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**CONGRATS!**

Congratulations to Senior Master Sgt. Patrick Luda on his selection to chief master sergeant.

## Cadets compete in cycling national championship



GINO MATTORANO

Air Force Academy Sophomore Coleen Pacurariu heads for the finish line on her way to winning the women's downhill mountain biking national title at the 2011 USA Cycling Collegiate Mountain Bike National Championships in Angel Fire, N.M., Oct. 28-30. Pacurariu won the downhill race on Saturday, and placed second in the dual slalom race on Sunday. She completed the downhill race with a time of 10:42, besting her closest competitor by 32 seconds. See complete coverage of the event, **Pages 8-9**.

## AF announces civilian workforce restructuring



By Lt. Col. Cynthia Anderson  
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

Air Force officials announced several adjustments to the civilian workforce Wednesday.

In response to direction from the secretary of defense for the Department of Defense to stop civilian growth above Fiscal Year 2010 levels and the

need to add 5,900 positions against the Air Force's top priorities, the Air Force eliminated approximately 9,000 positions.

These adjustments reflect several initiatives designed to align limited resources based on Air Force priorities. This process is an ongoing effort to increase efficiencies, reduce overhead and eliminate redundancy.

"We can't be successful without our talented and experienced civilian workforce," Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley said. "We are making difficult choices about how to deliberately restructure and posture the force and will continue to look for new ways of accomplishing the mission. We can't afford business as usual."

Upon receiving the secretary of defense's 2010 memo directing that civilian manpower costs stay within Fiscal Year 2010 levels, the Air Force began a comprehensive strategic review of the entire Air Force civilian workforce to determine whether or not civilian authorizations were in the right places

to meet mission priorities.

The strategic review revealed several imbalances: Some high priority areas needed to grow, while some management and overhead functions needed streamlining. These imbalances led to a variety of initiatives focused on realigning scarce manpower resources with the most critical missions.

In particular, the Air Force will grow by approximately 5,900 positions in acquisition, the nuclear enterprise, and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance and other key areas while reducing approximately 9,000 positions in management, staff, and support areas.

"We clearly understand the turbulence these and future reductions will cause in the workforce," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz. "We are making every effort to use voluntary measures to achieve reductions whenever possible."

Beginning in May 2011, the Air Force implemented a series of hiring controls and voluntary

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# AF leaders issue letter to Airmen on diversity

*Editor's note: Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley, Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy issued a letter to Airmen Oct. 14 regarding the importance of diversity in today's Air Force.*

The text of the letter is below:

"Through decades of military and national security experience, we have witnessed that mission success hinges upon the diversity of our force throughout our ranks. Diversity, as broadly defined by the Air Force, aggregates our strengths, perspectives and capabilities in a way that transcends individual contributions. A performance- and merit-based organization composed of Airmen from across a broad range of backgrounds enables the Air Force to think critically, to engage in innovative decision making and to avoid 'groupthink.'

"Diversity is a necessity. Indeed, our experience has shown diversity allows us, as an armed force, to deal more effectively with challenges to our national interests wherever they may arise.

"In our global operations in defense of the nation, cross-cultural competencies are key to mission success. On a tactical level, mission success requires the unique experiences and talents of Airmen of various backgrounds, ethnicities, races, genders and cultural experiences. On a strategic level, a diverse force empowers Airmen to transcend merely learning about other cultures and to strive for deeper, more meaningful global relationships.

"As public servants and as military members who did not ex-

perience the current levels of diversity in the Air Force when we began our respective careers, we have been convinced, over time, that our improved diversity posture has substantially enhanced our Air Force. There is no substitute for living and working in a diverse military environment while preparing for enduring global engagement and conducting global operations.

"Embracing diversity enhances unit cohesion and the Air Force's ability to carry out our mission. We have consistently observed that the ability to identify with senior leaders who came to the Air Force from a familiar background is largely unrivaled in persuading an individual of his or her opportunities in the Air Force. And in conducting missions throughout the world, we have found the sincerity of our beliefs in American values is often measured by the breadth of the people whom we deploy. Similarly, the respect and support of all our citizens is vital to our ability to recruit and retain the very best talent in this great country.

"From our perspective, diversity throughout the Air Force is a military necessity. Therefore, consistent with our constitutional obligations, we will recruit, retain and develop Airmen representative of the full spectrum of the American people whom we serve. We will promote an Air Force culture that embraces diversity and provides the opportunity for all Airmen to reach their full potential and provide the required supporting programs and resources. And we will remain the world's finest Air Force by maximizing our warfighting capabilities through, among other virtues, the diversity of our Airmen."

## A way out: my journey from the brink of suicide

By Maj. Karry Gladden  
Air Force Network Integration Center

**SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, III.** — On Jan. 30, 2010, I decided when and how I was going to end my life.

The night before, I went to bed and slept for two hours — as I had for the previous nine or so months. Once I was sure my wife was asleep, I got out my laptop and researched how long it would take to bleed out from a femoral artery injury. This bit of information helped me narrow down the when and how ... it also took away the last stumbling block. It had to look like an accident, primarily to ensure my sweetheart didn't spend the rest of her life wondering why I committed suicide or blamed herself.

It is important to know that I got to the brink of suicide the same way most people do: a series of stressors in my life built up until they simply got the better of me. To make matters worse, I had chronic back pain, which had been increasing since an injury a year ago and resulted in less and less exercise -- an important way to relieve stress. And although I made sure members of my family received counseling for the major life events we were all facing, I just "manned up." Through it all, I continued my duties as a flight commander at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, and later, as an executive officer here.

Here are signs I ignored:

- On a drive home from work, a truck veered into my lane. I made no effort to move and was disappointed when it didn't hit me.

- I slept less and less, lying awake with racing thoughts, only falling asleep when exhausted.

- I wasn't eating (ironically though, I gained weight).

- I went through the motions of life; I worked because I had a responsibility to my family (and the UCMJ).

Jan. 31, 2010, is the other anniversary: the day I decided to live.

It was a Sunday morning. During church, I realized that normal people do not stay awake at night researching how to die. At home, I took my wife aside and told her everything. I also asked her to remove our firearms from the house, not to leave me alone and take me to the emergency room or mental health first thing in the morning.

Just telling that one person (the most important person in my life) paid big dividends. She didn't look at me like I'd sprouted another head; she was upset that she hadn't noticed and that I couldn't tell her. It wasn't that I couldn't tell her; I didn't want to add to her stress.

I felt better. I got up Monday morning and decided that just telling my wife was enough. I put my blues on and told her everything was going to be okay. I didn't need to go see anyone.

She gave me the option of going willingly or in the back of an ambulance.

We went to Mental Health, and I chose to admit myself. I would have been admitted either way, but believe me, self-

admission is the way to go. The Mental Health staff was very professional and sympathetic. A civilian provider made arrangements with a local hospital for care.

Once at the hospital, I realized that I had never been so embarrassed or ashamed in my life. "How did I get here? What will everyone think?"

I quickly learned a few life lessons:

- There are others there just like me — not just with the same experiences, but other Airmen.

- Sleep is a wonderful and restorative thing.

- No one, my commander included, saw me as weak or "crazy." He was very supportive. He even called to congratulate me on my selection to major — in the hospital. I learned I had been selected for promotion on a stainless steel phone with a cord too short to be used as a noose.

After five or six days, I realized in horror that I had successfully hidden this from everyone, including my sweetheart of 19 years. I wondered how many others were going through the motions as well. We know there are others, we see the reports. How many times have we been surprised by their actions?

As I felt better, I felt obligated to be as vocal as I had previously been silent. I told my story to my unit, and I'm telling you now.

For those supervisors, friends, spouses and wingmen:

- We have to embrace the wingman culture. A wingman is not a name and phone number on the back of a card. It is someone you know well enough to see when something is wrong. If our relationship exists weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., I'm not going to share my deepest darkest secrets with you.

- Look at your Airmen. There are signs, and they are not always "giving away their stuff, experiencing financial problems, or other personality changes." I gained 40 pounds in nine months. No one said anything.

- Beware of the curse of competency. It's a fine line to be sure: We can't have people backing down from stressful jobs, or the tough jobs wouldn't get done. At the same time, maybe an executive officer isn't the right job for an Airman who was given a humanitarian assignment to your unit.

For those of you who are stressed, not sleeping, having racing thoughts, thinking of harming yourself, either actively or passively:

- Talk to someone now. If you are worried about confidentiality, consider this: no one besides my commander and first sergeant knew. Not even the commander's exec -- and he knows everything.

- If you are worried about your career: I came out on the promotion list in the hospital, I pinned on major two months ago, and I still have my security clearance.

- Tell your leadership if you are in over your head.

- Stay active. Part of my on-going therapy is physical activity in addition to regular exercise.

- Asking for help does not show weakness, it shows courage.

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# Navigator, logistics officer receive Cheney Award

By Staff Sgt. Richard Williams Jr.  
Air Force Public Affairs Agency

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) — Two Airmen received the Lt. William Cheney Cheney Award from Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley here Oct. 27 in recognition of their efforts to support Pakistan flood relief operations in 2010.

Maj. John Foy, a C-130 Hercules navigator and 2001 Air Force Academy graduate, and Capt. Patrick Markey, a logistics readiness officer, served as directors of operations for the 621st Contingency Response Element when their unit, the 819th Global Support Squadron, deployed from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., to Chaklala Air Base, Pakistan, from Aug. 28 to Oct. 21, 2010.

Foy and Markey led a 36-member team that provided humanitarian support during one of the largest natural disasters in Pakistan's history. The 2010 floods there affected some 20 million people.

"We are certainly proud of your accomplishments as well as the incredible capability of the 621st and the rest of your team along the way," Donley said. "Your efforts last year helped countless people who were in desperate need and showed the people of Pakistan and the rest of the world America's compassion and generosity."

The Cheney Award honors an act of valor, extreme fortitude or self-sacrifice in a humanitarian interest, performed in connection with aircraft, but not necessarily of a military nature, by an officer or enlisted Airman.

According to their award nomination, Foy and Markey were handpicked as operations directors and had their team ready to depart within 12 hours. Upon arrival in Pakistan, they aided in transport of supplies, equipment and personnel to forward distribution centers.

Their efforts to craft a local pallet recovery plan resulted in the recycling of more than 350 pallets for

future operations, which helped aerial porters under their direction to teach their Pakistani counterparts proper pallet building and cargo netting procedures, which reduced pallet build times. During their six weeks supporting the humanitarian operation, more than 7.5 million pounds of cargo and more than 1,800 personnel were transported on 290 flights throughout the flood-affected area.

It was a truly collaborative effort from top to bottom, Foy said. He credited the success of their mission to strong support from their leaders and the Airmen working with them.

"We could not have done this without the support of the men and women of the 621st," Foy said. "(They) are the hardest working individuals I have ever worked with."

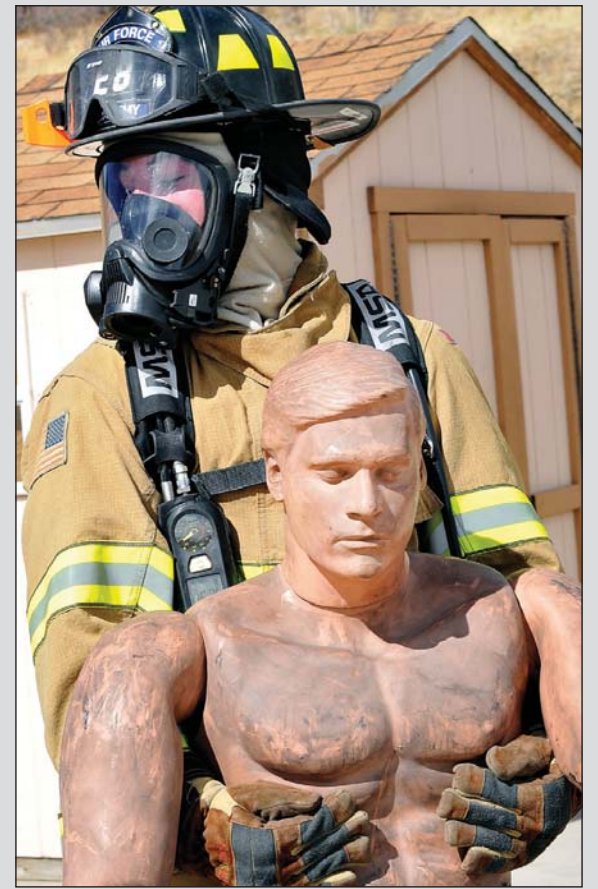
His colleague and award co-recipient agreed.

"It was really a team effort," Mackey said. "We stand here today for all of those who really did the mission and accept this award on behalf of them."



Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley presents the William Cheney award to Maj. John Foy and Capt. Patrick Markey during a ceremony in the Pentagon on Oct 27.

ANDY MORATAYA



MEGAN DAVIS

## Base emergency response exercise coming Nov. 17-18

Airman 1st Class Tyler Rich drags a "victim" to safety during a base-wide exercise in March. The Air Force Academy will conduct an emergency response exercise Nov. 17-18 during duty hours, to test installation readiness. Rich is a firefighter with the Academy's 10th Civil Engineer Squadron.



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# Military post offices in Iraq to close Nov. 17

By Cheryl Pellerin  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFNS)—Because U.S. forces are coming home from Iraq by the end of the year, the U.S. Postal Service will stop accepting mail addressed to military post offices in Iraq starting Nov. 17, Defense Department officials said Oct. 26.

Military post offices in Iraq also will stop processing mail Nov. 17, and service members there should begin now to advise those who send them mail about the Nov. 17 deadline.

Mail still in the postal system through Nov. 17 will be processed and delivered to service members in Iraq, officials said.

In November, U.S. military postal service responsibilities in Iraq will transition to State Department embassy or consulate post offices for service members assigned to Office of Security Cooperation or the Chief of Mission in Iraq, officials said. These sites will provide letter and parcel mail services to service members assigned to the Office of Security

Cooperation or the Chief of Mission in Iraq.

The transition will be closely coordinated with the U.S. Postal Service Agency, which will delete ZIP codes for Iraq military post offices from the USPS database to prevent undeliverable mail from entering the postal system after Nov. 17, according to defense officials.

If APO mail arrives in Iraq after a service member departs, mail will be redirected to the new mailing address provided or, if no mailing address was provided, returned to sender.

Any mail mistakenly accepted by a USPS post office after Nov. 17 will be returned to sender once it reaches the International Gateway in New Jersey.

U.S. service members in Iraq who do not receive absentee ballots by Nov. 17 should contact their U.S. local election office to change their address. Unit voting assistance officers can provide state-specific voting details.

Service members who will remain in Iraq after Nov. 17 and who are there on behalf of or are assigned to the Office of Security Cooperation or the



TECH. SGT. ERIK GUDMUNDSON

Soldiers at Joint Base Balad, Iraq, board a C-17 Globemaster III taking them back to the United States, Nov. 17, 2008. Military post offices in Iraq will close Nov. 17, 2011, as part of the U.S. plan to withdraw its military forces from Iraq by Dec. 31.

Chief of Mission in Iraq should coordinate with their chains of command and the servicing State Department mail location to receive a new mailing address.

Defense officials said conditions and situations in the Iraq transition change often. Officials recommend that service members check the Military Postal Service Agency website and USPS Postal Bulletins frequently for updates.

## Workforce

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separation programs designed to reduce overall manpower costs, but these hiring controls did not provide the results required to operate within our fiscal constraints.

“The initiatives announced (Wednesday) represent the next step toward that goal, but there is more work to be done,” said Brig. Gen. Gina Grosso, director of Air Force Manpower, Organization, and Resources. “The Air Force remains over fiscal year 2010 manpower levels and will continue to develop enterprise-wide solutions to achieve our goals with minimal impact to mission. The Air Force must still define an additional 4500 civilian positions for reduction.”

As details become final, Air Force officials will release information on the next set of initiatives. One of the key restructures announced as a result of

management overhead streamlining is to Air Force Materiel Command.

“The restructure of Air Force Materiel Command, our largest employer of civilians, will focus on standardizing processes, streamlining decision-making and aligning missions to allow the command to operate more effectively and efficiently,” Schwartz said.

According to Schwartz, the AFMC restructure will allow AFMC to eliminate approximately 1,000 overhead positions. The command will preserve workforce and mission capabilities by consolidating management functions around AFMC’s core missions.

After this restructure, AFMC will move away from its traditional, management-staff model consisting of a center and headquarters staff on each AFMC base and create a “lead” center for each of its five mission areas.

The Life Cycle Management Center

will be headquartered at Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio, the Sustainment Center will be located at Tinker AFB, Okla., and the Air Force Test Center will be based at Edwards AFB, Calif.

The Air Force Research Laboratory will remain at Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio, and the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center will remain at Kirtland AFB, N.M. The AFMC restructure will be implemented by Oct. 1, 2012.

AFMC will not be the only major command affected. Air Force-wide, local leaders will share the results of the civilian manpower adjustments with their workforces over the next several days.

“Civilian manpower adjustments will occur at all levels of the Air Force,” Grosso said. “We are focused on shaping the force within our fiscal constraints and are committed to

maintaining our long history of excellence as we build the Air Force of the future.

“At this time, we are not sure whether a reduction in force will be necessary,” she said. “We are pursuing all available voluntary force management measures to include civilian hiring controls with the goal of avoiding non-voluntary measures. Every vacancy we don’t fill brings us one position closer to fiscal year 2010 levels, and reduces the possibility for a (Reduction in Force).”

Given the constrained fiscal environment, Air Force members should expect continued workforce shaping measures affecting military, civilian, and contractors, Grosso said.

“We understand the stress caused by uncertainty and will do our best to share information across the workforce as soon as it becomes available,” said Grosso.



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# Dean honors visiting faculty

## Reception opportunity to share ideas, build bridges

By Capt. Naomi Henigan  
Department of Political Science

The Air Force Academy honored its visiting faculty members at a reception Oct. 27 hosted by Dean of the Faculty Brig. Gen. Dana Born.

The reception gave visiting faculty an opportunity to meet one another, share ideas, and build bridges between departments for collaboration on teaching techniques and research.

Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould and his wife also attended the event, as did Athletic Director Hans Mueh and several other senior leaders.

The reception for visiting faculty first took place in 1975 with two visiting faculty members. The program has grown to almost one visiting faculty member in each department.

"The Higher Learning Commission consistently cites our visiting faculty program as a critical part of the Academy's overall academic program," Born said.

Guests were greeted at the door by falconers Cadets 2nd Class Cameron Harris and Nathan Lebens and were offered the opportunity to have a

picture taken with Destiny and Echo, two of the birds in the Academy's collection of falcons.

In the Stairwell, a cadet vocal group led by Cadet 2nd Class Erik Clark, entertained the guests with several contemporary songs and a medley to end the performance, punctuating a fun-filled evening.

Several of the visiting faculty members in attendance shared thoughts and assessments of their time at the Academy.

"Probably the most surprising thing I've learned is how much research the Air Force Academy has done, from faculty and cadets alike," said Dr. Gregory Parnell, a visiting instructor from the U.S. Military Academy. "It's truly remarkable for a four-year undergraduate only institution. Additionally, I've been very impressed with the multi-disciplinary engineering capstone pro-



SARAH CHAMBERS

In the Stairwell, an acappella singing group made up of cadets, performs at the visiting faculty reception Oct. 27 at the home of Brig. Gen. Dana Born, Dean of the Faculty.

grams that I've been working with. It's a unique opportunity to work with diverse topics and it's something that I would like to see more of at West Point."

The Political Science Department boasts two of the three government agency employees in the program, and one of them offered his take.

"I like the work atmosphere and

inclusiveness in DF," said State Department faculty representative Tim Sandusky. "I also have been very impressed with the mix of civilian and military faculty. It gives balance to the mission and the education that the cadets receive. They benefit so much from interactions with civilian academics and senior military faculty. It's really unique."

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## Halloween: dressing up and having fun



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**Top:** Cadet 3rd Class Miriam Bustamante paints a child's face during a haunted house and carnival at the Air Force Academy Sunday. The Starlight Children's Foundation of Colorado sponsored the benefit with help from Academy cadets and staff. Approximately 1,200 people attended, said Robin McKinney, director of the Starlight Children's Foundation of Southern Colorado. Bustamante is assigned to Cadet Squadron 03.

**Right:** Owen Hoy, Nathaniel Mims and Mason Hoy trick-or-treat for candy Monday in base housing. Children were greeted by security forces Airmen and Academy firefighters while walking from house to house in Pine and Douglass valleys.



TECH. SGT. RAYMOND HOY

**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Wooden strip
- 5. Adolph S. \_\_\_\_, NY Times
- 9. Divine Egyptian beetle
- 11. Revolve
- 13. Indelible skin marks
- 15. President Lyndon
- 16. Ethiopia
- 17. Ice hockey equipment
- 19. Possessed
- 20. Ecclesiastical you
- 22. Satiated
- 23. Indium Tin Oxide

- 24. Stray
- 25. Belong to he
- 26. Without (French)
- 28. Satiny finished cotton fabric
- 31. Tennis player Bjorn
- 32. Impudence
- 33. Segregating operation

- 34. Scottish tax
- 35. Progenies
- 37. Face covering
- 38. Superior grade wine
- 39. Member of Congress (abbr.)
- 41. Man-child
- 42. Land frog
- 43. A university in

- Connecticut
- 45. Feline
- 46. Montana herb used on bruises
- 49. Shellac ingredient
- 50. Seed of anise
- 53. Day of rest and worship
- 55. State of being rejected
- 56. An island in the W Pacific
- 57. Mother of the Celtic fairies
- 58. Tells on

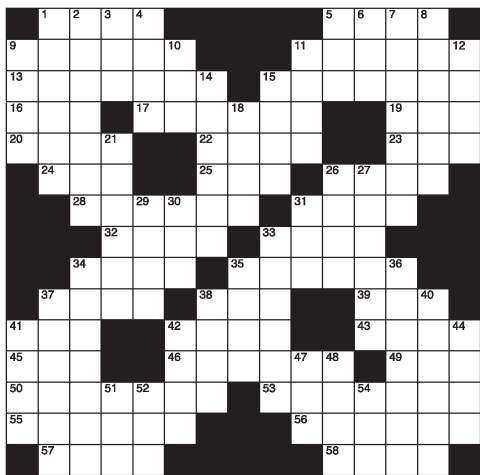
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- 1. Criticize severely
- 2. Soaps
- 3. "Honeymooners" actor Carney
- 4. High NM city
- 5. Express delight
- 6. Cardboard box (abbr.)
- 7. Mixing corned beef & potatoes
- 8. Summer ermines
- 9. Remain as is
- 10. \_\_ choy: cabbage
- 11. Pasadena flower
- 12. Inside
- 14. Pane frameworks

- 15. Aeroplanes
- 18. Paper-thin tin plate
- 21. Rubs out
- 26. Plural of sorus
- 27. Major blood vessel
- 29. Chore

- 30. The letter S
- 31. Short haircut
- 33. Citizens of Riyadh
- 34. Spanish saloon
- 35. Husk of wheat
- 36. Used as a driveway

- coating
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- 41. Large number (usually pl.)
- 42. Chinese silver weight
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- 47. Taxi
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- 54. Woman's undergarment



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# Powerful documentary gives cadets glimpse of terrorism

By David Edwards  
Academy Spirit staff writer

An Air Force Academy audience recently got to see what it was like for the hundreds of people held hostage by Chechen terrorists in a Moscow theater 10 years ago.

Thanks to the efforts of Lt. Col. Jennifer Alexander of the Economics and Geosciences Department, the Academy screened the documentary film "The Moscow Siege" for cadets, faculty and guests Oct. 27.

Presenting the film was Dr. Alexander Soifer, an instructor at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs and a native of Russia.

Alexander heard about a showing of the film at UCCS through her husband, who works at the university. She felt compelled to see it.

"When I first saw Dr. Soifer's announcement for the film, I thought it might be a film that would enhance our cadets' learning," Alexander said. "Actually viewing it only confirmed my impression."

The film tracks in graphic detail the four-day ordeal of patrons trapped inside the Nord-Ost Theater when it was stormed by Chechen separatists, who were aided by female suicide bombers embedded in the audience prior to the show.

The siege ended when a powerful nerve gas was piped into the theater, incapacitating the terrorists and allowing elite Russian commandos to kill them.

But the Russian government's plan to end the siege did not account for rescue of the hostages. More than 100 of them died after succumbing to the effects of the nerve gas.

Soifer received permission from the film's London-based director to show the film at the Academy. In his introduction, he highlighted some of the main characters in the drama, including journalist Anna Politkovskaya.



Anna Politkovskaya



THE MOSCOW SIEGE

The documentary film "The Moscow Siege" racks in graphic detail the four-day ordeal of patrons trapped inside the Nord-Ost Theater by Chechen separatists in Moscow.

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She was one of the primary negotiators, and she also organized an impromptu delivery of food and water to the hostages because the government had not planned for any humanitarian relief.

The film supplemented the classroom learning of the cadets in Social Science 412, a core course.

"Terrorism is also an overarching concept we address," Alexander said.

"What's really interesting about the film is that it illustrates an idea that one of my fellow faculty members, Army Lt. Col. Aaron Koenigsecker, emphasizes to his classes: One man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter. That concept is relevant because we want our cadets in Social Science 412 to challenge their preconceptions and think about how the world works from a broader perspective."

Dr. Dave Sacko, the faculty adviser for the Slavic Studies club, invited his cadets to see the film, and several of them did.

Future screenings may be offered at the Academy if Soifer can again secure the director's permission. The

version of the film with English subtitles is controlled by October Films and director Pamela Gordon. The Russian version is banned in Soifer's homeland.

Alexander said she plans to continue her collaboration with Soifer and believes the partnership will reap additional rewards for the Academy.

"I think cadets who (attended) the film viewing came away with a deeper understanding of the complexities of ethnic conflict," Alexander said. "Several cadets mentioned they didn't realize the extent of the damage inflicted in Chechnya by the Russians. They saw the possibility that the (Chechens) were not just terrorists but also victims."

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# Making tracks

## Cadets excel at national collegiate mountain biking championships

By Gino Mattorano  
Academy Spirit Editor

ANGEL FIRE, N.M. — Many children enjoy playing in the mud, but most outgrow that urge by the time they reach college. But for mountain bikers, playing in the mud never gets old.

Three cadets from the Air Force Academy's cycling team braved the mud and the snow to put in a gritty performance at the 2011 USA Cycling Collegiate Mountain Bike National Championships here Oct. 28 through Sunday.

Sophomore Coleen Pacurariu, of Cadet Squadron 08, won the downhill race on Saturday, and placed second in the dual-slalom race Sunday. She completed the downhill race with a time of 10:42, beating all Division 1 and Division 2 women and besting her closest competitor by 32 seconds.

Junior Zeb Hanley, of CS 37, finished 17th out of 40 in the cross-country race, Oct. 28, and placed 33rd in the short track race Saturday.

Freshman Karl Schroeder, of CS 19, had to drop out of the cross-country race Saturday due to a mechanical problem, but returned strong Saturday to finish 17th in the short-track race.

Angel Fire received nearly nine inches of snow Oct. 26, and while the weather had warmed up by the start of the race, snowy, muddy conditions added an additional technical challenge to the racers.

As a team, Air Force placed 12th in the nation against 21 Division II schools.

All three racers agreed that cycling helps them to excel as cadets, and that the rigors of cadet life make them better cyclists.

"We make the most of what we have to work with, but it's a rigorous daily schedule," Hanley said. "We wake up, go to class, work out, do home work, and do it all over again the next day. It teaches you a lot about time management, but it also attests to our dedication to do everything we can to get in the hours we need to ride."

Pacurariu has had a stellar year, winning 10 of 12 events she entered, and she's only in her second year racing mountain bikes. In the downhill race, she was one of the only riders to stay on her bike throughout the course.

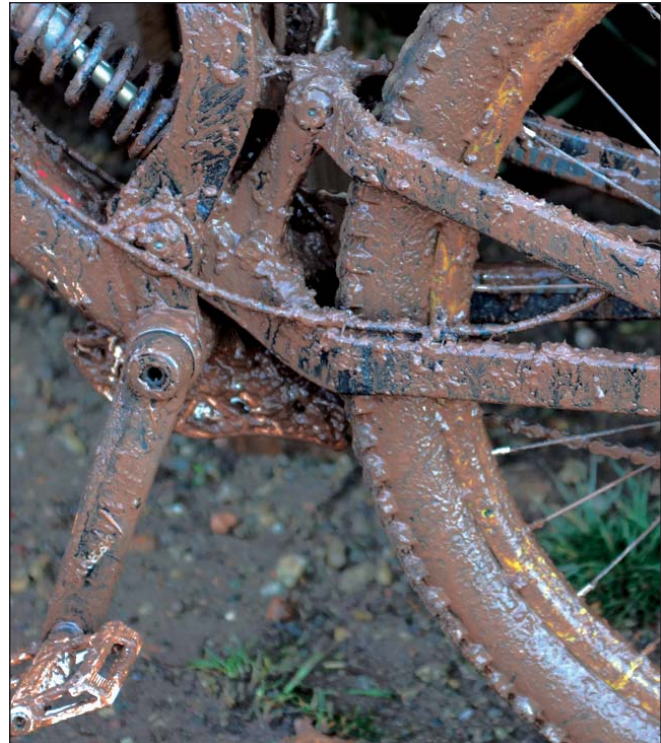
"It was very icy on the top, but it also made it a lot of fun" Pacurariu said. "It all came down to who fell the least, versus who had the most technical skill, although I guess those things go hand in hand. By the end of the race, you just have to pedal your heart out to gain those few extra seconds as you cross the finish line."

Pacurariu grew up in Santa Cruz, Calif., but didn't discover mountain biking until midway through high school.

"I did a lot of skateboarding with my guy friends, and one day they said they were going biking, so I went with them," she said. "After following them down a few trails I decided I liked it even better than skateboarding."

Pacurariu never thought she would have the opportunity to practice her newly learned skills at the Academy but was pleasantly surprised to discover the Academy had a cycling team.

"I had never raced before I came to the Academy, but



once I heard there was a team I signed right up," she said. "It has been awesome."

The cross-country course covered more than 17 miles and about 1,400 feet elevation gain per lap, over three laps. Adding to the challenge, mud and snow wreaked havoc on the racers' ability to change gears, a crucial part of the sport.

A fall in the first lap, combined with the mud and grit, caused Schroeder's chain to break, eliminating him from the cross-country race, but he came back on Saturday to put in a strong performance in the short-track race. Schroeder credits his success, in part, to the training he's received at the Academy so far.

"In basic (cadet) training, you

learn that your mind can push your body beyond what you thought it could, and you really don't realize that until you're in that situation," he said. "There's a point in any race where there's a hill and you're out of energy, and you just have to push yourself. You see guys get off and walk the hill, but you decide to go ahead and ride it, and it turns out you can do it. So it definitely helps."

This was Hanley's first national mountain bike competition, and his strong performance in the cross-country race set him up for the short-track event. The muddy goo limited him to only a third of his available gears, however, and he placed further back in the pack than he would have liked as a result.

Despite this setback, Hanley said he was happy to be competing in the nationals and believes the experience will help him as a cadet and as an Air Force officer.

"One thing they stress here at the Academy is the whole-person concept," Hanley said. "I think it's essential to be in good shape and to be a well-rounded officer. I try to tailor everything I do here at the Academy to benefitting myself as much as I can, centered around the whole-person concept."

And so far, it's working. The scholar-athlete is a two-time Dean's Ace, which means that he was one of a handful of cadets recognized for having a 4.0 grade point average on two separate occasions.

Lt. Col. Len Cabrera, the officer in charge of the cadet cycling club, said he was very happy with the cadets' performance.

"We're obviously disappointed with the mechanical issues in the endurance events, but it was a good experience for our riders, both of whom were at their first national competition. I hope their experience and Coleen's success will motivate them, and the rest of the team, and get them hungry for next year."

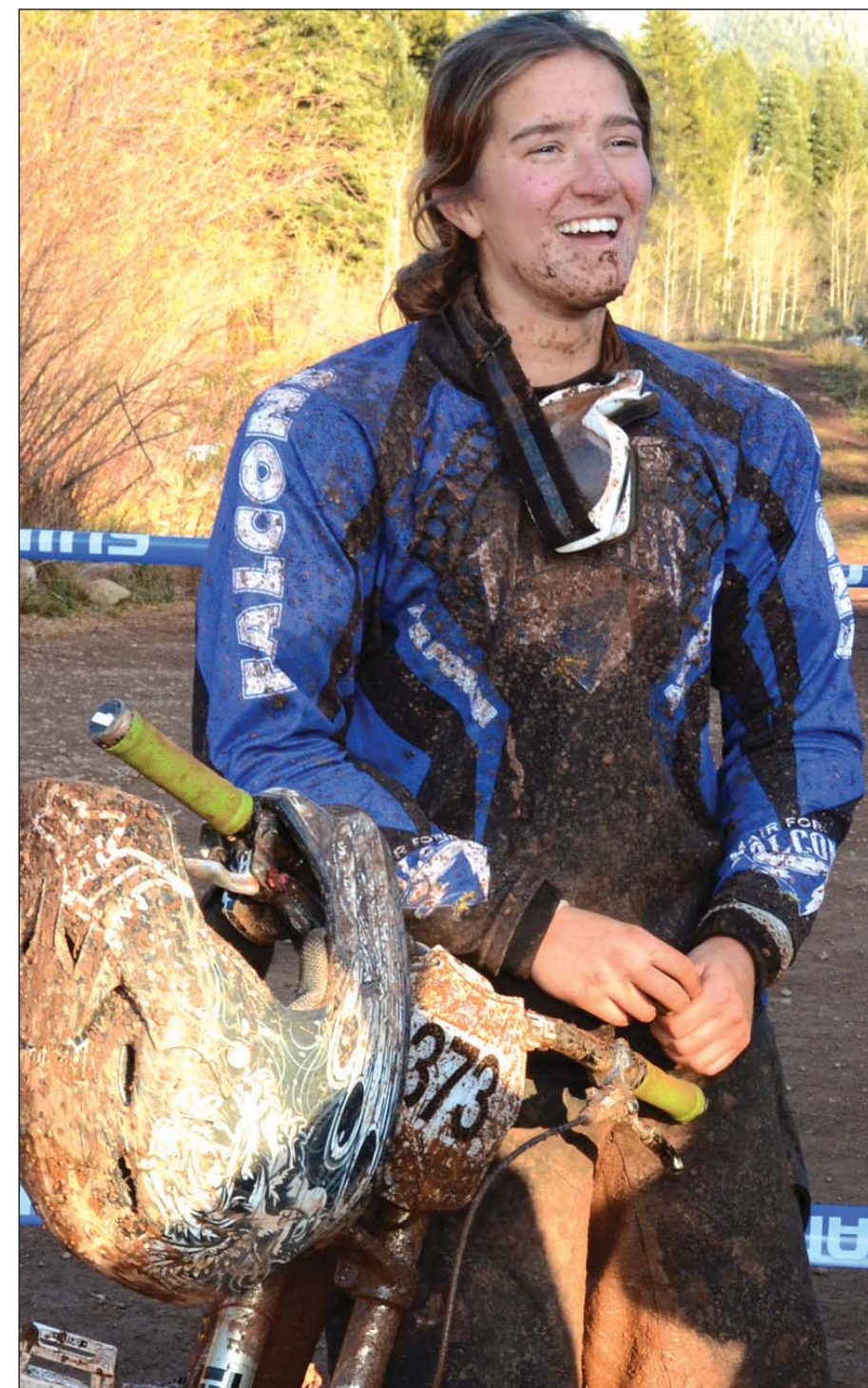
"For Coleen, I expected great things based on her racing over the last two years. She dominated all the regular season races, scoring more points than every other gravity rider, male or female. It's great to have her on the team," he continued. "I wish I could take credit, but she developed those skills before coming to the Academy, assisted somewhat this year by our volunteer coach, Shannon Ambrose."

The cadet mountain bikers racing season is now officially over, but they'll continue to train and be ready for the next racing season.

"Regardless of what career path they take, the leadership lessons they learn from these efforts will help them in their careers as Air Force officers," Cabrera said.



PHOTOS BY GINO MATTORANO  
Junior Zeb Hanley, #223, and freshman Karl Schroeder, #225, compete in the cross-country race during the 2011 USA Cycling Collegiate Mountain Bike National Championships in Angel Fire, N.M., Oct. 28-30. Hanley placed 17th in the race, while Schroeder had to drop out of the race due to a mechanical problem.



**Left:** Sophomore Coleen Pacurariu takes a breather after completing the downhill seeding competition Oct. 28. Pacurariu, of Cadet Squadron 08, won the downhill race on Saturday, and placed second in the dual-slalom race Sunday.

**Above:** Junior Zeb Hanley finished 17th out of 40 collegiate competitors in Division II of the cross-country race Oct. 28. The cross-country course covered more than 17 miles and about 1,400 feet elevation gain per lap, over three laps.



# Falcons shut out Lobos, 42-0

By John Van Winkle  
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.** —Falcon football got back to its winning ways with a 42-0 shutout of the New Mexico Lobos Oct. 29.

The Falcons left defenders in the dust from their first touch of the football, when defensive back Jon Davis returned the first Lobo punt for 40 yards to give the Falcons' offense a short field on their first possession.

Senior quarterback Tim Jefferson spread the ball around to lead the Falcons downfield in eight plays and set the Falcons up for the score at the 1-yard line.

But that score was anything but a highlight moment. On a quarterback keeper, Jefferson stretched the ball out trying to break the plane of the end zone, but a New Mexico defender knocked it free. However, junior tight end Austin Briehl recovered the ball for his first career touchdown on what was his first time with the ball this season.

Air Force came back on the series, in the first act of what became the Mike DeWitt show. DeWitt is the starting fullback, at 6' 1" and 220 pounds, and kept plowing ahead for positive yardage between the center and guards. He scored his first of four touchdowns on a four yard dive and a five-play drive, and made the scoreboard resemble a slot machine in Air Force's favor, as he kept adding yards and points.

"He's evolved as a runner and is getting better with every game," said senior guard A.J. Wallerstein.

The Lobos' defense didn't make its

first stop until the top of the second quarter. Forced to punt, Falcon punter David Baska booted the ball directly to Lobo kick returner Ty Kirk, who muffed the fair catch. Mikel Hunter recovered the ball in a pile at the 24, giving the Falcons another possession and excellent field position.

On the next play from scrimmage, Jefferson ran the ball to the left side for 12 yards and got a bloody nose for his efforts. That sent him to the sideline, and in came backup quarterback Connor Dietz. On the next play, Dietz handed off to DeWitt, who carried it in for the touchdown. The 18-second scoring drive put the Falcons up 21-0.

Dietz stayed in at quarterback, finishing the day with 87 yards and a touchdown on six carries.

"The opportunity presented itself for me to carry the ball and help this team, so that's what I did," Dietz said. "We had to come in and get back to our fundamentals, play good Air Force football and come away with a win."

Dietz did just that, leading the offense and not missing a beat. He took the defense down the field to set up DeWitt's third score of the day, this time from only a yard out. Herrington made the Falcons' lead 28-0.

The Air Force defense added to the overall effort when Jon Davis intercepted a tipped Lobo pass and returned it 22 yards. That gave the Falcons offense the ball at the Lobos' 41-yard-line.

The Lobos held firm for two plays, putting the Falcons in a third and 8. Dietz took the snap and dropped back in the pocket to pass, read the coverage

and took off up the middle. He made a clean getaway from the line and ran untouched into the end zone for another Falcons touchdown, putting Air Force up 35-0 going into the half.

DeWitt added to the Falcons' score at the start of the fourth quarter with a one-yard dive up the middle for his fourth touchdown of the day. Kicker Erik Soderberg added the extra point to make it 42-0 Air Force.

The Lobos had one final drive, but the Falcons' defense held them on third down and forced the field goal attempt. That attempt went wide right, securing the shutout.

But the game was not without cost. Aside from Jefferson's bloody nose, another injury hit the defense. On the Lobos' third offensive series, Falcons defensive end Harry Kehs went down with a shoulder injury after tackling a running back. His day was over, as he was helped off the field and later taken to the locker room.

"We're going to find out how severe that is over the next 24 hours," said Falcons head football coach Troy Calhoun.

The Falcons defense has been riddled with injuries this season, with all the defensive line starters losing time to injury. This was defensive tackle Ryan Gardner's first game back from injury, but with Kehs going out, that left two freshmen starting at defensive end.

The win over New Mexico moves the

Air Force season record to 4-4 and preserves the team's bowl chances. Because the Falcons have played two Football Subdivision teams this season, they must achieve a 7-5 record to be bowl-eligible. Their remaining opponents have a combined record of 10-16: Army (2-5), Wyoming (4-2), UNLV (1-5) and Colorado State (3-4).

Next up for the Falcons is Army in a game that could decide the home of the Commander In Chief's trophy for the next year.

"They're a big rival, and it's always good to beat a rival. Even more when it's another service academy," Wallerstein said.

A win against Army on Nov. 5 would secure the trophy for Air Force outright. Army could win the trophy by defeating both Air Force and Navy, a feat it last accomplished in 1996.

"Next Saturday is a completely new challenge, and we'll begin work on that this Monday," said Calhoun.

Kickoff of the Air Force-Army game is 1:30 Mountain Time at Falcon Stadium. The game will be telecast nationally by CBS and aired locally on KVOR 740 AM in Colorado Springs and KCKK 1510 in Denver. Falcon fans can also follow their team online by going to [www.goairforcefalcons.com](http://www.goairforcefalcons.com) and clicking on "Gameday Central."

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Air Force senior running back Asher Clark fends off New Mexico junior cornerback Destry Berry in the Air Force-New Mexico game in Albuquerque, N.M., Oct. 29. Clark carried 10 times for 77 yards, a key part of the Air Force's 335-yard rushing performance and 42-0 victory against New Mexico.



BILL EVANS







# Fencers take nine medals at open

## Team moves on to Jr. North American Cup in Austin, Nov. 11-14

By Madeline McGuire  
Athletic Communications

Air Force Academy fencers earned nine medals — four gold, two silver and three bronze — at the Falcon Open here Saturday and Sunday.

Finishing in first place in their respective events were Chase Houser in men's epee, Emiliano Kaptin in men's saber, Heather Nelson in women's saber and Alexander Chiang in men's foil.

Other medalists were Scott Pippin (second) and Emerson Woerner (tied for third) in men's saber, Phillip Choy (second) and Travis Dyson (tied for third) in men's foil and Diana Hock, who tied for third place

in women's foil.

As the No. 1 Seed, Nelson received a bye, advanced to the top eight and won that bout, 15-7. In the semifinals, she beat her opponent, 15-2, and won the final bout 15-7.

Kaptin advanced to the finals by winning his bouts, 15-4, 15-9, 15-13, and took the finals, 15-8.

Chase Houser won the senior men's epee gold and earned his "A" rating in U.S. Fencing Association. In the largest pool of the open, with 64 competitors, Houser was seeded 13th. He advanced to the finals with bout wins of 15-4, 15-7, 15-13 and 15-5 and won the finals, 15-10.

Air Force fencers Christina Jung, Diana Hock and Ashley Chung began in the top 16 in the women's foil Sunday. In the bout between Jung and Chung, the fencers ended their bout in a 13-13 tie, forcing overtime. At the toss of the coin, Jung earned the right of way, but Chung scored the winning touch.

### BOX SCORE

#### Saturday

- Men's Epee
- 1.Chase Houser
- Men's Saber
- 1.Emiliano Kaptin
- 2.Scott Pippin
- 3.Emerson Woerner (tied)

- Women's Saber
- 1.Heather Nelson

#### Sunday

- Men's Foil
- 1. Alexander Chiang
- 2. Phillip Choy
- 3.Travis Dyson (tied)

- Women's Foil
- 3. Diana Hock (tied)

In the top eight, Chung went against Hock in another close bout, keeping the score between one and two touches. Hock pulled ahead and scored a 15-13 victory, which advanced her to the final four. Hock lost the bout to Katrin Sommer, 14-10, as time ran out in the third period, and finished tied for third place. Chung and Jung finished eighth and ninth, respectively.

Choy and Chiang competed in the men's foil gold medal bout, with Chiang winning, 15-8. Both fencers received a bye in the top 16, and both advanced to the top eight, with Chiang winning 15-3 and Choy, 15-5. Choy won his semifinal bout, 15-11, and Chiang won 15-6. Choy became the runner-up, and Travis Dyson tied for third place.

Also competing in Saturday's events were Pippin, who took second place, and Woerner, who tied for third in saber. Pippin advanced to the finals with scores of 15-2, 15-8 and 15-11 but lost to Kaptin, 15-8. Woerner advanced to the semis on scores of 15-3 and 15-11 but lost to Kaptin, 15-13. Wong, who earned his "D" in USFA, finished sixth in saber. Also in saber, Chiang finished in eighth place.

Following Nelson's win in women's saber on Saturday, teammates Yannie Horth, Desirae Ionata and Vianca Torres finished fifth through seventh place, respectively. Allison Egan finished in ninth place in saber.

The fencers will compete in the Junior North American Cup tournament in Austin, Texas, Nov. 11-14.

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# Canisius claws its way to 3-3 tie

By Dave Toller  
Athletic Communications

Canisius scored two goals in the final 94 seconds of regulation to escape with a 3-3 overtime tie with Air Force in an Atlantic Hockey Association game Saturday at the Academy's Cadet Ice Arena.

Air Force outshot Canisius by a two-to-one margin, 48-24, but went 0-for-6 on power plays.

The Falcons, 3-2-2 overall and 2-0-1 in the AHA, outshot Canisius, 10-3, in the first period, but the teams left the ice in a scoreless tie. AFA had 1:37 of a five-on-three early in the second period but were unable to convert.

The Falcons continued the offensive pressure, however, and scored two goals in a span of 54 seconds. Scott Mathis drew first blood at the 15:18 mark with a shot from the point that found its way through traffic. Tim Kirby and Ryan Timar assisted on the play as Casey Kleisinger provided the screen in front.

The Falcons took a 2-0 lead at 16:12 on Kyle De Laurell's sixth goal of the season. Chad Demers gave the puck to Cole Gunner in the neutral zone and Gunner took the puck down the left side and behind the goal line. De Laurell took the drop pass at the bottom of the left circle and went over the glove and under the bar for a 2-0 AFA lead.

Canisius, 1-2-1 overall and 1-0-1 AHA, got on the board at the 13:37 mark with a short-handed goal by Torrey Lindsay. With Air Force on the power play, Lindsay forced a turnover at the blue line and chased down the puck in the neutral zone. Falcon defenseman Alex Halloran caught up with Lindsay just as he took a wrist from

the slot. Stephen Caple made the save, but the puck came right back at Halloran and Lindsay, who were sliding on the ice. The puck bounced off of Lindsay and went under the pad of Caple to make the score 2-1.

As the power play expired, Gunner took a shot from the left side that was saved and Demers put back the rebound at the 15:00 mark for a 3-1 Air Force lead.

With 1:48 remaining, Canisius pulled its goaltender in favor of the extra skater and scored just 14 seconds later. Kyle Gibbons took a shot from the left circle that made the score 3-2 with 1:34 remaining in the third. With 15 seconds remaining, Canisius won a faceoff, and Ben Danford took a shot from the left circle. The shot was blocked in front, but the puck squirted out to the right side of the net and Doug Beck tucked it under Caple's pad to tie the game with six seconds remaining.

"The game is 60 minutes, not 58," head coach Frank Serratore said. "We needed someone to dig in and win a faceoff, or someone to make a play or make a save, and we didn't get any of them."

"Give Canisius credit. They earned it. Their goaltender was terrific. Our kids played so hard and worked their butts off tonight. But we cheated ourselves at the end. I love the kind of effort we had tonight and our game was pretty good overall. But this one is a kick in the stomach."

Canisius had three shots in overtime and AFA had one, but neither team scored.

Canisius was 0-for-2 on power plays. Caple made 21 saves for Air Force while Tony Capobianco made 45 for Canisius.

The Falcons host Sacred Heart in a two-game league series today and Saturday.



MIKE KAPLAN

Air Force defender Adam McKenzie weaves between Canisius forwards during the teams' hockey match Monday. McKenzie, a native of Petaluma, Calif., had two shots on goal in the 3-3 tie.

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## Great American Smokeout

The Air Force Academy Health and Wellness Center will support the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout by encouraging its military personnel, family members, retirees, and everyone to quit tobacco for 24 hours on Nov. 17.

The American Cancer Society's nationally recognized day to quit smoking rallies thousands of smokers to become smoke-free for a day, with the ultimate goal of being smoke-free forever.

The HAWC will be at the Academy's south gate greeting everyone entering with incentive items and handouts at various times during the morning commute. As a further incentive "smokes for sandwiches" (donated by Chik-fil-A) will be offered at the HAWC from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information or to inquire about opportunities to attend Tobacco Cessation classes offered please contact the HAWC @ 333-3733.

## Clinic offers shingles vaccine

Shingles vaccinations are available at the Academy Allergy and Immunization Clinic. The vaccine is recommended for people age 60 and older. Anyone 50 to 59 years old must have a prescription.

The clinic's hours of operations are: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.; Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to

noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

On the first Thursday of the month, the clinic closes at 11:30 a.m. for training. Patients are advised to call ahead because mission requirements can cause closures on short notice. The number is 333-5080.

## Dispose of your recyclables

To commemorate America Recycles Day, the 10th Civil Engineer Squadron is holding its annual electronics recycling event from November through January.

Each Wednesday and Thursday, electronic items can be taken to Civil Engineers' Complex (Building 8125) from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for recycling. Recycling is free.

Recyclable items include personal computers and components, televisions, DVD or CD players, stereos, speakers and VHS players. For more information, call Derek Damien at 333-3224.

## Community center activities

**Annual holiday bazaar** - Nov. 19 at 9 a.m., in the Milazzo Center. Bazaar features local crafters with holiday decorations, jewelry, wood crafts, knitted clothing, floral arrangements, nature pictures and more. Vendors will offer home decor, cosmetics, books, handbags and assorted other holiday gifts.

**Free double-feature movie night** - Community Center Auditorium, Nov. 25. The first movie, "Dolphin Tale," rated PG, starts at 6 p.m., and the second movie, "30 Minutes or Less," rated R, starts at 8 p.m. Sodas and popcorn will be for sale.

**Lunchtime table tennis** - Monday through Friday starting at 11 a.m. in the Milazzo Center. Sponsored by the 10th Medical Group. Call beforehand to sign up, 333-2928.

**Dance classes** - Line dance classes are taught in six-week increments. Ballroom dancing consists of four lesson blocks, one hour per block. Classes for both take place Mondays in the Milazzo Center ballroom. Line dance classes start at 5 p.m., ballroom dance classes at 6:15 p.m.

## Toastmasters meeting details

The Toastmasters Academy Orators club meets Wednesdays 12:05-1 p.m. in the contracting department conference room, 8110 Industrial Drive. For more information, call Irene Noble at 333-5133.

## Entry decal discontinued

In accordance with recent guidance from the Department of the Army, Fort Carson has eliminated the use of the Department of Defense vehicle decals (DD Form 2220) for access to the installation.

Personnel requiring access to Fort Carson will be required to present their DOD-issued ID card (Common Access Card, retiree ID or family member ID) or have an extended pass and a state-issued photo ID.

The Air Force eliminated vehicle decal requirements in 2006. However, the 10th Security Forces Squadron continued to issue them as a convenience for personnel who routinely visited Fort Carson.

Because Fort Carson no longer requires vehicle decals, the 10th SFS

has eliminated this process as well.

Effective immediately, the vehicle decal, is no longer available at the Pass and Registration Center. The PRC will now issue Cadet Area stickers weekdays, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The PRC will also continue to issue colonel to general stickers upon request. Any questions can be referred to Brad Wilson at 333-8420.

## Veterans Day invitation given

Russell Middle School invites Air Force Academy personnel to attend a Veterans Day remembrance and celebration Thursday.

The event starts with a reception at 1:30 p.m. The school's band, choir, orchestra and dance team will present the ceremony to honor veterans.

The address of the school is 3825 Montebello Drive. Festivities will take place in the gym. For more information, call Julie Williams at 328-5202.

## Pre-Thanksgiving fun run

The Turkey Trot 5K run will take place Thursday at 3:45 p.m. The first 85 runners to register at the fitness center will get a free T-shirt. Top female and male prep student finishers win \$25 gift cards. Top male and female non-student finishers win free turkeys.

## Civilian employee health fair

The Civilian Personnel Office is sponsoring a health fair Wednesday at the Falcon Club, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Insurer representatives will be there to answer questions about federal employees' health plan benefits, distribute coverage guides and tell visitors how to get access to services.

The health fair is open to all current appropriated-fund civilian employees and retirees. Open enrollment will run from Nov. 14 through Dec. 12. For more information, call 333-4363.

## Sign up to stay at SnoFest

SnoFest 2012 lodging is now on sale. Call 800-258-0437 to book and provide Group Code GC8PRB and base affiliation.

## Passes available for ski areas

The Outdoor Recreation Office has ski passes available for purchase. The list of options is as follows: Monarch, Loveland, Patriot Pass (unlimited Copper Mountain and Winter Park), Patriot Pass Plus (unlimited Copper Mountain and Winter Park and six days at Steamboat), and Liberty Pass for Keystone and A-Basin.

Call 333-4475 for prices or more info.

## Check out education options

Academy personnel are invited to an education fair Nov. 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lobby of the medical center. For more information, call 333-2269.

## Holiday bazaar

A holiday bazaar will be held at the Milazzo Center, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Nov. 19. The bazaar features local crafters with holiday decorations, jewelry, wood crafts, cards, knitted clothing, floral arrangements, nature pictures and more items. There will also be merchandise vendors selling home décor, cosmetics, books, and handbags for a variety of holiday gifts.



## Cadet Chapel

**BUDDHIST**  
Sundays, 10 a.m.

**PROTESTANT WORSHIP**  
**Combined Worship Service:**  
Sundays, 9 a.m.

**CATHOLIC WORSHIP**  
**Mass:** Sundays, 10 a.m.

**JEWISH WORSHIP**  
**Normal schedule**  
Fridays: 7 p.m.

## Community Center Chapel

**CATHOLIC WORSHIP**  
**Mass:** Saturdays, 4 p.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m.; Tuesdays-Fridays, 11:30 a.m.  
**Reconciliation:** Saturdays, 3:30 p.m.  
**Formation Classes:** For students in grades K-8. Sundays, 10:15-11:30 a.m.

**PROTESTANT WORSHIP**  
**Evangelical:** Sunday, 10:15 a.m.  
**Gospel:** Sunday, 11:30 a.m.  
**Wednesday Night Live:** For ages 3 to adult. Begins with a meal. Wednesdays, 6-7:30 p.m.

## National American Indian Heritage Month Celebration



The National American Indian Heritage committee will host a luncheon celebrating American Indian heritage at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 17 in the Falcon Club Ballroom.

Tickets are \$10 for club members, and \$12 for non-members. Tickets will not be available at the door. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact the Equal Opportunity office at 333-4258.

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