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New Barracks Complex

Fort Irwin's Directorate of Public Works and the Corps of Engineers, LA District, will host a ground-breaking ceremony for a new barracks complex and a new company operations facility on Thursday/Feb. 25, 3 p.m., at the construction site, corner of 9th Street and Barstow Road. Col. James Chevallier, garrison commander, will be in attendance, as well as the designers, contractors, members of the Corps and DPW. Fort Irwin community is welcome to attend the event. Refreshments will be served at the event. For more information, contact DPW Architect Victoria Ham-Hainsworth at 380-3518.

H1N1 Vaccines

While H1N1 flu activity has decreased across the country, it is far from over. One of the best ways to prevent the flu is to receive the H1N1 flu vaccine. H1N1 flu vaccine is recommended for anyone 6 months of age or older.

MEDDAC is offering the H1N1 flu vaccine to anyone who would like to be vaccinated. Retirees, dependants, DoD civilians, active duty military and contractors are welcome. Adults may receive the H1N1 vaccine at the Preventive Medicine Clinic (Bldg. 172) Mon, Wed, Fri., 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., and Tue and Thu, from 10 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Children may be vaccinated at the Mary E. Walker Clinic. No appointment necessary.

Adults and older children who are living with infants less than 6 months of age should be vaccinated; this is the best way to protect the infant. The H1N1 vaccine is safe for pregnant women, and breastfeeding mothers. Do your part to protect yourself, your family and the Fort Irwin community by getting vaccinated.

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CHARLES MELTON

Company commander, Capt. Christian Gatbonton, and Soldiers of 699th Maintenance Company, stand at attention after the uncasing of the unit's colors.

Uncasing ceremony marks homecoming

BY CHARLES MELTON

Warrior Staff Writer

Although the Soldiers from the 699th Maintenance Company returned home from their yearlong deployment to Iraq in time for Christmas, it took almost two months for their homecoming to be official.

In keeping with the time honored military tradition of uncasing the colors, the 699th Maintenance Company's colors flew on American soil for the first time since December 2008 on Feb. 10 in a ceremony at the Freedom Gym. This the same place where Soldiers were embraced by their families and loved ones on Dec. 10, 2009.

"This afternoon we meet on a great note. We officially say welcome home to our 699th Maintenance Company," 1916thth Corps Support Battalion commander, Lt. Col. Bill Davis said. "With today's uncasing ceremony we of-

ficially welcome our Marauders back."

Many times, the performance of Individual Performance Units is largely enveloped by larger units, Davis said as he highlighted the accomplishments of the 699th in Iraq.

The 699th performed several critical tasks in helping the Iraqis by providing security for Iraqi transportation networks, he said, adding that 699th was one of two units providing 5-year maintenance on Heavy Equipment Transport systems throughout the country.

"These services are crucial because the HET system is the most critical and widely utilized asset in Iraq for providing heavy lift capability during the drawdown of U.S. Forces," he said. "In other words, this HET system helps our fellow Soldiers get home by moving their equipment to Kuwait and without the 699th this capability would have been non-existent."

The company also established the first Mobile Container Repair and Inspection teams in Iraq to support the drawdown, he said.

While deployed the 699th Maintenance Company had 63 promotions and 33 reenlistments within its ranks while working under three different battalions and two different brigades, he said.

"All of this is simply proof-positive of the professionalism of the NCOs and officers and the leadership of the NCOs and officers that is evident within the 699th," he said, pointing to the leadership of 699th Maintenance Company commander, Capt. Christian Gatbonton, and 1st Sgt. Alejandro Zavala.

699th Maintenance Company's Family Readiness Group did an outstanding job of supporting the Soldiers' families during their deployment and went above and beyond to get the job done, Davis said, noting, "We couldn't have done it without you."

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Source: Directorate of Human Resources
National Training Center and Fort Irwin

Letter of thanks

The family of Sgt. Maj. Matthew J. Stevens would like to share their thanks to the community.

It is difficult to find the words to express our gratitude to the Fort Irwin community for the enormous kindness that they extended to our family during this sad time.

We are so grateful for all you have done for us. The cards, letters, phone and email messages, prayers, and visits meant a great deal to us as we struggled with our heartbreaking loss. Along with the emotional support you gave us, the meals, chores, and other gifts of your time and energy helped sustain us day to day.

We are unable to write individual "Thank you's" to each one of you, given the great outpouring of support. Please know that your generosity and thoughtfulness have touched us deeply.

Our return home with a Christmas tree surrounded by gifts and our cupboards, refrigerator and freezer full of food, was more than expected and extremely generous. On behalf of my family, I would like to thank Mr. Nathan Love and Sgt. Maj. Beltran for their continued professional support and dedication. I would also like to thank the entire Fort Irwin community, the Commissary staff, Clothing and Sales staff, and everyone else who donated in any way to the needs of my family. The smiles that you brought to my girls' faces were priceless and much needed at that time of fear and uncertainty.

Knowing that we were not alone helped us bear our grief and sadness. Thank you for being there for us. We will be forever grateful.

With sincere thanks,

The Stevens Family
(Wife Pamela, Children Ryan, Sierra, Tiffany, and Bailey)

Editor's note: Sgt. Maj. Matthew Stevens, 41, died in an accident on Nov. 29, 2009 while stationed at Fort Irwin, where he was assigned to Operations Group and attached to 916th Support Brigade. The family will depart the Fort Irwin community in March.



Sgt. Maj. Matthew J. Stevens

Commentary – Bob's Corner

Honoring, remembering who our heroes are

BY BOB LUCAS
Commentator

What is a hero? Why do we look at athletes or others in a special light as heroes and worship them for their efforts?

Years ago, we often thought of Spiderman, Batman, Superman and others as heroes because of their special powers. However, we all know that is mythical, and in reality, they have no special powers. Other than great athletic abilities, our sports athletes have no special powers either. The word hero means a "remarkably brave person" or "somebody admired." In my opinion and based upon my own experience, that definition fits those who serve our country. I believe our "heroes" are those men and women in uniform who protect our liberties and our Nation, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our heroes are those who are stationed in the many hot spots throughout the world and also those who serve at our many

military installations throughout the United States and overseas. One thing that brings to light is "How much do you pay a person who can die for their country at anytime and anywhere?" We cannot put a price on our freedom. That is why our military heroes deserve any and all pay raises given to them by Congress. Many Americans scrutinize military benefits, but our heroes have more than earned the benefits they enjoy with health care, Thrift Savings Plan, future military retirement pay, and many other programs. Why? They are our heroes and they protect our freedoms. They lay their lives down for us. Many times, we forget this fact because in today's world, the United States military and Government is at war, but the American people go on and on with their daily lives while the war in Afghanistan and Iraq and the rhetoric and skirmishes happening with and in Pakistan, Yemen, and Iran continues. There is another segment of the popula-

tion who are our "unsung heroes." Our military families are the lifeline to a strong military. They support our military heroes no matter the circumstances and no matter the location. They often have a life of stress and loneliness due to military deployments of their loved ones, an experience only they can understand. Our military families make new friends every time they move to a new location and children change schools and adjust to many different life changes. We owe an untold amount of gratitude to our military families for they are the true backbone to the success of professional military members ... their loved one. Next time you think of the word "Hero," please remember who they are ... our military service members and their military families.

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Emergency Response Plan

Working to keep installation safe, self-reliant

BY GUSTAVO BAHENA

Warrior Staff Writer

Fort Irwin succeeds really well on its own. The mostly self-sufficient post has a fire department, a police department, a hospital and an emergency service directorate that manages emergency responses. All these departments exist to provide the safest environment for the community that includes families, Soldiers and employees of the installation.

Fort Irwin's U.S. Army Garrison commander, Col. Jim Chevallier, has continuously declared that the mission of protecting the community is the "absolute crystal ball" that cannot be dropped. In the past few months, the garrison has continued to augment that mission by exercising and providing updates to its emergency

services program. Examples of what the garrison has done to improve the safety of the post include: conducting force protection exercises in 2009 and this year; supporting the professional development of military police and Department of Army police with civilian law enforcement training events; modernizing the police station and consolidating the emergency dispatch center; and instituting a course of action to update an All Hazards Emergency Response Plan.

Leroy Mundy, who is the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, High Yield Explosive/Emergency Manager specialist on Fort Irwin, is coordinating the collective efforts of various directorates on post to finalize the new plan. Fort Irwin does have a current emergency response plan, but that plan will be followed up with a revised one, said Mundy.

Because of its location, Fort Irwin is potentially subject to hazards created by Mother Nature. According to Mundy, those dangers (at various degrees of severity) can include drought, earthquakes, flash flooding, mudslides, wildfires, sand storms and high winds.

Other scenarios that can impose risks are energy shortages, hazardous material spills, structural fires, enemy military attacks, terrorism, and crimes such as the Fort Hood, Texas shootings.

The plan is intended to be used as a "manual" that outlines procedures and actions that would be enacted by agencies and directorates to effectively respond to an emergency on Fort Irwin. According to the current plan, Fort Irwin should be able to sustain itself for 72 hours in case contact is lost with outside communities. The new

plan will abide by the same requirement.

According to Mundy, the new plan will draw on procedures and actions from post directorates that are primarily staffed by civilian work-force. In the past, the emergency response planning responsibility was driven by the post's military units. With the management of Fort Irwin falling under Installation Management Command-West, the plan needs an overhaul to satisfy Army-wide standardization requirements.

Representatives of organizations and directorates met with Mundy on Feb. 11 to receive guidance regarding each agency's portion of the plan. Those obligations will be submitted in the form of annexes that will supplement the plan. The plan is scheduled to be completed in June.

Black History Month celebration encourages inter-racial dialogue

STORY AND PHOTO BY SGT. GIANCARLO CASEM

11th ACR Public Affairs

Hundreds of Soldiers, Family and friends gathered to watch stage-actor and playwright Michael Fosberg perform his play, "Incognito," at the Sandy Basin Community Center on Fort Irwin, Calif., Feb. 2.

The play was presented by the National Training Center's Equal Opportunity Office, and the Regimental Support Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, as part of the African-American Black History Month Celebration.

Fosberg's play centered on his own personal journey of self-identity. In it, he explains how he reunited with his estranged father and how his newly-discovered African-American heritage would have profound effects on his own life.

"I've been traveling around the country touring this show at countless high schools, colleges, and performing art centers, one of the amazing things about the piece is its ability for it to open up dialogue between people," Fosberg said.

The native of Waukegan, Ill., grew up in a predominantly white working-class family and his life was changed forever when he made contact with his biological father, who revealed to Fosberg that he was black.

"Imagine discovering you are not the person you thought you were. That you have a family, a history, an ethnicity you never knew. How would this discovery impact your life, the lives of those around you; your vision of yourself and society?" he said. "I have been facing these questions since 1992, when after having spent 32 years growing up in a middle-class white family, I discovered I am black."

In the play, Fosberg portrayed more than 10 characters, many of whom were African-American. He then discussed with the audience his use of characters to portray seemingly stereotypical African-American characters.

"I think it is interesting that we view characters of color more stereotypically than we view people of light skin, I think the play also brings up a lot of issues in regards to the idea of seeing a white-skinned person, playing dark characters," Fosberg said. "You're seeing this light-skinned person, a person who in the beginning, you think is white, suddenly playing these black characters, it brings up a lot of different conflict in our minds in terms of how we view and judge people. Sometimes it even makes us a little uncomfortable to feel as though we should laugh or not, because we're not sure if by laughing we



Playwright and author Michael Fosberg performs his one-man play, "Incognito," in front of hundreds of Soldiers and civilians at the Sandy Basin Community Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., Feb. 2. The play was presented by the National Training Center's Equal Opportunity Office, and the Regimental Support Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, as part of the African-American Black History Month Celebration.

might expose the fact that perhaps we're insensitive to these types of things."

The playwright said one of the primary points for writing his autobiographical play was to have various ethnic groups engage in meaningful dialogue.

"Sometimes when we engage in dialogue with a mixed race company, it's difficult for us to engage in that dialogue in a place of complete inhibition. We come to the dialogue a little bit cautious; being careful that we don't say anything that might be remotely sound racist. People of color listen to the conversation and are ready to pounce on anything that sounds remotely racist, so what happens then is we're polarized," Fosberg explained to the audience. "We don't give ourselves the space to have the dialogue, what I'm encouraging everyone to do is give yourselves the space, allow us make mistakes and not to pounce on it."

Fosberg's message of identity and resonated with one Sgt. Mike Le, 511th Military Intelligence Company, RSS, 11th ACR.

The native of San Jose, Calif., said he was able to connect with some of the ideas Fosberg expressed in his play.

"It was really informative, he really expressed a lot of the personality and racial conflicts that people face, for myself being a minority, it shows a lot of the things that people go through," Sgt. Le said. "It's not only stereotypes, we go through a lot of different things trying to understand who we are."

Sgt. Le also agreed with what Fosberg said about the need for open dialogue.

"When we open up and start talking about racial issues and, the Caucasians seem like they are more or less reserved when they try to speak on something," he said. "I think Mr. Fosberg was right, we minorities are ready to pounce on them when they say something wrong. It shouldn't be like that, we want everyone to be able to be open, that's the way we can move forward. If we can't talk about our problems, then we can't resolve our issues."

For more information go to www.irwin.army.mil

Crime Watch

Information provided by
Provost Marshal Office

Police respond to a report of a verbal argument that turned physical in the Sage Brush housing area. One person was subsequently charged with assault and transported to County Jail.

Police respond to a report of a large scale physical altercation at a DFMWR facility. Multiple persons were detained and subsequently charged with assault.

Police respond to a report of damage to a privately-owned vehicle (POV) in a barracks area parking lot.

Two persons were taken into custody near a barracks area based upon allegations of assault and public intoxication.

Police respond to a report of damage to a POV in an office area parking lot.

Police respond to a report of damage to a POV in an office area parking lot.

Police conduct a traffic stop on a vehicle without a front license plate. The driver was subsequently charged with Driving while License is Suspended.

Police respond to a report of damage to a POV in an office area parking lot.

Police respond to a report of damage to a POV in a DFMWR facility parking lot.

Police respond to a report of a traffic collision. Subsequent investigation revealed that the driver was intoxicated. The driver was charged with Driving Under the Influence.

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CDC Building Progress Report

BY: CANDICE JAMOLES
FMWR Marketing Specialist

Construction is moving quickly for the new Child Development Center complex located on Barstow and North Loop Roads. The scheduled completion date is June 2010, according to Rob Gerner, MWR project manager. "The contractor is on schedule and things are going well on the project," he said.

The project broke ground in July 2009. Using \$10 million of Military Construction or "Mil Con" funding, the new CDC building was designed in direct response to a projected population increase at Fort Irwin.

The new center will house part-day and hourly care programs. It will also accommodate 232 part-day and hourly slots, with the potential for overlapping, depending on parent need.

The new center will also replace the current hourly/part-day building with a modern facility that will serve children from infancy through kindergarten. Extra space and state-of-the-art design will allow CDC staff to provide quality child care at a higher level and in a safer, more nurturing environment for children.

The facility will also include larger child activity rooms and more abundant parking spaces.

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Confession	30 Min before Mass	Center Chapel
Choir Rehearsal	Wednesday—6:30 p.m.	Center Chapel
CWOC	Thursday—9 a.m.	Center Chapel

PROTESTANT

ISunday School	Sunday—9:30 a.m.	Center Chapel
Chapel Next (SANC)	Sunday—11 a.m.	Center Chapel
Protestant (LAR)	Sunday—11 a.m.	Center Chapel
PEWS (Contem)	Sunday—6 p.m.	Center Chapel
PYOC (Youth)	Monday—7 p.m.	Bldg 317
PWOC Morning	Tuesday—9 a.m.	Center Chapel
PWOC Evening	Tuesday—6 p.m.	Center Chapel
Praise Team Rehearsal	Wednesday—7:30 p.m.	Center Chapel
Protestant-Liturgical		
Worship Service,	9 a.m., Sunday,	Blackhorse Chapel

GOSPEL

Sunday School	Sunday—9:30 a.m.	Blackhorse Chapel
<i>*Sunday School is held every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month</i>		
Worship Service	Sunday—11 a.m.	Blackhorse Chapel
Prayer Warriors	Wednesday—6 p.m.	Blackhorse Chapel
Children's Church &		
Choir Practice	Wednesday—5 p.m.	Blackhorse Chapel
Adult Bible Study	Wednesday—7 p.m.	Blackhorse Chapel
Prayer Men Of Integrity/Women of Excellence		
	2nd Wednesday	
	of the Month—7 p.m.	Blackhorse Chapel

JEWISH

Jewish Service Friday—6 p.m. Black Horse Chapel

LATTER DAY SAINTS

Sacrament Meeting	Sunday—1 pm.	Blackhorse Chapel
Sunday School	Sunday—2:15 p.m.	Center Chapel
Priesthood/RSE	Sunday—3:10 p.m.	CFLC/Bldg 317

MUSLIM

Friday—1 p.m. Bldg 317

CHAPEL ACTIVITIES

AWANA		
(3yrs- 6th grade)	Wednesday—4 p.m.	Center Chapel
Life Teen	Wednesday—6:30 p.m.	Bldg. 320
MOPS	2nd and 4th Wed—9 a.m.	Center Chapel
Edge	Sunday—10 a.m.	Center Chapel

Note: For more information on chapel activities contact the Center Chapel staff at 380-3562 or the Blackhorse Chapel staff at 380-4088. See back cover for addresses and telephone directory.

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Sweetheart 5K Run/Walk

Feb. 27 is the Sweetheart 5K run/walk. Registration forms will be available at the Fitness Connection, Memorial and Freedom Fitness centers. Registration available the day of the event at the Fitness Connection, 6:30 a.m. All run/walk participants need to be at the Fitness Connection no later than 7 a.m. Run is open to all residents of Fort Irwin and the surrounding communities. For more information, contact Scoop at 380-3457.

Empowering Women

Register now for the 2010 Fort Irwin Women's Conference, to be held on April 9, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., at Reggie's. The event will be hosted by the Fort Irwin Officers and Civilians Spouses Club and MWR. Enjoy creative workshops, and hear luncheon guest speaker Tanya Biank, author of "Army Wives." Her book inspired the hit Lifetime series Army Wives. Child care is available. Please contact FortIrwinWomensConference@gmail.com or visit www.fortirwinocsc.org for pricing and more information.

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Annual Mardi Gras

OCSC's Fort Irwin Spouses' Club will hold its annual Mardi Gras at Reggie's, 6 p.m. to midnight, Feb. 27. Tickets cost \$12 each, available at the door. Tickets get you buffet, doubloons for the gambling tables, and entertainment. Festivities include gambling tables, basket auction, silent auction, Bayou Bakery and Gift Shop. Child and Youth Services will offer childcare service (children need to be registered with CYS and reservation). Funds raised go to support Fort Irwin community's scholarship and welfare campaigns. For more information, contact Heather Tolley, 706-974-8526.

Women's Basketball Team

Looking for players interested in coming out to represent the Fort Irwin Women's Basketball Team. If interested, signup at the Freedom Fitness Center and Fitness Connection. Contact Raquel Ayers at work, 380-3721 (work) or by cell (907) 687-6925.

At the Movies

<p>Thursday, Feb. 18 7 p.m. Closed (PG-13)</p> <p>Friday, Feb. 19 7 p.m. Avatar (PG-13) 7 p.m. Leap Year (PG) 9:30 p.m. Daybreakers (R)</p> <p>Saturday, Feb. 20 7 p.m. Avatar (PG-13) 7 p.m. Leap Year (PG) 9:30 p.m. Daybreakers (R)</p>	<p>Sunday, Feb. 21 4 p.m. Alvin and The Chipmunks (PG) 7 p.m. Avatar (PG-13) 7 p.m. Daybreakers (R)</p> <p>Monday, Feb. 22 7 p.m. Leap Year (PG) 7 p.m. Avatar (PG-13)</p> <p>Tuesday, Feb. 23 7 p.m. Closed (PG-13)</p> <p>Wednesday, Feb. 24 7 p.m. Closed (PG-13)</p>
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This schedule is subject to change at the last minute to accommodate changes in movies and free showings. ID cards are required from all personnel not in uniform when purchasing movie tickets. For more information and movie updates, call 380-3490.

Comics on Duty

Have some fun and see FREE SHOW Comics on Duty at Shock Wave, 7 p.m., Feb. 25. Hear Steve Bills, P.J. Walsh, James P. Connolly and Gary Brightwell. Call 380-8646 for more information.

Spouses' Orientation Tour

Are you new to Fort Irwin? Check out the 2-day Spouses' Tour — attendance required for both days of the tour. Participants must be military ID card holders. The tour is free of charge and child care is provided. Space is limited and children must be enrolled at Central Enrollment. For more information, call 380-2258.

Be a Lifeguard

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Teen Center:
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Fort Irwin Community Calendar

Thu., Feb. 18

GSAB-HHD FRG Meeting
6 p.m.
Bldg. 1200, The Forum
Ms. Hunter, 380-7781

Thu., Feb. 25

Comics on Duty
7 p.m.
Shock Wave
380-8646

Fri., April 9

Fort Irwin Women's Conference
8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Reggie's
380-6716/5111

Fri., Feb. 19

Fire Prevention/Safety Class
8-12 a.m.
Bldg. 1202
380-6024/2287

Sat., Feb. 27

Mardi Gras Fund Raiser
6-12 a.m.
Reggie's
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Wed., Feb. 24

Troop to Teachers Presentation
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Fort Irwin Education Center,
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Sat., Feb. 27

Sweetheart's 5K Run/Walk
7 a.m.
Fitness Connection
380-3457



Check out these upcoming activities at Fort Irwin

'Red Devils' welcome new command team



Capt. Michael Fitzgerald hands his unit guidon to 1st Sgt. Anthony Davis, during a change of command ceremony at Jack Rabbit Park on Fort Irwin, Calif., Feb. 2. The new 58th Engineer Company command team assumed the reigns from Capt. Eric Palacia and 1st Sgt. Timothy Shockency.

SGT. GIANCARLO CASEM

U.S. destroys chemical weapon stockpiles

BY KRIS OSBORN

Army News Service

The U.S. Army has destroyed more than 70-percent of its stockpiles of chemical weapons — some dating as far back as to the World War I era — as part of an elaborate, decades-long process slated to be largely completed by 2012, service officials said.

“As of 26 January, 2010, the U.S. has destroyed a 22,322 tons of the original 31,500 tons,” said Greg Mahall, chief of Public Affairs for the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency (CMA).

The U.S. arsenal — which used to include 31,500 tons of chemical weapons such as Sarin, VX and Mustard agents— is systematically being destroyed at an increased pace, Mahall said.

“It is a tremendous success story. Not only is the U.S. doing all it can to meet its international commitments, but more importantly the Chemical Materials Agency is contributing to the national security of the United States in the process. These weapons in the wrong hands can do harm. They are safely and securely storing and destroying them while providing maximum protection to the public and environment,” said Carmen Spencer, deputy assistant Secretary of the Army (Elimination of Chemical Weapons).

The Army’s Chemical Stockpile Elimination

mission, which destroyed more than 3,084 tons of chemical weapons at four facilities during 2009, has been working since the early 90’s — several years before the 1992 drafting of an international Chemical Weapons Convention arms control agreement calling for the destruction of chemical weapons stockpiles and a prohibition on their use and production.

“Production went into a moratorium based on direction from President Nixon in the late 60’s,” Mahall said.

Article I of the CWC treaty, initially signed in 1993 and now ratified by as many as 188 countries, states in part:

“Each State Party undertakes to destroy chemical weapons it owns or possesses, or that are located in any place under its jurisdiction or control, in accordance with the provisions of this convention.”

Recognizing the weapons had become obsolete, the U.S. did not wait for ratification of the CWC Treaty, Mahall said.

“We began destroying our agents at Johnston Atoll [a remote outpost in the central pacific 825 miles southwest of Hawaii] in 1990,” said Mahall.

“The weapons had a limited tactical use and had been overcome in America’s arsenal by other more potent weapons in the nuclear age. The U.S. quit making them, which means stocks on hand sat in storage deteriorating.”

The Annual Status Report on the Disposal of Chemical Weapons and Materiel for Fiscal Year 2009 states that \$1,548 million was appropriated during the year for chemical agents and munitions destruction.

“CMA remains committed to our storage and destruction mission and remains vigilant to safely completing that mission while protecting the workforce, the public, and the environment,” wrote CMA director Conrad F. Whyne in the report.

In addition to the weapons stored on Johnston Atoll in the Pacific, chemical weapons stockpiles were dispersed among eight locations within in the continental U.S. at Army facilities in Anniston, Ala., Pine Bluff, Ark., Tooele, Utah, Umatilla, Ore., Aberdeen, Md., Newport, Ind., Blue Grass, Ky., and Pueblo, Colo.

Destruction of the stockpiles at Blue Grass, Ky., and Pueblo, Colo., now falls under Defense Department management with Army assistance; the remaining sites are currently part of the Army’s Chemical Stockpile elimination program.

“All of the nerve agent under CMA destruction has been destroyed with the exception of a small amount of GA (Tabun) in Utah. Comparatively small amounts remain in storage awaiting destruction in Kentucky,” said Mahall.

Water and sodium hydroxide-based neutralization methods were used to destroy stockpiles at

facilities in Aberdeen, Md., and Newport, Ind. —and incineration technology is employed at other Army locations including Anniston, Umatilla, Tooele, and Pine Bluff, Army officials said.

The stockpiles at Pueblo, Colo., and Blue Grass, Ky., are being destroyed under DoD auspices using water oxidation and neutralization methods; Stockpile destruction at Pueblo, Col., will be finished by 2017 and destruction at Blue Grass, Ky., is slated to be finished by 2021, Spencer said.

Chemical Weapons Incineration

Chemical weapons such as mortars, projectiles or 155mm artillery shells are disassembled and incinerated inside robustly engineered plants adjacent to the storage igloos where the chemical weapons are kept, Mahall said.

“Robotics reverse-assemble these weapons — unscrewing the nose cone, pulling out the fuse and draining the agent out of the weapon. Then you have two different destruction streams. The hard substances and the liquid agents,” said Mahall. “The liquid agents will be stored in a holding tank then sprayed into a furnace called the liquid incinerator. Basically, destruction is a matter of time and temperature. The agents have high, natural BTU quotients and burn quite well. At a temperature of 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit agent will be destroyed completely in a matter of one-to-two seconds.”

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CSA addresses worldwide challenges at Brookings Institution

STORY AND PHOTO BY J.D. LEIPOLD

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr. said as the Army looks to the future, his two key concerns are weapons of mass destruction in the hands of terrorists and countries that won't deny safe havens to those terrorists.

Reiterating what he had stated in 2007 at the Brookings Institution, Casey returned to one of the country's oldest think tanks Jan. 29 to give an assessment of the present and future of the Army, adding that Iraq and Afghanistan were foreshadows to the future nature of conflict.

"We are in for a decade or so of what I call persistent conflict, a period of protracted confrontation among state, non-state and individual actors who are increasingly willing to use violence to accomplish their political and ideological objectives," he said. "That's what I said back in 2007, and that's what I still believe today."

He said the Army had been taking hard looks at what it thinks the character of war is going to be in the second decade of the 21st century. Casey cited a study of the conflict in southern Lebanon in 2006 where a non-state actor, Hezbollah, had the instruments of state power be-

cause they were supported by Iran and Syria, which were able to provide them with surface-to-air, anti-tank, and cruise missiles.

"They had secure cell phones, used secure computers for command and control and got their message out on local television, and about 3,000 Hezbollah operatives basically held off 30,000 well-armed, well-equipped Israeli soldiers," Casey said. "That's a much more complex struggle even than what we're doing in Iraq and Afghanistan, so we're continuing to refine our thoughts on that."

"This is a long-term ideological struggle and it's not one that we can walk away from," he said. "As we look at the trends that we see in the international environment, it seems to us that those trends are more likely to exacerbate."

Casey also said he had four imperatives he felt the Army needed to do to hold the force together and to bring it into a position of balance by 2011.

First, is to sustain Soldiers and families with a particular focus on mid-level officers and noncommissioned officers which he said take 10 years to grow.

Secondly, is to continue preparing and equipping Soldiers for the current conflict - something he felt the Army had made great strides in since the early years in Iraq when it took an excessive amount of time to get up-armored Humvees into

country. He said delivery of Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles into Afghanistan took about nine months, so "we're getting better at that."

As his third priority, Casey is concentrating on expanding the reset period for Soldiers and equipment. He said 12 months of dwell time isn't enough for Soldiers or equipment to fully recover. He said the Army had recently completed a study to that effect.

"For the first time, we have scientific data that showed that after a 12-month combat deployment, it takes 24 to 36 months actually to recover stress levels to what they called 'normal garrison' stress levels," Casey said.

He said the one-year-out, one-year-back deployment/dwell scenario was not sustainable and that the Army would continue to work toward a one-year-out, two-year-back cycle for the active force and a one-year-out to four-year-back cycle for the National Guard and Reserve. The long-term objective would be one year out, three years back for the active Army; one year out and five years back for the Guard and Reserve.

"Lastly, we have to continue to transform. You don't stay at war for as long as we've been at war without figuring out better and smarter ways to do things," he said. "I can actually see the completion of the objectives we set for ourselves to get back in balance."

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Soldiers in armored vehicles return to FOB King after a day of training in the Mojave Desert. Ertabat Shar, the expansive village in the background, is an urban warfare training facility built to resemble a location in Iraq or Afghanistan.



Two Coyote Armored Vehicles prepare to move after fuelling at Forward Operating Base (FOB) King at Fort Irwin, California, the U.S. Army National Training Center (NTC). Canadian Soldiers of Task Force 1-10 are training at the NTC prior to deploying to Afghanistan to take advantage of the extensive training facilities and the similarity in terrain.



Canadian Soldiers patrol the streets of Medina Wasl (Ertabat Shar) during a training exercise at Fort Irwin National Training Centre (NTC). The town was constructed as a training facility for urban warfare in a Middle-Eastern environment, complete with realistic pyrotechnics and role-players.

BY CAPT. DANNY VINCENT

N Company, 3rd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment

For two months, from January to February 2010, over 3,700 Soldiers from across Canada deployed to the U.S. Army's National Training Center (NTC) at Fort Irwin, California, to participate in Exercise MAPLE GUARDIAN 10-01. Members of Task Force 1-10 (TF 1-10) will soon deploy to Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, as part of Canada's military commitment to the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), the NATO-led mission in Afghanistan.

N Company, 3rd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment (N Coy 3 RCR), has been tasked with the planning and oversight of all live-fire training, in cooperation with the NTC's Dragon team. The Dragons are the live-fire experts at NTC, responsible for all aspects of live-fire. Back in August 2009, Maj. Jason Guiney, officer commanding N Coy, traveled to NTC to meet his American counterpart Maj. Scott Emmel. Since that time, N Coy and the Dragons have been working closely together to ensure that TF 1-10 receives the best possible training in this world class facility.

NTC provides Soldiers with a training experience that cannot be easily replicated in Canada. The desert terrain and weather resemble

Canadian Soldiers

southern Afghanistan so closely that many veteran Soldiers of the Afghan campaign remarked on the uncanny resemblances.

An essential part of training Soldiers for war is live-fire training where Soldiers train by firing live ammunition at targets in complex combat scenarios. All of the Soldiers deploying as part of TF 1-10 will participate in live-fire training from the individual and section level all the way up to the combat team level -- consisting of infantry, tanks, engineers, artillery, and fighter aircraft all working together toward one goal. Soldiers at all levels are challenged to plan, prepare, execute and sustain long missions in the harsh desert environment.

N Coy, with augmentees from Quebec Coy, ran numerous ranges requiring the Soldiers of TF 1-10 to react to a variety of situations that they can expect to encounter during their upcoming deployment in the spring of 2010. The Soldiers of 3 RCR, having returned from Afghanistan themselves in the spring of 2009, used their experiences to build realistic yet challenging scenarios. "We are not just safety staff, we are mentors as well," said Maj. Guiney. "We aim to impart valuable lessons that will stick."

The Combat Team live-fire range, the most complex and challenging of the live-fire training, incorporates three separate objectives over difficult and rugged terrain.



Lt. Col. Conrad Mialkowski addresses members of the 1st Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group at FOB King at Fort Irwin, located in the Mojave Desert, will complete the final phase of training before the Battle Group deploys to Afghanistan.

FY11 budget includes \$400 million for re-enlistment bonuses

BY C. TODD LOPEZ
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army revealed its Fiscal Year 2011 budgets Feb. 1, including \$143 billion to fund training and sustainment of the total force, and an additional \$102 billion to fund operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

During a budget briefing at the Pentagon, Lt. Gen. Edgar E. Stanton III, the Army's military deputy for budget, detailed the overall rationale behind items in the Army's portion of the Department of Defense's FY11 budget requests that will go forward to President Barack Obama. That rationale included the Army's budget priorities.

"The Army leaders have focused on caring for our people — that's our Soldiers, our families and our civilians," Stanton said. "We focus on training and equipping Soldiers and units for the current fight and then we revitalize our people — the entire gamut of people, Soldiers and civilians — for whatever the next development might be."

Stanton said priorities for the FY11 base budget also include continuing with both the transformation and the modernization of the Army.

The Army presented three budgets: a \$143-billion base budget, which supports the Army's mission to train and equip Soldiers; a \$102-billion overseas contingency operations budget, meant to sustain and support ongoing operations; and a \$20-billion

supplemental budget, meant to augment last year's budget.

The FY11 budget includes some \$59 billion toward military personnel — 41 percent of the total base budget request. That request includes a 1.4-percent military pay raise, a 3.9-percent increase in housing allowances and a 3.4-percent increase in subsistence allowances. Also included were some \$400 million for supplemental re-enlistment bonuses.

The base budget for military personnel that will go forward to the president supports an active-duty end strength of 547,400, an Army National Guard end strength of 358,200, and an Army Reserve end strength of 205,000. The overseas contingency operations budget also funds a temporary end-strength increase of 22,000 Soldiers.

For Army operations and maintenance, the FY11 base budget includes \$43.9 billion. That includes recruiting and training the all-volunteer force and funding programs such as the Army Family Covenant and Comprehensive Soldier Fitness. The O&M budget also funds increases in training programs, combat training centers and the depot maintenance program.

The FY11 budget includes funding for procurement and modernization — more than \$21 billion — for purchase of aircraft, missiles, ammunition, weapons and tracked vehicles.

In FY11, for instance, the budget includes \$1.3 billion for 48 UH-60M Black Hawk utility helicopters and 24 HH-60M Black Hawk medical helicopters. The budget also provides \$1.1 billion for

transition of CH-47 Chinooks from "D" models to "F" models.

The Army also plans to add to its unmanned-aerial-systems fleet, including about \$459 million for the addition of 26 MQ-1 Sky Warrior Extended Range Multi-Purpose Unmanned Aerial Systems.

In FY11, the Army will cease to purchase new Humvee vehicles, as the service has met its purchase goals for the vehicle.

"We have reached the Army acquisition objective for Humvees — we're there sooner than we expected for two reasons," Stanton said. "One is we have fewer losses and washouts in Iraq. Also with the Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle, all-terrain vehicle and other MRAP variants that have been procured and made available to the Army, we have less uses for the humvee. We envision the humvee to be an enduring part of the Army fleet."

Stanton said the humvee production line will remain open for others to purchase.

The \$20-billion supplemental request for FY10 that was forwarded to the president includes \$1.7 billion for military personnel, and also supports two new Army combat aviation brigades.

Stanton said the exact way those CABs will get aircraft is still being determined.

"There is procurement of aircraft here — how we will end up distributing the aircraft between the twelfth CAB and the thirteenth CAB and other Army competing requirements for aircraft support has yet to be determined," Stanton said.

Fiscal 2010 Base Ops Support Army to Increase funding by \$500 Million

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Secretary of the Army John M. McHugh and Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr. announced today that the Army is taking steps to increase funding by \$500 million for Base Operating Support in fiscal 2010.

"We will continue to look for efficiencies and best practices, but the bottom line is we will not shortchange our Soldiers and their Families," said McHugh.

The Army's Installation Management Command will continue to work closely with each installation to ensure its essential base operating support needs are met. Additionally, the Army will conduct a comprehensive mid-year review of all installation BOS accounts to ensure installations can meet Army priorities.

"The secretary and I remain committed to ensuring our soldiers and families get the support they need and we will continue to provide the resources to do that," Casey reiterated.

QDR reveals Army on target for energy security

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Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Language in the 2010 Quadrennial Defense Review, released Feb. 1, supports the Army's ongoing efforts to achieve energy security.

The review "resonates very well with what the Army has been promoting over the last year, and what our strategy is," said Dr. Kevin T. Geiss, program director for energy security in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment.

The QDR is produced every four years, as directed by Congress. It is a self-assessment of the Department of Defense, and a review of the department's strategy and priorities. The 2010 QDR reveals the department's insights on how the security environment is affected by climate change and energy availability and consumption.

Geiss said he believes the DOD's language in the report is in tune with what the Army has already been practicing in its efforts to achieve energy security.

"The first thing I would say is, they are singing our song," Geiss said. "We are very pleased to see how OSD is defining what energy security is. It is not just the supply piece, it is what if the grid fails, and also cyber security. It's being able to maintain and defend those logistical tails of fuel in theater. It's making sure those new technolo-

gies we are deploying are not breaking down, or that they are providing a sufficient amount to maintain our critical functions."

In the effort to bolster energy security, the Army is making efforts at places like Fort Irwin, Calif., and Hawthorne, Nev. In those places, the Army has engaged in projects designed to strengthen energy security — to reduce the installation's reliance on the civilian power grid, while at the same time finding ways to reduce overall power use and to also ensure that critical missions are not hampered in any way.

At Fort Irwin, the Army — in partnership with industry — has embarked on a long-term project to build a 500-megawatt solar power plant that will help ensure energy security to the installation. Last year, the Army named the developer for the project, and that developer has now put together a preliminary plan on how the project will be completed, Geiss said.

"I believe the Corps of Engineers is in receipt of that formal plan that will lay out, over the timeframe of the project, which phases or which aspects of the project will be done when," Geiss said. After the final plan is submitted and approved, there will be an environmental evaluation of the project before it can proceed. That's expected to take 18 months.

A 30-megawatt geothermal power plant is also in the works at Hawthorne

Army Depot, Nev., Geiss said.

"Right now we are looking at the development through a power purchase agreement," he said. "They would finance the project and we'd agree to buy a certain amount of power over a certain period of time."

The Army's efforts at finding security are also evident in the ongoing transformation of its 70,000-vehicle non-tactical fleet. More than 500 hybrid vehicles are currently in use, the QDR acknowledges, and the service is in the process of acquiring 4,000 low-speed electrical vehicles at state-side installations to cut down on fuel costs.

"With the LSEV, the six-year leasing contract allows Army to save over 111,000 tons of (carbon dioxide) emissions and about 11 million gallons of fossil fuel not burned," Geiss said.

The QDR also reiterates that DOD will implement the requirement set forth in the 2009 National Defense Authorization Act that the Secretary of Defense must include consideration for the "fully burdened cost of fuel" when considering purchases of new capabilities, for instance.

The fully burdened cost of fuel means not just what fuel costs at the point of sale, but also the cost incurred getting the fuel to where it will be used. That means the cost of moving that fuel in convoy, the cost of security to protect that convoy, and the cost in risk to lives while

running such a convoy.

"As we look at acquisition of new weapons systems, the (Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology) put out a memo last year that they have to consider energy productivity in the acquisition of all new weapons systems," Geiss said. "They also have to consider the fully burdened cost of energy."

Also revealed Feb. 1: the Army's Fiscal Year 2011 budget includes money marked for energy-security projects. These funds are part of military construction, as well as installation sustainment, restoration, and modernization, Geiss said.

He explained that the Army Corps of Engineers is transforming military construction to follow energy-efficient design standards.

"MILCON can potentially have the biggest impact on what it is going to cost us for utilities in the long run," Geiss said. "Making that investment in that facility when it is built, and confirming that it is built to the design that will incorporate these standards, will impact how much it is going to cost to heat and cool and provide electricity for that facility for the lifecycle of that facility."

Efforts toward energy efficiency in new construction include such things as incorporation of renewable and alternative generation, like building-integrated photovoltaic cells and solar walls, which is a way to pre-heat air as it comes into a building, Geiss said.



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Wounded warrior becomes...

First blind Soldier to take company command

BY TOMMY GILLIGAN

Army News Service

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Soldier, Infantryman, Airborne Ranger, combat diver, mountain climber, skier, triathlete, surfer, husband and father are just a few words to describe Capt. Scotty Smiley.

Now, add company commander to his resume as he became the first blind officer to assume command of a Warrior Transition Unit, Monday.

He became only the second wounded warrior to assume command of a WTU.

During Smiley's last deployment to Iraq in 2005, he was wounded, permanently losing his vision.

After receiving medical attention, Smiley was transferred to the Fort Lewis, Wash., WTU. There he began his recovery and his journey to get back to active-duty status.

The 2003 West Point graduate wanted to get back to doing what he loved and that was serving his country in uniform.

Smiley attributes his strength and drive during his recovery to his family, faith and friends.

"It was my wife, my family and friends who were in my hospital room singing songs and reading the Bible that gave me the strength during my recovery," he said. "It was all of this which allowed me to put one foot in front of the other and has allowed me to accomplish everything that I have done to get to where I am today."

The Army Times 2007 Soldier of the Year looked at what had happened to him and made the decision that he was not going down the same path as the character Gary Sinise played in the 1994 movie *Forrest Gump*.

"The decisions that Lieutenant Dan made after his injuries never came into my mind. I wanted to take care of myself—physically, mentally and spiritually," he said. "I just did not want to give up because of something that negatively happened to me."

He dreamed to return back to active duty, but he knew it was going to be a long and strenuous path. However, it was not anything Smiley was willing to give up on.

"There were some very long dark days, physically and mentally, but I just had to keep pushing on," Smiley said.

He transitioned back to active duty, working at the U.S. Army Accessions Command at Fort Monroe, Va. After being there for some time, Smiley's commander told him he had been selected to go to grad school.

"I thought he was kidding me. I was absolutely shocked," he explained.

"Then they are going to let me go teach—that was awesome," Smiley said with a smile stretching from ear to ear.

He attended Duke University where he received his master's of business administration.

While Smiley was in school, he also cultivated a friendship that had begun during the summer of 2007 with legendary Duke University basketball coach and fellow West Point graduate, Mike Krzyzewski, Class of 1969, before the men's basketball world championships and Olympics.

"When my brigade commander, who was (then a) colonel and is now Brigadier General Brown, asked if I would be interested in speaking to the team, I was taken aback. 'Are you sure you know who you are talking to? Why would the national basketball team want me to talk to them?'" Smiley said.

"The first time I met him, he spoke to the Olympic team in Las Vegas. We were trying to teach the team about selfless service," Krzyzewski said. "They not only heard what Scott had to say, but they truly felt what he had to say."

"When I think of Scotty, I think of ultimate service, especially selfless service," he added.

When Smiley realized why Coach K wanted him to come



TOMMY GILLIGAN

Capt. Scott M. Smiley grins while passing the guidon back to 1st Sgt. Deon E. Dabrio during the change of command ceremony Feb. 1, for the U.S. Army Warrior Transition Unit at West Point, N.Y.

to speak to the team, it made sense to him. "Coach Krzyzewski went and coached here, he understands what sacrifice is all about," Smiley said.

After completing his master's degree, Smiley returned to where it started during the summer of 1999, although in a very different capacity.

Over the past six months, Smiley has been an instructor in the Behavioral Sciences and Leadership Department, teaching a leadership course to third-year cadets.

"His enduring spirit and character are traits that the cadets can just relate to," said Lt. Col. Eric Kail, a BS&L instructor. "He has overcome so much through his attitude and desire to excel in life. Scott is a great teacher."

Even though Smiley will not be physically teaching in the classroom for the duration of his tour as WTU commander, he will be leading by example as he begins this new chapter of his life.

Smiley's former commander while at USAAC and present U.S. Army Chief of Engineers and commanding general of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Lt. Gen. Robert Van Antwerp, shared his thoughts on this occasion.

"Scott brings a whole new dimension to Soldiering and leadership. When you are around him, you can't help but want to do your best—without complaining—because he gives his best everyday," said Van Antwerp, class of 1972.

About Smiley being the second wounded warrior to hold a command position, Van Antwerp said, "Scotty will be a great commander. He will lead from the front like he has always done. I am proud of him and proud of our Army for giving him this opportunity."

Others like Krzyzewski seconded that notion.

"He may not have the eyes to see, but he sees more things than most leaders could ever see," Krzyzewski said. "His ability to translate that to his unit and the people he has (under his command), he will have the ability to touch many and they will be impacted tremendously."

Smiley now takes command of a company that he himself understands.

"I know what they are going through. I understand the dynamics of the company, how it works and areas of concern that need to be improved," Smiley said.

With only 50 percent of his command on West Point grounds, Smiley will travel from the rocky shorelines of Maine to the rolling hills of Pennsylvania to ensure his troops are being taken care of and doing what they need to do to get better.

"It is now my responsibility to inspire them and to continue to help them get the job done," Smiley said.

With his goals set and with a firm personal understanding of his present and future troops, the new company commander begins his tour, leading from the front like he always has.



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Children are at higher risk with emotional problems

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The National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) reports that one in five adult Americans lived with an alcoholic while growing up. Child and adolescent psychiatrists know these children are at greater risk for having emotional problems than children whose parents are not alcoholics. Alcoholism runs in families, and children of alcoholics are four more times more likely than other children to become alcoholics.

Most children of alcoholics have experienced some form of neglect or abuse.

NIDA research suggests a child in such a family may have a variety of problems: **Guilt:** The child may see himself or herself as the main cause of the mother's or father's drinking. **Anxiety:** The child may worry constantly about the situation at home. He or she may fear the alcoholic parent will become sick or injured, and may also fear fights and violence between the parents. **Embarrassment:** Parents may give the child the message that there is a terrible secret at home. The ashamed child does not invite friends home and is afraid to ask anyone for help. **Inability to have close relationships:** Because the child has been disappointed by the drinking parent many times, he or she often does not trust others. **Confusion:** The alcoholic parent will change suddenly from being loving to angry, regardless of the child's behavior. A regular daily schedule which is very important for a child does not exist because bedtimes and mealtimes are constantly changing. **Anger:** The child feels anger at the alcoholic parent for drinking, and may be angry at the non-alcoholic parent for

lack of support and protection. **Depression:** The child feels lonely and helpless to change the situation.

Although the child tries to keep the alcoholism a secret, teachers, relatives, other adults, or friends may sense that something is wrong. Child and adolescent psychiatrists advise that the following behaviors may signal a drinking or other problem at home:

Failure at school: truancy. **Lack of friends:** withdrawal from classmates. **Delinquent behavior:** such as stealing or violence. **Frequent physical complaints:** such as headaches or stomachaches. **Abuse of drugs or alcohol:** or aggression towards other children. **High risk:** taking behaviors. **Depression: or suicidal thoughts or behavior.**

Some children of alcoholics may act like responsible "parents" within the family and among friends. They may cope with the alcoholism by becoming controlled, successful "overachievers" throughout school, and at the same time be emotionally isolated from other children and teachers. Their emotional problems may show only when they become adults. Whether or not their parents are receiv-

ing treatment for alcoholism, these children and adolescents can benefit from educational programs and mutual help groups such as programs for children of alcoholics, Al-Anon, and Alateen. Early professional help is also important in preventing more serious problems for the child, including alcoholism. Child and adolescent psychiatrists can diagnose and treat problems in children of alcoholics. They can also help the child to understand they are not responsible for the drinking problems of their parents.

The treatment program may include group therapy with other youngsters, which reduces the isolation of being a child of an alcoholic. The child and adolescent psychiatrist will often work with the entire family, particularly when the alcoholic parent has stopped drinking, to help them develop healthier ways of relating to one another.

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Heart disease is number one killer of women in U.S.

BY TYLER PATTERSON
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HEART DISEASE. Many people think of it as a man's disease, but women can get it too. In fact, according to the American Heart Association, heart disease is the number one killer of women in the United States — making heart health an important issue for women of all ages.

The most common cause of heart disease is coronary artery disease (CAD), a narrowing or blockage of the coronary arteries that supply blood to the heart. Luckily, the steps you can take to help prevent CAD are effective against other causes of heart disease as well.

Eat a healthy diet. Choosing healthy meals and snack options can help you avoid heart disease. Be sure to eat plenty of fish, poultry, and fresh fruits—and don't forget the veggies!

Maintain a healthy weight. Being overweight or obese can increase your risk for heart disease. Your doctor can help you determine whether your weight is in a healthy range.

Exercise regularly. Physical activity can help you maintain a healthy weight and help lower your blood pressure and cholesterol.

Don't smoke. Cigarette smoking greatly increases your risk

for heart disease and other major illnesses. If you smoke, quit!
Limit alcohol use. Alcohol causes high blood pressure. If you drink, drink responsibly and in moderation.

If you have other risk factors such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or diabetes, you can take additional steps to lower your risk for heart disease.

Have your cholesterol checked. Your doctor should test your cholesterol levels at least once a year.

Monitor your blood pressure. High blood pressure has no symptoms so be sure to have it checked regularly.

Manage your diabetes. If you have diabetes, monitor your blood sugar levels closely.

Take your medication. If you are taking medication for high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or diabetes, it's important to follow your doctor's instructions and remember to take your medications regularly. Always ask questions if you don't understand something.

Talk with your doctor. You and your doctor can work together to prevent or treat the medical conditions that lead to heart disease. Regularly discuss your treatment plan and don't forget to bring a list of questions to your doctor's appointments.

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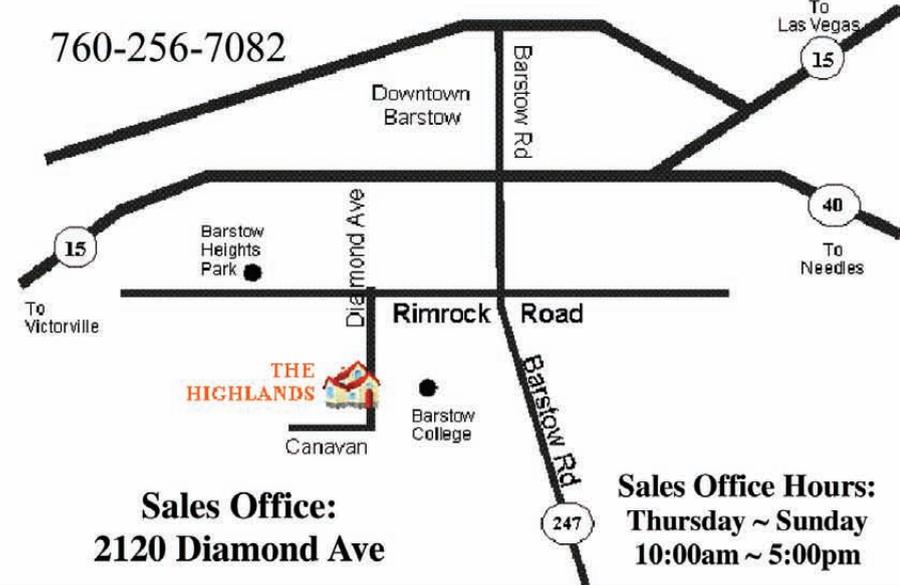
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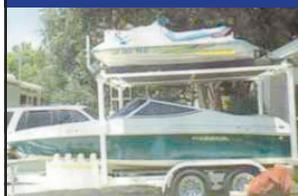
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- Pets - Free To Good Home
- Roommate Wanted
- Lost & Found
- Cars & Trucks (Except RV's)
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- Misc. For Sale
- Garage & Yard Sales
- Motorcycles
- Misc. Wanted

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FREE CLASSIFIED AD FORM

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One word, phone number, price per space.

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Name: _____ Rank: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Duty Phone: _____

Organization: _____

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| • Investments | • Misc. For Rent | |
| • Business Opportunities | | |

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| • Pets - Free To Good Home | • Garage & Yard Sales |
| • Lost & Found | • Motorcycles |
| • Cars & Trucks (Except RV's) | • Misc. Wanted |
| • Furniture & Appliances | • Roommate Wanted |
| • Misc. For Sale | • Rooms For Rent |

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PAID CLASSIFIED AD FORM

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| <input type="checkbox"/> HOMES FOR SALE | <input type="checkbox"/> MOBILES FOR RENT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HOUSES FOR RENT | <input type="checkbox"/> MISC. FOR RENT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> APTS FOR RENT | <input type="checkbox"/> ACREAGE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LOTS | <input type="checkbox"/> INCOME PROPERTY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HOTELS & MOTELS | <input type="checkbox"/> FARMS & RANCHES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL RENTALS | <input type="checkbox"/> MISC. FOR SALE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LOANS | <input type="checkbox"/> SERVICES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> INVESTMENTS | <input type="checkbox"/> EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES | <input type="checkbox"/> PETS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RECREATION VEHICLES | <input type="checkbox"/> CARS & TRUCKS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MOTORCYCLES | <input type="checkbox"/> FURNITURE & APPLIANCES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WORK WANTED | <input type="checkbox"/> MISC. WANTED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LOST & FOUND | <input type="checkbox"/> GARAGE & YARD SALES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY | <input type="checkbox"/> CHILD CARE |
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Address: _____

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