is held from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome. Cost of admission is \$8. Cash bar is available, but dance lessons will not be provided.

For more information, call 410-272-8318.

**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 9
BLOOD DRIVE**

The American Red Cross 'Save a Life Tour' will be at Ripken Stadium, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. An all-day blood drive begins at 8 a.m. Join Ferrous, the IronBirds' mascot, as the American Red Cross hosts its first-ever community event and blood drive.

For more information, call Carol Wendt or Tracy Laubach, 410-764-7000, ext 6871.

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Morale, Welfare, and Recreation

Activities

Methods of registration

Registering for any MWR event can be accomplished by visiting the specific facility for the event, calling 410-278-4907, mailing in a registration form found in an MWR Program Brochure, visiting the MWR Registration, building 3326, or online at www.apgmwr.com.

Salute the Troops Basket Bingo

Basket Bingo to benefit Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Soldier Programming, will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, Oct. 24. This is a rescheduled event due to Tropical Storm Isabel. Tickets cost \$10; additional sets cost \$5 each. Doors will open at 6 p.m.; bingo begins at 7 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available for purchase. Tickets are available by calling Stacie Umbarger, 410-278-3931, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

Yoga instructor certification (Phase 1)

To receive the training needed to teach Yoga, attend class Nov. 15 and 16, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the AA Fitness Center, building 320. Cost of the certification class is \$150. Learn the history and philosophy of yoga, sun salutation variations, asana sets 1 to 5, anatomy and physiology, yoga class structure, power yoga variations, yoga breathing, relation and meditation techniques. Register by Oct. 30. Study guides are not included.

For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail her at stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

Angels and Spirit Guides Seminar

Learn about angels and spirit guides at a seminar Oct. 30 at the AA Recreation Center, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Instructor will lead discussions on topics including ghosts, angel readings and spirit guides, using half lecture and half spiritual reading. Being in the audience increases the chance of receiving a message from a loved one. Register by Oct. 27. Cost is \$20. For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail her at stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

Beginning racquetball

The Athletic Center will hold instructional classes for beginning racquetball starting on Mondays, Nov. 3 to 24, 6 to 7 p.m. The classes will teach beginners how to keep score, select the right equipment and practice correctly. It will also teach participants how to develop the basic skill shots needed to improve their game. Cost is \$25. Register by Oct. 30. For more information, call Charles Heinsohn at 410-278-3868 or e-mail charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil.

Discover yourself metaphysically

Community Recreation Division will hold six metaphysical sessions, on Thursdays, 7 to 9 p.m., Nov. 4 through Dec. 9, at the AA Recreation Center, building 3326. Embark on an interesting and entertaining exploration of six metaphysical topics: Astrology from the Soul's Perspective, Numerology, Synchronicity, Chakras, Crystals and Stones and Karma. Designed for the beginning student of meta-

physics, this course introduces pathways that lead to self-knowledge, self-healing, the discovery of life's purpose and the ability to relate to others. Learn to apply these distinct metaphysical concepts to everyday life. Cost of registration is \$55.

Register by Oct. 28. For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

Disney on Ice tickets

Disney on Ice tickets are available at MWR Registration for

Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m., \$11
Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m., \$16
Oct. 31, 7:30 p.m., \$16
Nov. 1, 3:30 p.m., \$16; 7:30 p.m., \$16
Nov. 2, 1 p.m., \$16

For more information or to purchase tickets, call MWR Registration at 410-278-4907 or e-mail MWR_Registration@usag.apg.army.mil.

Monster Bash Cosmic Bowling

Enjoy bowling in the dark for this family fun night, Oct. 25, 8 to 10 p.m., at the APG Bowling Center.

Cost is \$30 per family (up to four members); \$10 for additional members. Price includes bowling, shoes, pizza, chips and soda.

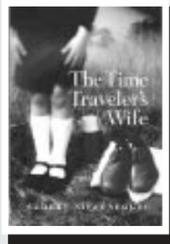
For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.



LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library, building 3320, are Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., and Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Edgewood Area library is open Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For information, call 410-436-3589.

The following is a list of some of the new books at the APG MWR Libraries:



The Time Traveler's Wife

by Audrey Niffenegger
This is the story of Clare and Henry who have known each other since Clare was six and Henry was 36, and were married when Clare was 23 and Henry 31.

Impossible but true—Henry is a time traveler, his disappearances are spontaneous and his experiences unpredictable.



Heretic

by Bernard Cornwell



Capital Crimes

by Stuart Woods



Shepherds Abiding

by Jan Karon



O'Hara's Choice

by Leon Uris



Caught in the Act

by Joyce Lamb



Balance of Power

by Richard North Patterson

Storytime will be held at 9:45 a.m. every other week during the fall at the Edgewood branch on Tuesday and the Aberdeen branch on Wednesday. For more information, call 278-3417.

The library's online catalog can be accessed at www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html.

APG SCHOOL LIAISON/YOUTH EDUCATION

2003 ANNUAL EDUCATION EXPO

Harford County Kids Magazine will sponsor an Annual Education Expo and Conference, Nov. 8, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Chesapeake Center, Harford Community College. Admission is free.

About 40 exhibitors and an array of experts will be available and guest speaker will be Kendel Ehrlich, first lady of

Maryland. There will be two panel sessions featuring "Testing: What do scores mean?" at 1 p.m., and "Admissions: How to choose a school right for your child" at 2 p.m., and also three, 25 minute breakout sessions on parenting strategies for working parents, homeschooling primer and homework help.

For more information, call Ivan Mehosky at 410-278-2857.

Bowling scores

Wednesday Lunch Doubles

Final standings

Week of Oct. 11

Men's High Game Scratch
Bob Dowding, 202
Kevin Doherty, 200
Men's High Game Handicap
Dave Spagnuolo, 264
Terry Pollard, 262
Men's High Series Scratch
Bob Dowding, 348
Kevin Doherty, 336
Men's High Series Handicap
Terry Pollard, 502
Dave Spagnuolo, 483
Women's High Game Scratch
Dawn Gordner, 196
Betty Taylor, 174
Women's High Game Handicap
Chris Lockhart, 268
Dawn Gordner, 257
Women's High Series Scratch
Dawn Gordner, 365
Sue Spagnuolo, 326
Women's High Series Handicap
Chris Lockhart, 497
Kathy Anderson, 491

Wednesday Mixed

Men's High Game Scratch
Bernard Hammond, 201
Bill Green, 182
Men's High Game Handicap
Jacque Brown, 232

Bill Green/Dennis Knight, 223
Men's High Series Scratch
Bernard Hammond, 529
Bob Shimek, 506
Men's High Series Handicap
Jacque Brown, 653
Bob Shimek, 611
Women's High Game Scratch
Sherry Cons, 215
Cathy Shimek, 186
Women's High Game Handicap
Sherry Cons, 263
Cathy Shimek, 231
Women's High Series Scratch
Sherry Cons, 585
Ann Thacker, 498
Women's High Series Handicap
Sherry Cons, 729
Renee Johnson, 597

Thursday Lunch Doubles

Final Standings

Men's High Game Scratch
Ken Paxton, 201
Johnny Jones, 194
Men's High Game Handicap
Ken Paxton, 273
Gordon Brown, 265
Men's High Series Scratch
Johnny Jones, 366
Ken Paxton, 344
Men's High Series Handicap
Ken Paxton, 488
Johnny Jones, 472

Women's High Game Scratch
Tasha Taylor, 167
Leeann Brainard, 159
Women's High Game Handicap
Tasha Taylor, 264
Jane Fortes, 263
Women's High Series Scratch
Tasha Taylor, 303
Ronda Taylor, 277
Women's High Series Handicap
Jane Fortes, 503
Tasha Taylor, 501

Thursday National Guard

Men's High Game Scratch
Bernard Hammond, 211/203
Hayward Hulick, 204
Men's High Game Handicap
Bernard Hammond, 269/261
Jeff Finkel, 236
Men's High Series Scratch
Bernard Hammond, 582
Hayward Hulick, 515
Men's High Series Handicap
Bernard Hammond, 756
Jeff Finkel, 671
Women's High Game Scratch
Laura Paligo, 195/160
Shelly Burmeister, 159/158
Women's High Game Handicap
Laura Paligo, 254
Tammie Thomas, 239
Women's High Series Scratch
Laura Paligo, 497
Shelly Burmeister, 468

Women's High Series Handicap
Laura Paligo/Tammie Thomas, 674
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Richard Trimble, 186
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Richard Trimble, 531
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Saturday Youth - Up-Coming Stars

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Girl's High Game Scratch
Michaela Patrick, 37
Girl's High Game Handicap
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Michaela Patrick, 65
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Saturday Youth - Rising Stars

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Deric Page, 115
John Keegan, 107
Boy's High Game Handicap
Johnathan Pace, 130
Jason Cons, 121
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Deric Page, 320
John Keegan, 286
Boy's High Series Handicap
Dauvon McCormick, 329
Johnathan Pace, 321
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Magan Pace, 112
Amanda Anderson, 101
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Magan Pace, 150

Jessell Cons, 124
Girl's High Series Scratch
Magan Pace, 289
Amanda Anderson, 239
Girl's High Series Handicap
Magan Pace, 365
Jessell Cons, 316

Saturday Youth - Shooting Stars

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Christopher Swift, 147
Boy's High Game Handicap
Christopher Swift, 246
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Curtis Swauger, 385
Will Dettwiler, 384
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Ashley Taylor, 156
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OC&S Essay and Display Competition begins

The U.S. Army Ordnance Center & Schools equal opportunity advisors have begun a new program to promote ethical and cultural education and awareness among all military, civilian, and family members within the Aberdeen Proving Ground community.

Starting this month, awards will be presented to the top two essays and cultural display winners of an essay and cultural display contest for all Department of Defense approved Special Commemoration/Ethnic Observances.

First place essay winners will have an opportunity to read their essay during an awards ceremony, and the winning display will be available for viewing to the public as well (depend-

ing on size of display). There is no entry fee for entering the contest. A special commemoration and ethnical observance timetable is listed below.

- Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday, January
 - African-American/ Black History Month, February
 - Women's History Month, March
 - Days of Remembrance (Holocaust), April
 - Asian Pacific Heritage Month, May
 - Women's Equality Day, Aug. 26
 - National Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15 through Oct. 15
 - National Native American Heritage Month, November
 - Events with theme
- Essays must be submitted in 12 pt. font size,

double-spaced, be two pages or less, and must pertain to the respective celebration's theme. New themes are written annually by DOD personnel and the theme will be announced at least 30 days prior to each contest's evaluation date.

Fax or mail essay to either OC&S EOA. Displays must consist of, but are not limited to, models, poster boards or collages. As an example: during Native American Heritage Month teepees may be built and displayed.

Display contestants may enter individually or as a group, however, only one award will be given to a winning individual or group.

Display participants must notify an equal opportunity advisor and inform them of the point of contact and location to include building and room number where the display is set up

and prepared for evaluation.

The second competition will be held in conjunction with the 2003 National Native American Heritage Month theme "Strengthening the Spirit." The contest entry deadline is Nov. 11.

An awards ceremony will be conducted Nov. 20, 3 p.m. in the Wadsworth Area of building 3071.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Arbell Connor, 410-278-2529, or fax number 410-278-8875; Sgt. 1st Class Rodney Yelder, 410-278-5598, or fax 410-278-2736; or Sgt. 1st Class Peggy McCormick, 410-278-9146, or fax 410-278-2736.

Expect downtime for contracting support at APG

Rita Maclary
ACAAPGDOC

On or about Nov. 1, the ACA Directorate of Contracting and the Robert Morris Acquisition Center will transition to a new automation support provider. Prweb and PD2 will be unavailable for 7 to 10 days.

Customers are asked to submit purchase requests for November recurring services as soon as possible in order for these to be acted on prior to the scheduled system downtime. Both contracting organizations will provide emergency support on an exception basis. Customers are being asked to coordinate any emergency orders with the contacts listed below.

In addition, as of Oct. 1, the Army changed the identification number used to designate contracting offices. Any new contracts/solicitations/purchase orders created after Oct. 1 will now contain a NEW prefix.

APG DOC is assigned "W91ZLK" in lieu of DABJ05 or the previous code DAAD05.

RMAC Aberdeen Branch is assigned "W91CRB" in lieu of DAAD05.

RMAC Edgewood Branch is assigned "W911SR" in lieu of DAAD13.

Previous contracts awarded using DABJ05, DAAD05, and DAAD13 will continue to use that prefix until the contract ends.

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2003 international and military mail Recommended Christmas mailing dates

Military mail addressed to:	First class mail Letters/cards	Priority Mail	Parcel airlift mail (PAL)1/	Space available mail (SAM)2/	Parcel Post
APO/FPO AE Zips 090-098	Dec. 11	Dec. 11	Dec. 4	Nov. 26	Nov. 6
APO/FPO AA Zips 340	Dec. 11	Dec. 11	Dec. 4	Nov. 26	Nov. 6
APO/FPO AP Zips 962-966	Dec. 11	Dec. 11	Dec. 4	Nov. 26	Nov. 6

International mail Addressed to	Air letters and cards	Air parcel post	Surface
Africa	Dec. 8	Dec. 8	Oct. 16
Asia/Pacific Rim	Dec. 15	Dec. 8	Oct. 18
Australia/New Zealand	Dec. 15	Dec. 15	Oct. 30
Canada	Dec. 15	Dec. 15	Nov. 21
Caribbean	Dec. 15	Dec. 15	Nov. 7
Central and South America	Dec. 8	Dec. 8	Nov. 1
Mexico	Dec. 15	Dec. 15	Nov. 7
Europe	Dec. 15	Dec. 15	Nov. 7
Middle East	Dec. 15	Dec. 15	Oct. 23

CAC

From front page

Ballinger said Halloween trick or treating will be held on APG Oct. 31, 6 to 8 p.m.

"Parents should consider accompanying their children and make sure they wear light-colored or reflective clothing, or carry flashlights," Ballinger said.

AFTB

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Fred Posadas, Army Community Service, distributed ACS information packets to attendees and said that three military spouses have completed the Department of the Army's Army Family Team Building Skill Level 1 course online.

Radio station damage

Retired Col. Charles Shadle said the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary radio station was flooded during Tropical Storm Isabel but the radio equipment was undamaged. The operation is now set up in building E-5137 on the Edgewood Area.

Organizations may contact Chris Barwick, DIO, at 410-306-2349 for the removal of equipment damaged by floodwaters.

Safety tip

Barbara Davies, Retired Officers Wives Club, asked that service members and family members be reminded to wear light or reflective clothing when walking

or jogging along road sides.

Col. Mark agreed, commenting that with the darkness coming earlier, it is difficult to see soldiers in camouflage uniforms.

"Folks need to be reminded that these are unsafe practices," Mark said.

She requested an article in the APG News addressing the subject. (See page 10.)

Thrift Shop

Lynn McNamara, U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, announced that the APG Thrift Shop has a lot of new items due to numerous Permanent Change of Station moves over the summer.

In response to slumping sales, the shop will be open every Saturday in November and December for holiday shopping and the \$3 bag sale will be held throughout October.

"Sales are down due to a lack of getting the word out. If we don't pick up, our monetary support of many of the installation programs that benefit Army families could be affected."

She requested that the Thrift Shop be added to the installation's directional signage.

DIO work orders

DIO has requested that all work orders in the system be resubmitted due to the changeover to MAXIMO from IFSM. This is a great workload for the tenants to accomplish.

The DIO response was that work orders need to be reentered by tenants to

make the changeover as painless as possible. This is the work management system that DIO will use for its entire operation. It will increase efficiency and reporting, but it will take some work by everyone in the conversion. Please review the list of work orders that we have asked to be resubmitted and enter them into the new system. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

Miscellaneous

The round-table discussion included a query about abandoned vehicles at empty housing units, parking in fire lanes, storm damage from Tropical Storm Isabel and speeders on Skully Road.

Ken Masoner, Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, said that housing areas are monitored for speeders often.

"Please try and provide a license tag number if possible when calling the station to report speeders," Masoner said.

In addition, he said that those cited and found guilty of parking in a fire lane for a second time are in danger of losing their license.

Mark and Irby expressed concerns about abandoned vehicles, calling them possible "terrorist problems." Irby said vehicles abandoned at housing units can be reported to his office at 410-278-1509.

In closing, Mark thanked all for their tolerance during the cleanup following Isabel and encouraged all to "think safety in everything you and your family do."

The next CAC meeting is Nov. 13, 1:30 p.m., in building 305.

Prayer

From front page

Lift Your Name On High," "We Are Hungry" and "Breathe."

In addition, David Burdick, Directorate of Installation Operations, gave a scripture reading and Jay and Joan Neilson of the Church of Jesus Christ and Latter Day Saints gave a responsive reading.

Moon, referring to life's hurdles as storms, and citing the recent recovery period following Tropical Storm

Isabel, told the gathering that faith training would allow the weathering of any storm.

"God is more concerned in teaching us to be men and women of character than he is with superficial blessings," Moon said, "But it takes time.

"If you get impatient in a storm of life, remember it's not about what you want, it's about what God is trying to teach you to help you through. Strength for tomorrow comes in the training of today. We are trained by being tested. Know the storm will come, train, and be

ready."

He illustrated his point with a handout detailing the phases of disaster from threat, to impact, coming to terms, and reconstructing a new beginning.

He said that many at Fort Monroe had storms to overcome due to the severe flooding following Isabel.

"We went down, and then we started working our way back up," Moon said, adding that weathering the storm means understanding that when these things happen, "know the Lord is working through you and with you to make

you a stronger person."

"As you face the storms of life, the Lord be with you," he said in closing.

VanSchenkoff thanked Moon for his message, remarking that, "I know whenever a storm comes, I will be thinking of him."

"The program went very well," VanSchenkoff added, noting her thanks to all who contributed and participated.

"It was a timely message that applies to all of us," she said.

Moon has assumed the newly organized position that encom-

passes the IMA northeast region, "from Virginia to Canada and east of the Appalachians."

He said he toured APG for the first time last month and is looking forward to fulfilling the IMA chaplaincy goals.

"My message today was that everyone hits a snag now and then," Moon said.

"My goal is to provide each installation with the best religious support available, from soldiers, to family members, to civilians."

Graduation

From front page

worth it."

A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and the Army National Guard who served one year with the Baltimore City Police Department and 10

years with the Maryland Transportation Authority police, Officer Charles Simmons said the academy offered an "entirely different" atmosphere.

"For anyone looking at [a career in] federal law enforcement, this is the way to go. You learn something new every day and see more and more as your mission grows," Simmons

said.

Krauer credited Stone, officer Jim Toscano, and the rest of the academy staff for the program's success, adding that the academy was formed seven years ago partly as a way to keep DLES officers "fresh."

"All skills are perishable and require constant attention," Krauer said.

He said that law enforce-

ment leaders from the Tobyhanna and Pocatiny depots commented that they were impressed with the program and that they intend to send more of their officers.

"Seven years ago, we knew we'd be able to offer quality training," Krauer said. "That decision has developed into a first class operation."

Driving safety emphasized as daylight saving nears

(Editor's note: This letter was received in the garrison public Affairs Office from an employee showing concern about the safety of joggers and motorists on Aberdeen Proving Ground.)

"I was coming into work Oct. 21 at 6:35 a.m., and as I drove down Ricketts Point Road towards building E-3330, I passed a jogger who was heading in the opposite direction, along the side of the road. What concerns me is that the jogger was literally invisible to me because of the darkness, except for a small light reflective patch on their running shorts, until I was within approximately 20 feet of him. Additionally, how this jogger could navigate safely in the pitch darkness is unknown."

SBCOM employee

Sonya P. Reynolds
APG News

Susie Ashby,
DSHE

As daylight-saving time comes to an end this weekend, there are a few safety reminders everyone should consider when driving, walking, jogging, cycling or playing on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG garrison and deputy installation commander wants to remind all military and civilian personnel and residents of the community to proceed with caution when taking to the roads of the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas.

"We must wear reflective clothing when outdoors. Just because you can see the car does not mean that the driver can see you," Mark said.

Daylight-saving time was implemented because it saves energy, cuts down on crime, saves lives and prevents traffic injuries for adults traveling to and from work and children going to and from school. It is much safer traveling in the light than traveling in darkness.

The U.S. Department of Transportation reports that most Americans prefer traveling during the day because they are able to get a lot accomplished and leave room for more activities in the evening.

Motorists

Excessive speeding is the most common fac-

tor in accidents involving other vehicles and pedestrians according to DOT. Reminders:

After entering a vehicle, look around to make sure the path is clear before driving.

When driving in areas where school zones are posted, watch for children who may be passing through. Also, be aware of speed limits in those areas.

Where there are no sidewalks, watch for pedestrians that may be walking or running along the side of the road.

Remember that yellow flashing lights mean to proceed with caution.

Red flashing lights mean come to a complete stop before proceeding through an intersection. Obey posted speed limits.

"Click it or Ticket," a nationwide campaign designed to encourage citizens to wear seatbelts while driving or risk getting a ticket, may not be running in full force across the nation but it is in full effect on APG.

Civilian and active duty personnel should register their vehicles. This helps reduce traffic backups at the gate during the morning rush hours.

Vehicles can be registered at building 4305 in the Aberdeen Area and building E-4420 in the Edgewood Area.

Motorcyclists

Robert Krauer, provost marshal, Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, said motorcyclists that have not taken the Department of Army required course to operate a motorcycle would not be allowed to ride on the installation. He said he would begin passing out flyers as a reminder.

"Many cyclists requested such a program to be offered on post and when I made it happen, the program was not supported," Krauer said.

Children at play

Mark said she is happy to see children enjoying life on post, such as riding their big wheels. However it concerns her that children are riding without reflective gear.

She recommended that parents invest in such

gear for safety.

Tips

All children should be indoors before dark. An adult should supervise children less than seven years old.

For children playing outside after dark, parents should select a less trafficked area.

Bicyclists

Children are often so excited when given a bicycle as a gift that they lose sight of the seriousness of riding.

Too many parents fail to educate children on the proper handling of bicycles and to provide them with the most important part of the gift, the helmet.

The Maryland SAFE KIDS Coalition reported that five percent of Maryland children under the age of 16 die every year after being hit by a motorist while riding bicycles.

Most children die from severe head injuries. In Maryland, less than five percent of bicyclists use helmets.

The operation of a bicycle requires some responsibility from both the rider and the motorist. Children must be taught the rules of safe bicycling.

Tips

There should be limits as to where children can and cannot ride their bicycles, according to the age and maturity of the child.

Children seven years old and under should only ride their bicycles with adult supervision, and should not be allowed to ride in the street.

All children riding bicycles on APG must wear a helmet to reduce the risk of serious head injury.

Children riding bicycles should be instructed by parents to start home as soon as the sun starts to set.

Pedestrians

In the darker hours, pedestrians may not be as visible as during the daylight.

Pedestrians are encouraged to take precautions when walking, and drivers are advised to look out for pedestrians, joggers, soldiers and

children at play.

Tips:

If jogging or walking, remember to wear reflective gear and face in the direction of oncoming traffic.

Look both ways before crossing the street.

Children should not be at play near roadways or when the sun has set.

Animal strikes

Motorists should be alert to warning signs that animals are in the area. After seeing a road sign indicating wildlife, modify driving behavior immediately.

Animals act on instinct and avoiding vehicles is not an instinctive behavior for an animal. They may respond unpredictably to an approaching vehicle.

Night is especially dangerous for both animals and motorists. Vision is diminished during the night hours and headlights blind animals.

At nighttime, motorists may notice flickering of oncoming headlights and/or flickering taillights that may indicate an animal passing between cars on the roadway. Roadside reflectors that have an abnormal pattern may indicate an animal is entering onto the roadway.

Tips

- When driving in high-risk areas, additional precautions should be taken. Stay alert and search both sides of the road for animals and indications of animals.

- Extend visual horizons as far down the road as possible.

- Be prepared to safely avoid an animal in the road at all times.

- Stay aware of changing conditions that control options of drivers maneuvering a vehicle.

The idea is to assure that military and civilian personnel, contractors, visitors and residents of the installation are safe.

"When taking to the roads of APG, remember to obey all rules, drive safe and drive on," Mark said.

FEHB Open Season begins Nov. 10

The Federal Employees Health Benefits Open Season will be held Nov. 10 to Dec. 8.

CPAC

Health fairs are scheduled for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 12, at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 13, at the Edgewood Area Recreation Center, building E-4140. Plan representatives will be available to provide new health plan materials and answer questions at these fairs. Employees are encouraged to attend the health fairs to speak to the carrier representatives and obtain individual brochures from them.

AETNA is introducing AETNA HealthFund this year, a consumer driven product that will be available in Maryland.

Comparison guides will not be distributed post-wide to administrative offices this year. In the September Benefits Administration Letter 03-401, the Office of Personnel Management announced that they will not print or distribute any hard copy Benefits Guides. Copies of comparison guides and individual brochures may be obtained from OPM's Web site at

www.opm.gov/insure/health. Individual brochures will still be distributed.

Employees must contact the Army Benefits Center-Civilian (ABC-C) at 1-877-276-9287 or Web site www.abc.army.mil.

All employee changes will be effective Jan. 11, 2004.

Questions may be directed to Teri Wright, CPAC, 410-278-4331, teri.wright@usag.apg.army.mil, or to a servicing personnel assistant.

Participation needed to reduce deer population

Sonya P. Reynolds
APG News

To limit the breeding potential of deer and to help control the spread of Lyme disease on Aberdeen Proving Ground, Wild Life Biologist, Jim Pottie, Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, seeks assistance of all licensed hunters on both Aberdeen and Edgewood areas.

Pottie said that every year hunting program adjustments are made and conditions change, "this year is no exception," he said.

"The UXO [unexploded ordnance] sweeps of all deer and upland game areas are completed and some areas are lost for the foreseeable future," Pottie said. "But we also gained about 20 gun stands and 15 bow areas as replacements."

He said the areas have been closed because most residents fear that it is too dangerous, adding that the sites closed have been replaced with bow areas.

Pottie said they want to assure the housing areas are kept safe and to reduce the number of deer in the housing area.

"There is a buffer to protect the residents," Pottie said.

He added that more areas might be available before the hunting season comes to an end.

Pottie said that not just anyone can hunt on APG.

One must be licensed and there are fees and limits.

He said fees have increased this year to \$40 to \$50.

"The program used past surpluses to absorb the shortfall in revenues," Pottie said. "The surpluses are gone."

He said the Army requires that this program maintain itself and the only other option was to increase the fees.

In the future, Pottie said, they would look into ways to reduce the costs without sacrificing the program.

He said Morale Welfare and Recreation has also increased their administration fee from \$1 to \$3.

When hunting, Pottie said there are some changes to keep in mind such as the change in

the bag limits.

Season Bag Limits are as follows:

1. Seven deer per season, which do not count towards the Region D state harvest limits. (21 deer could potentially be taken at APG)

2. No bonus stamps are required for any APG deer

3. All deer can be antler less

4. Antlered deer will be taken in a 2 antler less for each antlered deer ratio (1 antlered, 2 antler less, 1 antlered, 2 antler less, 1 antlered)

Pottie said Hurricane Isabel damaged the Edgewood Area Deer Check Station, and they are currently in the process of looking for a new location in conjunction with Directorate of Installation Operations and MWR.

It is recommended that hunters check at the station bulletin boards for updates on how the area will run.

Pottie said more than 1,400 deer were taken on APG. He said that taking more than 1,000 deer this year would aid in reducing the herd size and breeding potential.

"We recommend that hunters take as many deer as they can legally and any deer that exceeds their need could be donated to charity," Pottie said.

He said the choice for some hunters is Harvest for the Hungry and The Maryland Department of Natural Resources has participating sites in each county.

Season dates

Bow/Archery
Oct. 28 through Nov. 22
Dec. 8 through Dec. 13
Dec. 29 through Jan. 31
Black Powder/ Muzzle Loader
Oct. 20 through Oct. 25
Dec. 15 through Dec. 20
Firearms
Nov. 24 through Dec. 6
Dec. 22 through Dec. 27

USAF Detachment cleans up adopted highway

Story and photos by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Elements of the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School's U. S. Air Force Detachment lived up to their civic duty, Oct. 18, as about a dozen service members and a spouse performed a quarterly clean up operation on Rt. 132, better known as Old Post Road in Aberdeen.

Led by detachment commander, Maj. Steve Pratt, and retired Army Sgt. 1st Class Bill Fuentes, an instructor with the detachment and president of the Unit Advisory Council, the group scoured the sides of the highway that extends between Routes 40 and 22 in keeping with the requirements of the city's Adopt-A-Highway program.

Fuentes said the project is just one of several community service commitments adopted by the unit.

"They volunteer at Perry Point [Veteran's Administra-

tion Medical Center] Hospital, clean up playgrounds, and do other things to serve the community," Fuentes said.

The group included several instructors, one spouse and four USAF students. They split into two groups, most donning the bright orange safety vests with the Adopt-A-Highway logo on the back, as they combed each end of the road with large trash bags, collecting bottles, cans, and various other trash, including a skateboard and a mud flap off an 18-wheeler tractor.

"This is our highway," said Staff Sgt. Chris Herman as he dumped several soda cans into his bag.

At the clean up's conclusion the participants gathered their bags at the roadside sign near the corner of Old Post Road and Route 22 that designates the detachment as the group responsible for the highway's upkeep.

"This is just one of many ways we serve," Staff Sgt.

Tom Alford said as they departed for a group breakfast at a nearby McDonald's. "We're always into something."

Staff Sgt. LeAndrea Walker said the unit also is involved with Habitat for Humanity as well as unit fundraisers for families.

"The biggest thing is our Thanksgiving potluck which the entire unit participates in," Walker said.

"Among other things, we hold a Halloween party for family members," Alford said.

Pratt commented on the detachment's close relationship with the APG and Aberdeen community.

"It's very important to contribute our time and effort wherever they are needed," he said. "Our staff and students appreciate the benefits the area offers."

The detachment is part of the 361st Training Squadron based at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.



Above, members of U.S. Air Force Detachment 1 approach the Adopt-A-Highway sign on Route 132 at the end of their clean up operation, Oct. 18. The acronym "S.W.A.T." stands for "Sewage, Waste and Trash."

Left, Airman Basic Brian Wilson, left, stands by ready to assist as Tech. Sgt. Alcaeus Ford pulls bottles out of the tall grass on Route 132.

Sports



The Harlem Ambassador's Lade' Majic, left, and members of the audience boogie on the basketball floor after the game.



Pfc. Arend Heymans, left, Company B, 16th Ordnance Battalion, pays Lade' Majic for an autographed photo of the Harlem Ambassadors.



Maj. Anissa McNeill, left, commander of Headquarters Support Troop, covers a Lade' Majic drive down the basketball court.



Maj. Andrew Williams, 15, of the Joint Personal Effects Depot, the Harlem Ambassador's David Apple, 32, and the audience watch as Lade' Majic, right, plays keep-away with Maj. Anissa McNeill, commander of Headquarters Support Troop, left.

Harlem Ambassadors bring drug free message to APG

APG All Stars defeated, 59-36

Story and photos by **Yvonne Johnson**
APG News

The Army Substance Abuse Program promoted its drug demand reduction program with a hooping, hollering, slamming and dunking show for the community at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center Sept. 15.

The Harlem Ambassadors, a group of seven athletes who travel the world promoting fun the drug-free way, played a team of Aberdeen Proving Ground all stars, made up of senior enlisted noncommissioned officers, officers, and civilians to promote the ASAP program.

Service members, area youths, soldiers, family members and cadets from the Military Youth Corps Freestate ChalleNGe Academy attended the event.

Jerita Coyle, ASAP director and alcohol drug control officer, said the drug demand

reduction program targets youths ages 18 to 21, which is why young soldiers and the ChalleNGe youths were invited to attend.

"This was a joint effort between ASAP and the APG Sports Office and everyone involved worked hard to bring it off," Coyle said.

"Our entire staff is here, including one of the players," she added, noting that prevention specialist Troy Denson, was playing on the APG team.

Although the Ambassadors defeated the All Stars, 59-36, they made it clear that the evening was about more than just basketball.

The show's headliner, Lade' (pronounced "lady") Majic, not only led the team up and down the floor, but also led comical skits and interactions with the audience that reinforced the drug-free message.

"We try to show young people what happens when you stay positive and don't abuse your

body," Majic said.

A native of northern New Jersey, with a master's in education, Majic is the vice president of operations for the group. She said she hand-picks players who project the show's message.

"It's important for us to be positive, to show young people what positive people can accomplish and that you can do anything you set your mind to," Majic said.

She added that leading a traveling basketball show proves to young girls that, "they can excel in a man's world."

"Young people understand basketball so we use it as an outlet to get that message across," she said. "God blessed me with this gift. I plan to use it as long as I can."

The APG lineup included coach Jeff Pettitway, AA Athletic Center manager, and Maj. Anissa McNeill, commander, Headquarters Support Troop; Maj. Andrew

Williams, Joint Personal Effects Depot; Capt. Tim Hurd, commander, U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit; 1st Sgt. Edward Hurt, Company A, 16th Ordnance Battalion; Sgts. 1st Class Gregory Moses, and Donald Thompson, HHC 61st; and Ben Harvin, HHC 16th; and Brian Cole, Fort Belvoir, Va., formerly with HHC 61st; Troy Denson, ASAP; Adam Gunter, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command; Mike Jones, U.S. Army Research Laboratory and APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby.

Irby, who put the team together, credited ASAP with focusing the community on the anti-drug message.

"I think everyone had fun and got the message," Irby said.

"We would have had even more fun but I'm just a little rusty," he added with a smile.

Football and soccer update

The following results were received from the APG Sports Office for intramural flag football and soccer for the week ending Oct. 17. For inquiries about sports statistics, call 410-278-2939.

Football update Aberdeen Division

Results

Oct. 15
USMC, 12; Company C 156th, 6
Company B 16th, 27; 121st, 18
HHC 16th, 14; USMC vs. Company E 16th, 12
HHC 61st, 33; Company E 16th, 12

Schedule

Oct. 27
6:30 p.m., Field 1, 121st vs. Company A 16th
7:30 p.m., Field 1, USMC vs. Company E 16th
6:30 p.m., Field 2, USAF vs. Company C 16th
7:30 p.m., Field 2, HHC 16th vs. HHC 61st
Oct. 29
6:30 p.m., Field 1, HHC 61st vs. Company B 16th

7:30 p.m., Field 1, 121st vs. USAF
6:30 p.m., Field 2, Company A 16th vs. USMC
7:30 p.m., Company E 16th vs. HHC 16th

Standings

USAF	3-0
HHC 16th	5-1
USMC	4-2
Company B 16th	3-2
Company E 16th	2-2
121st	2-3
Company A 16th	1-3
Company C 16th	0-4

Edgewood Division

Results

Oct. 14
Company B 143rd, 26; Company C 143rd, 7
HHC 143rd, 13; Company A 143rd, 12
Oct. 15
Company A 143rd, 24; Company C 143rd, 14
MRICD, 34; HHC 143rd, 32

Schedule

Oct. 27
6:30 p.m., Company B 143rd vs. Company A 143rd
7:30 p.m., Company C 143rd vs. MRICD
Oct. 29
6:30 p.m., Company A 143rd vs. Company C 143rd
7:30 p.m., MRICD vs. HHC 143rd

Standings

MRICD	4-1
Company B 143rd	3-1
HHC 143rd	3-2
Company C 143rd	1-4
Company A 143rd	1-4

Soccer update

Results

Oct. 14
Company B 16th, 1; Company E 16th, forfeit
Company B 143rd, 1; Company C 16th, forfeit
Oct. 16
MRICD, 1; Company A 16th, 0

Company B 143rd, 6; Company B 16th, 0
Company E 16th, 4; Company C 16th, 4 (tie)

Schedule

Oct. 28
6:30 p.m., Company C 16th vs. MRICD
7:30 p.m., Company B 16th vs. Company A 143rd
8:30 p.m., Company C 16th vs. USMC
Oct. 30
6:30 p.m., Company A 16th vs. Company C 16th
7:30 p.m., USMC vs. Company B 143rd
8:30 p.m., Company E 16th vs. MRICD

Standings

MRICD	5-0-0
NCOA	4-1-0
Company A 143rd	3-1-0
Company B 143rd	3-2-0
Company B 16th	2-0-2
USMC	1-1-1
Company E 16th	1-3-1
Company C 16th	1-3-2
Company A 16th	0-4-0

MCEC comes to the aid of transitioning families

Sonya P. Reynolds
APG News

Child and Youth Services teamed-up with the Military Child Education Coalition's "Transition Counselor Institute" at Top of the Bay, Sept. 23 and 24, for phase one of a three part training program to initiate a plan to help military installations deliver accurate and timely information to meet transitioning parents' and students' needs.

Col. Mardi Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, presented opening remarks.

Nearly 42 guidance counselors from Harford County schools talked about developing systems and processes to resolve transitioning issues for military children.

"It was a great turn out of representatives from all the schools in Harford County," said APG School Liaison/Youth Education Specialist, Ivan P. Mehosky, Child and Youth Services. "It makes the community more aware of the difficulties that families left behind during transitioning are faced with, and it gives us an opportunity to reach out and help make a difference."

Phase one of the training included the implementation of a communication networking system, evaluating support systems that military installations could have available to provide to local schools and reviewing technologies and developmental proce-

dures that will advocate information sharing between military impacted school districts.

MCEC serves as an advocate for all military related students in public, private and host nation and home schools.

Executive Director of the Military Child Education Coalition, Dr. Mary M. Keller, said the development of staff and faculty must include training on the culture and challenges of military children.

"There are many variations in policies and practices of supporting school systems, and the military mission will require families to be routinely moved," Keller said.

She said it is important that feedback from students, parents, schools and military leaders is sought. According to Keller, it is the mission of MCEC to explore new technologies in order to solve transitioning issues.

"We are pleased to have the opportunity to support a great partnership between the Harford County Public Schools and APG. What a great example of the energy and dedication that is multiplied by a strong community commitment to children," Keller said, adding that preparing for transitions as students enter and leave schools is critical.

To wrap up the two-day seminar, a parent workshop was held with more than 18 parents in attendance.

The topic of the workshop was "School Transitions: The Essential Ingredients, Empowering Military-Connected Parents to Be Effective Advocates for Their Children."

APG CYS, Outreach Services and Youth Education Support Services hosted the workshop and Keller led the training.

The gathering was designed to guide and encourage parents on how to be their child's best advocate in school matters.

The topics included kindergarten to 12th grade school transition, preparing for a move and expectations to understanding school culture, working through challenges and social-emotional support.

"The work here in Maryland highlights that it is truly a community that develops and sustains the level playing field for all children," Keller said.

The second phase of MCEC is scheduled for September 2004, where the local action planning committee, consisting of volunteers, will discuss progress.

"Partnerships between military installations and their supporting school systems at the local level are essential," Mehosky said. "It is all for the sake of the child."

Family Child Care providers achieve accreditation

Penny Branham
CYS

Four certified providers on Aberdeen Proving Ground received national accreditation from a Department of the Army Military Home Accreditation representative.

Sherry Johnson, Teresa Mayo, Tonya Armstead and Sabrina Cowger, providers in the APG Family Child Care Program, completed the self-study process and are classified as "Star Providers" since completing the Child Development Associate and Military Home Accreditation at the end of the summer.

This process began by each of the providers being assigned a sponsor and completing an application which was forwarded to the

Community and Family Support Center, Military Home Accreditation, in Alexandria, Va. After being accepted into the program, self-study and administrative checklists were completed by the provider and the provider sponsor. Parent questionnaires were distributed and included as part of the final submission. After careful review by the Community and Family Support Center, a trained, impartial "validator" was sent to complete the process.

"Accreditation confirms the highest level of skills and training for our providers", said Beverly Hartgrove, training and curriculum specialist.

The Department of the Army and the National Association for Family Child Care formed a partnership to recognize the special

nature of high quality in the form of childcare. Accreditation is a voluntary, peer review process that evaluates the quality of a program or institution and awards professional recognition for those providing high quality services.

Approximately 1,000,000 family childcare providers in the United States care for and educate about 4,000,000 children. In the past, Family Child Care has been almost invisible, blending in with every community. This professional movement is emerging across the nation. Providers reject the role of "babysitter" and strive to offer excellent care and education to young children and their families.

The NAFCC outlines quality care in six areas: relationships, environment, activities, developmental learning goals, safety and

health, and professional business practices.

The benefits of national accreditation are safe, inviting, spaces; warm, nurturing care; developmentally appropriate activities; knowledgeable caregivers; and individualized care for children during their early years.

"We are very proud of our APG providers for their commitment to excellence in serving our APG community," said Regina Dannenfelser, APG CYS coordinator.

For more information about the National Association For Family Child care, visit Web site www.nafcc.org.

For more information on Family Child Care openings, training or accreditation, call the Family Child Care Office at 410-278-7477/9832/8720.

Hispanic

From front page

celebrated since 1968 and now observed Sept. 15 through Oct. 15 every year. Bester said that Hispanics' contributions in the areas of politics, public service, entertainment and sports would instill in the next generation of Hispanics a proud heritage, legacy and history.

He told the audience that his favorite baseball player was Roberto Clemente and his favorite marathon runner was Alberto Salazar - a past Boston marathon winner.

Bester continued with Hispanic contributions made in business and in the military; with 10,000 Hispanics supporting the Civil War; 400,000 during World War II; 80,000 in Vietnam and 20,000 in Desert Storm and Desert Shield. He also spoke proudly of the 39 Hispanic Medal of Honor recipients.

Bester spoke about Antonia Novello, the first Hispanic and first

woman to become The Surgeon General in 1990. The most dramatic improvement in today's society, as noted by Bester, is the increased employment of Hispanic women, now five percent of the total workforce.

After an excited "Hooah!!," the celebration began with the introduction of the guest speaker, Henry

dreams. He closed his remarks with his vision for the Chamber of Commerce to unify Hispanic business owners.

Throughout the program, the aroma of Hispanic delicacies filled the room, catered by La Tolteca, Bel Air.

The dancing portion of the celebration continued with Sgt. Maritza Cisneros, Noncommissioned Officers Academy, performing El Tilingo Lindo, a Jaracho dance from Veracruz, Mexico. Cisneros' dress was made out of a fabric that represents the sugar sheets of Veracruz, the main agriculture export. Her second performance, called Son de la Negra, is a dance from Jalisco. The people from Jalisco live a flamboyant, colorful lifestyle, portrayed in the style of dance and the glitzy dress.

During closing remarks, Linda Patrick, CHPPM's EEO coordinator, spoke about the education and cultural experience that the committee brought to this year's Hispanic observance that started on Sept. 2 and ended on Oct. 7. Twenty-nine military and civilian employees are attending at no charge, CHPPM's first Introduction to Spanish class. Certificates were presented to each participant during a closing ceremony.

Patrick introduced the HEP committee members, Adrover, Gordon, Marin, Spc. Alex Diaz, the Theater Army Medical Laboratory, and Angelina Simon, DLS, and thanked them for a job well done, "without them this program would not suc-

ceeded," Patrick said. Bester presented each member with a Commander's Coin and offered his appreciation. The objective of the HEP committee was to educate and promote awareness of the Hispanic culture within the military ranks and civilian employees.

In addition to the music, dance performances, and the guest speaker, an educational display of colorful artifacts from different Hispanic traditions, ancestry, and unique experiences of those Hispanics who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico, the countries of Central and South America, and the Caribbean were displayed. Display contributors were from CHPPM, TAML, the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, and 16th Ordnance Battalion. The celebration ended with a giveaway of several souvenirs and then the attendees indulged in sampling the Hispanic foods.



Photos by W. BEN BUNGER III
Artifact tables display Hispanic traditions, ancestry and unique experiences of those who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico, countries in Central and South America and the Caribbean.

CHPPM's commander, military, and civilian support make the DoD EEO a success in delivering a message of Hispanic awareness within the community in honoring Hispanic-American patriots who fought and died for

this country in every war and conflict since its founding and presently in Iraq.

The 2003 HEP theme was conveyed throughout the day's events.

CHPPM's HEP committee wishes to thank all who helped make this day a real success; the 70 plus military personnel from the 143rd Ordnance Battalion, Master Sgt. Arble Connor, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, Sgt. 1st Class Peggy McCormick, NCO Academy, Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Serino, Garrison, Equal Opportunity advisor, Pfc. Juan Rodriguez, and Pfc. Crystal Nelms, TAML, and the staff at the APG EEO office.

Repairs

From front page

Family Housing, APG.

She said that although they received a large amount of funding to handle repairs, "Only a portion of the backlog of repairs will be taken care of," adding that the funds would cover the repairs on nearly 845 homes.

Construction workers, Charles Cook, Jason Graver and site supervisor Kevin Ayer, from Jacksonville Construction, sub-contractors of Dixie Construction, began the first process called mud jacking.

The process consists of drilling a tennis ball sized hole in each block of the sidewalk, mixing cement and soil together and then pouring it in the hole.

Once the mix is poured into the hole, the sidewalk rises, leveling it off with the curb.

"Sidewalks have settled, causing them to lower. It's a lot less expensive to use this method than breaking up the old cement and replacing the entire area," Spence said, adding that it is a safety hazard to have the sidewalks lowered and separated from the curb, causing

tripping hazards.

Sidewalk repair is not the only improvement that will take place in the housing areas. Contractors will also black top the streets and pave four driveways each day.

Leroy Carter, contracting officer representative, Engineer Construction Division, also responsible for making sure the job is done, said the estimated time of completion for each court is three days.

"We will do one court at a time so that we don't inconvenience residents. Prior to [starting] each job, we will give advance notice to residents," Carter said.

Scheduled work (Ocean Court through Beach Court):

Oct. 27: Demolish and replace asphalt driveways (four per day are scheduled).

Nov. 3: Repair broken concrete sidewalks. It will take two days to remove the old sidewalks and one day to pour and finish the new sidewalks.

Nov. 12: Begin asphalt milling and paving. Scheduled for completion by Nov. 14.

Project dates are subject to change.

Other projects such as painting, insulation and replacement of gas lines will begin when the street work is completed.



From left, Kevin Ayer, site supervisor, assists construction worker, Charles Cook, both with Jacksonville Construction, in pouring a cement and soil mixture into the machine used to fill drilled holes in sidewalks.