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MIKE KAPLAN

More than 3,500 cadets participated in a single-elimination dodgeball game Wednesday on the Terrazzo, in an attempt to break a Guinness World Record.

One for the record books

If you can dodge a falcon, you can dodge a ball

By **Leslie Finstein**
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

The Air Force Academy is known for many things - modernist architecture, mountain views, gliders, sky-

diving, academics, and leaders of character. Cadets hope that after Wednesday, it will be also known as the site of a world record dodgeball game.

Two teams of 2,000 cadets each faced off on the Terrazzo Wednesday to beat the Guinness World

Record for the largest dodgeball game, which was set Feb. 4 by the University of Alberta, Canada. Their game had a total of 2,012 participants.

Lining the grass of the terrazzo, they played by the standard rules of dodgeball. You get hit, you're out. Someone catches the ball you threw, you're out. It was single elimination, no second chances. Permanent party staff from the Cadet Wing acted as the 84 referees required for the match.

In order to set the record, the cadets must collect documentation of the attempt and submit it **See Dodgeball Page 7**

Cadet candidates graduate from Academy Preparatory School

By **Gino Mattorano**
Academy Spirit editor

Two-hundred and four cadet candidates graduated from the Academy's Preparatory School in a ceremony Tuesday at the Preparatory School's Parade Field.

After completing 10 months of academic, military and physical training, most prep school graduates will now set their sights on basic cadet training, the next phase of their goal to graduate with the Air Force Academy Class of 2015.

During the ceremony, Prep School leadership recognized cadet candidates who had excelled in academics, athletics, military training and character development.

Cadet Candidate Calvin Llarena was selected as the overall top graduate. The Outstanding Cadet Candidate in Athletics, was Samuel A. Gagliano. The Outstanding Cadet Candidate in Military Training was Jacob T. Hernandez, and the Outstanding Cadet Candidate in Character Development was Alan A. Acosta.

Next, Col. Bartholomew Weiss, Preparatory School commander, presented graduation certificates to the cadet candidates, followed by the presentation of appointment certificates by Lt. Gen. Mike Gould, Academy superintendent.

The guest speaker for the ceremony was Daniel B. Ginsberg, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. A political appointee confirmed by the U.S. Senate, Mr. Ginsberg heads a four-division department that deals at the policy level with Air Force manpower and Reserve issues. He is responsible for providing overall supervision of manpower, military and civilian personnel, Reserve component affairs, and readiness support for the Department of the Air Force.

Cadet candidates arrive at the Prep School from many different paths, but they left with a common bond.

"We bring a diverse group of young men and women into a 10-month program to prepare and motivate them to succeed at (the Academy)," said Colonel Weiss. "They arrive as prior enlisted,

recruited athletes, kids from the inner city, farmland, different races, cultures and ethnicities—but they all walk the stage as Preppies and will be defined as such through their entire career at (the Academy)."

According to Colonel Weiss, cadet candidates learn algebra, English, and chemistry...but also had to do well with Air Force customs and courtesies, room inspections, push-ups, pull-ups, and overall ability to adapt to military life. And they have to do all that while learning peer leadership in terms of respecting others, regardless of how different their background or beliefs.

"The 'whole person' training that went into 10 months of preparation, the daily feedback of respect and doing the right thing all the time will be the Preppies biggest character trait they bring forward to the Academy and beyond as lieutenants," Colonel Weiss concluded.

This year's class selected retired Lt. Gen. Frank Klotz as their Exemplar. General Klotz graduated from the Academy's Preparatory School in 1969, and was commissioned in 1973



RAY MCCOY

Cadet Candidate Gregory Smith, group commander, salutes during graduation Parade Tuesday.

upon graduation from the Academy as a distinguished graduate. General Klotz has led at every organizational level in missile and space operations. General Klotz most recently served as Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale Air Force Base, La. where he led 23,000 Airmen and was responsible for organizing, training, equipping and maintaining all U.S. Intercontinental Ballistic Missile and Nuclear-Capable Bomber Forces.

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Motorcycle Safety: It's everyone's responsibility

By Major Jennifer Stokes
Director of Safety

On a Sunday afternoon a few weeks ago, my husband and I were driving north on Interstate 25. It was a nice sunny day and we were headed to the Greenland Open Space to go for a mountain bike ride. Just past the Baptist Road mile marker, we slammed on our brakes as the cars ahead came to a sudden stop. An accident had just occurred on the road in front of us. As we pulled over to the right shoulder, I saw a motorcycle lying in the middle of the road. Then I spotted the rider: he was lying on his back, dressed head to toe in leather clothes, boots, and gloves, his helmet tossed to the side. Fellow riders were crouched over him. A woman was standing in the middle of the road calling 911 on her cell phone. A man was holding his hand out to stop the rushing traffic.

My husband immediately jumped out of the car and ran to the scene. "I know CPR ... do you need any help?" he asked as he saw a large bloody gash on the man's head. The other riders replied "no"; their friend was still conscious and breathing. They were controlling the bleeding and keeping him stable. As I sat there watching the scene unfold, wondering how long it would take an ambulance to arrive, I looked up at a traffic sign not 50 yards ahead on the right side of the road. It was a Colorado Department of Transportation sign, the kind that gives estimated travel times to Denver. Flashing across the electronic marquee were the words "Share the Road ... Watch For Motorcycles." You see, May is National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, and CDOT launched an aggressive safety campaign dubbed "Live to Ride." I looked back at the rider lying on the ground and shook my head at the irony.

Undoubtedly you've heard dozens of similar stories during safety briefings where the intent was to scare or shock you. Well the story above is 100-percent true. I don't have to make these things up, because as awful as it sounds, there are too many sad stories out there. That same day in Colorado Springs, a motorcyclist was killed as he was riding on a neighborhood street. According to the newspaper article, he took a turn too fast, hit a curb, struck a boulder and was died. He had no helmet and no motorcycle license. He paid for his mistake with his life.

We could talk about the six Airmen, who have died this year in motorcycle crashes, with one more who is in a permanent coma. All seven lost control of their motorcycles in single vehicle crashes, with no automobiles involved. In most cases, excessive speed was involved. In some cases, alcohol was involved. Some riders wore personal protective equipment; some did not. Some had attended motorcycle safety training; some had not. Six families lost a father, a brother, or a son. Six Air Force members are not here with us today.

Motorcycle crashes are tragic events that are completely preventable. In some cases, the motorcyclist is at fault. But in many other cases, the motorcycle rider is doing everything right, and it is an automobile driver



who is at fault: a careless driver who follows a motorcycle too closely, or who doesn't look before changing lanes, or who pulls out in front of a motorcycle. Motorcycle safety is everyone's responsibility, not just motorcycle riders'.

If you're a rider, take beginner and advanced motorcycle safety training courses, make sure your motorcycle is in safe riding condition, wear personal protective equipment, and ride according to your own limitations and the limitations of the road. Finally, be a good example to other riders and teach them to be safe. If you're an automobile driver, look twice before changing lanes, keep a larger following distance, and do not pull out in front of a motorcycle, because a motorcycle is usually closer than it appears.

We all have a responsibility to keep the roads safe. Remember these principles, not just during Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, but all summer and beyond.

I do not know what caused the crash on Interstate 25 on that Sunday afternoon a few weeks ago, but one thing is for sure: that crash could have been prevented. It also could have been much more tragic, but the rider's protective gear probably saved his life. The rider was somebody's friend, a brother, and a son. That Sunday was Mother's Day. I'm just glad the man survived.

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Academy gains a piece of WWII crypto history

By Don Branum
Academy Spirit staff

On a table in Dr. Barry Fagin's office sits a plain gray box that weighs about 30 pounds and smells of machinery and dusty paper. Its nondescript appearance, however, belies its significance: in the right hands, a box like this may have saved millions of lives during World War II.

The box holds a Luftwaffe Enigma machine, Serial No. 01182, now on permanent loan to the Air Force Academy's Department of Computer Science from the National Cryptologic Museum at Fort George G. Meade, Md.

Dr. Steve Fulton, the Academy's assistant professor of computer science on leave from the Department of Defense, arranged for the loan to the Air Force Academy after finding out that a similar machine was on permanent loan to the U.S. Military Academy, Dr. Fagin said.

Enigma was originally designed in the 1920s to allow secure communication between banks, but the machines never took off in that role. The German government, however, saw the value of what was, at the time, an unbreakable code.

"To borrow a line from the Remington commercial, they liked it so much they bought the company," Dr. Fagin said.

Enigma machines like those used by the Luftwaffe had strong encryption, even by today's standards. If a would-be decrypter did not know the Enigma plugboard's wiring configuration, he would have to "brute force" his way through 380-bit encryption.

"The key space is impossibly huge -- greater than all the electrons in the solar system," Dr. Fagin said.

In theory, Enigma should have ensured secure communications for Germany throughout the war. In practice, the Polish had broken the Enigma code twice: once, almost seven years before the German incursion that sparked World War

II on Sept. 1, 1939, and again after the Germans introduced a fourth and fifth rotor to their Enigma machines.

Dr. Fagin said the project to decrypt German communications, called Ultra, was one of the Allies' most important strategic achievements. Sir Harry Hinsley, the historian of British Intelligence in World War II, credited Ultra with shortening the war by two to four years in his 1993 book, "British Intelligence in the Second World War."

Lax information security measures provided inroads to Project Ultra's success. Some of the factors that allowed the Allies to break Enigma included early training manuals that included both the plain text, the cipher text and the message key used to encode the text, along with the use of easily guessed keys or keys that mapped to the Enigma keyboard's layout, according to Marian Rejewski, who broke the Enigma code in 1932.

As a result, Dr. Fagin said, the Allies had access to all communication between German high command and the German Navy, or Kriegsmarine, the last two years of the war, as well as many other encoded messages.

"(Field Marshal Bernard) Montgomery was reading all of (Field Marshal Erwin) Rommel's communications," Dr. Fagin said. "He knew all about Rommel's supply problems and all his planned moves."

The Academy's Enigma machine needs some repairs, Dr. Fagin said. Once it's fixed, the Computer Science department plans to use the device in its Introduction to Computing and Cryptography classes.

"It will eventually go on permanent display, where we anticipate it will be hands-on," Dr. Fagin added. "It will also serve as a reminder of our heritage: code making, code breaking and cryptology's contributions to the war effort. We hope it will inspire and motivate cadets to think about information security and cyberspace."



DON BRANUM

This Enigma machine, Serial No. 01182, used by the German Luftwaffe during World War II, is on permanent loan to the Air Force Academy's Department of Computer Science from the National Cryptologic Museum at Fort George G. Meade, Md.

Key Spaces Explained

The key space of an encryption key is a measure of the number of possible combinations. A 1-bit key would have two possible combinations, while a 2-bit key would have four combinations, and a 3-bit key would have eight combinations. Each additional bit doubles the number of possible encryption combinations.

Enigma had approximately 380-bit encryption, factoring in both the reels and the number of possible plugboard combinations. This works out to approximately 10^{114} possible combina-

tions. By way of comparison, the certificates on Common Access Cards use 160-bit keys (10^{48} combinations), and e-commerce websites use 256-bit encryption (10^{77} combinations). Keys that are considered secure today generally use a 1,024-bit or higher key space (10^{308} combinations).

Decryption times with modern hardware vary from seconds for 64-bit encryption to days or weeks for 512-bit encryption. Encryption algorithms using 1,024-bit or larger key spaces have yet to be cracked with commonly available hardware.

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C48010	2011	GS350	\$54,344	\$4,422	C68054	2011	RX350	\$ 45,181	\$3,493
C48012	2011	GS350	\$53,921	\$1,225	C68070	2011	RX350	\$ 49,545	\$1,994
C98021	2011	GX460	\$58,300	\$850	C68078	2011	RX350	\$ 49,804	\$1,554
C78035	2011	IS250	\$40,910	\$3,346	C68071	2011	RX350	\$ 49,545	\$1,554
C68068	2011	RX350	\$49,804	\$2,764	C68102	2011	RX350	\$ 50,673	\$1,284
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Academy's Outstanding Educators

24 honored at ceremony

As another academic year winds down, the Dean of Faculty took time to recognize their best and brightest, honoring this year's Outstanding Academy Educators. At the May 3 ceremony, the honorees heard from Nobel Prize Laureate, Dr. Carl Wieman, winner of the 2001 Nobel Prize in Physics. Congratulations to the Outstanding Academy Educators!

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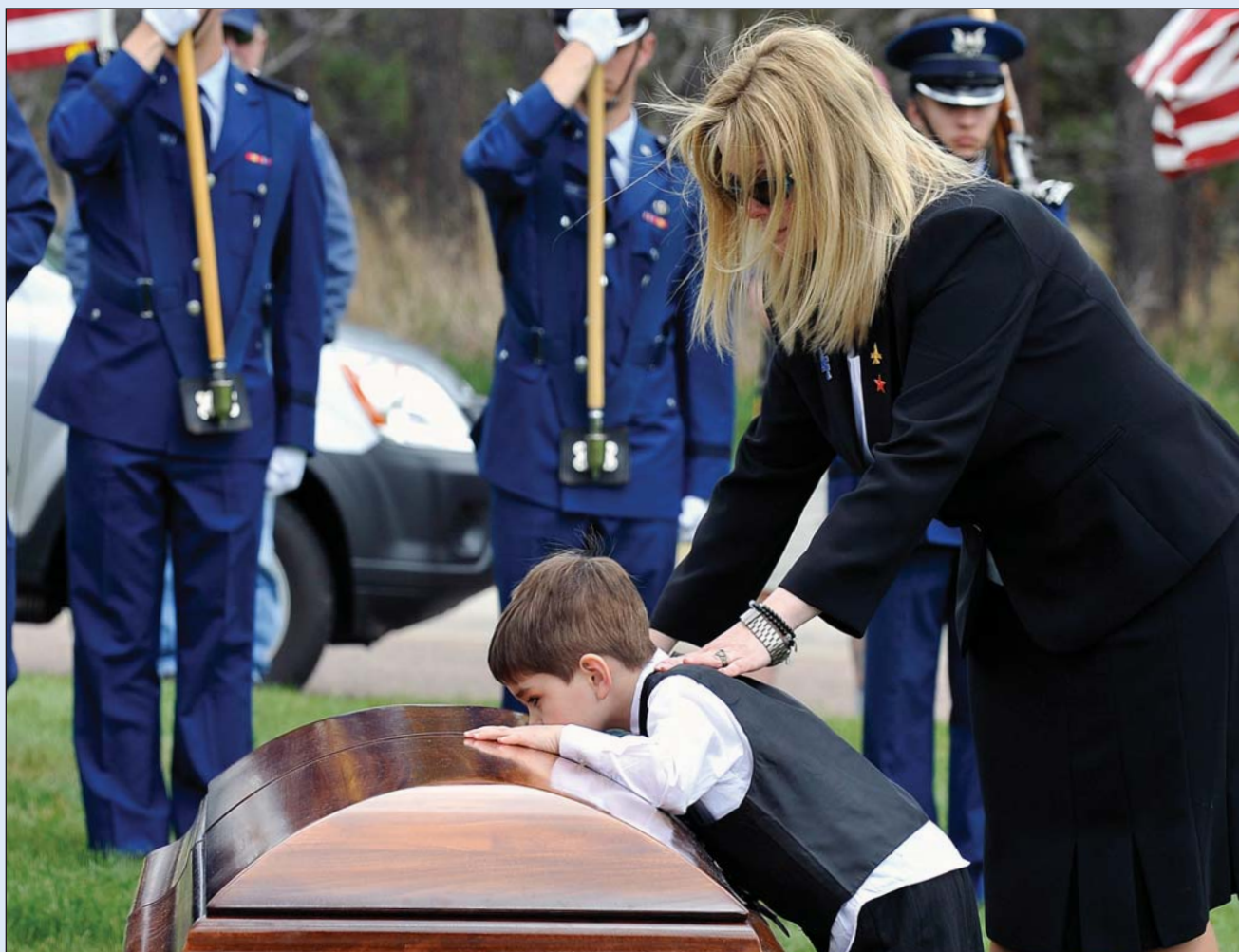
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One last kiss

Susan Brodeur and her son, David Brodeur, Jr., age 4, say their final goodbyes during the burial service for Maj. David Brodeur, Class of 1999, Tuesday at the Academy Cemetery. Major Brodeur, 34, died April 27 in a shooting incident at Kabul International Airport, Afghanistan, where he served with a NATO team training the Afghan Air Force. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made to Major Brodeur's children, Elizabeth and David Jr's, education fund at www.AirWarriorCourage.org, specify "For the Maj. David Brodeur 529 College Fund."

If you see something ... say something

By J. Lance Matzke
Antiterrorism Office

With the numerous upcoming graduation events and the implementation of Force Protection Condition Bravo, the Academy has many security challenges for the thousands of anticipated visitors.

Although the majority of the tasks from the implementation of FPCON Bravo rest with security forces and augmentees, they cannot detect and report suspicious activity on their own. This requires the vigilance and awareness of all Academy personnel.

The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff recently implemented FPCON Bravo for all DOD installations, which means tighter access controls for visitors and tourists, an increase in the existing security posture on the installation, less parking

due to facility standoff, and potentially longer lines and delays at all entry control points, amongst other things.

As graduation approaches, it is more important than ever for everyone to be aware of their surroundings. Prevention and vigilance by the general public has never been more significant or vitally important in the fight against terrorism.

Some recent examples in which citizens thwarted a major terrorist incident was the New York City bomb attempt where a hot dog vendor reported an unattended vehicle with smoke and contacted police. Another example was a pipe bomb that was placed along a parade route on Martin Luther King Jr. Day in Spokane, Wash., in which three city employees discovered an unattended backpack and contacted police. Their vigilance and ac-

tions undoubtedly saved hundreds of lives.

One of the keys to stopping a potential terrorist incident here is vigilance, and this responsibility lies with all of us. Detecting surveillance is critical to stopping a potential terrorist attack.

If you witness anything that appears to be suspicious in any way whatsoever,—do not hesitate—immediately contact security forces at 333-2000 or call 911. Try and obtain a description of the person or vehicle, direction of travel, etc. Do not assume someone else contacted the authorities, and do not worry or be embarrassed if the situation does not turn out to be something legitimate.

Failure to report suspicious activity could be the difference between life and death—if you see something ... say something!

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Graduation 2011 schedule of events

Today

Salaat Ul Jumrah, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Cadet Chapel
Ring Dining Out (Second-class cadets and their guests only), 5:30-7:45 p.m., Mitchell Hall
Jewish Sabbath Service, 7-8 p.m., Cadet Chapel
Ring Dance (Second-class cadets and their guests only), 8-11 p.m., Arnold Hall Ballroom

Saturday

Preparatory School Graduate Reception, 4:30-6:30 p.m., High Country Inn
Bluebirds Production, Jekyll & Hyde - The Musical, 7-9 p.m., Arnold Hall Theater

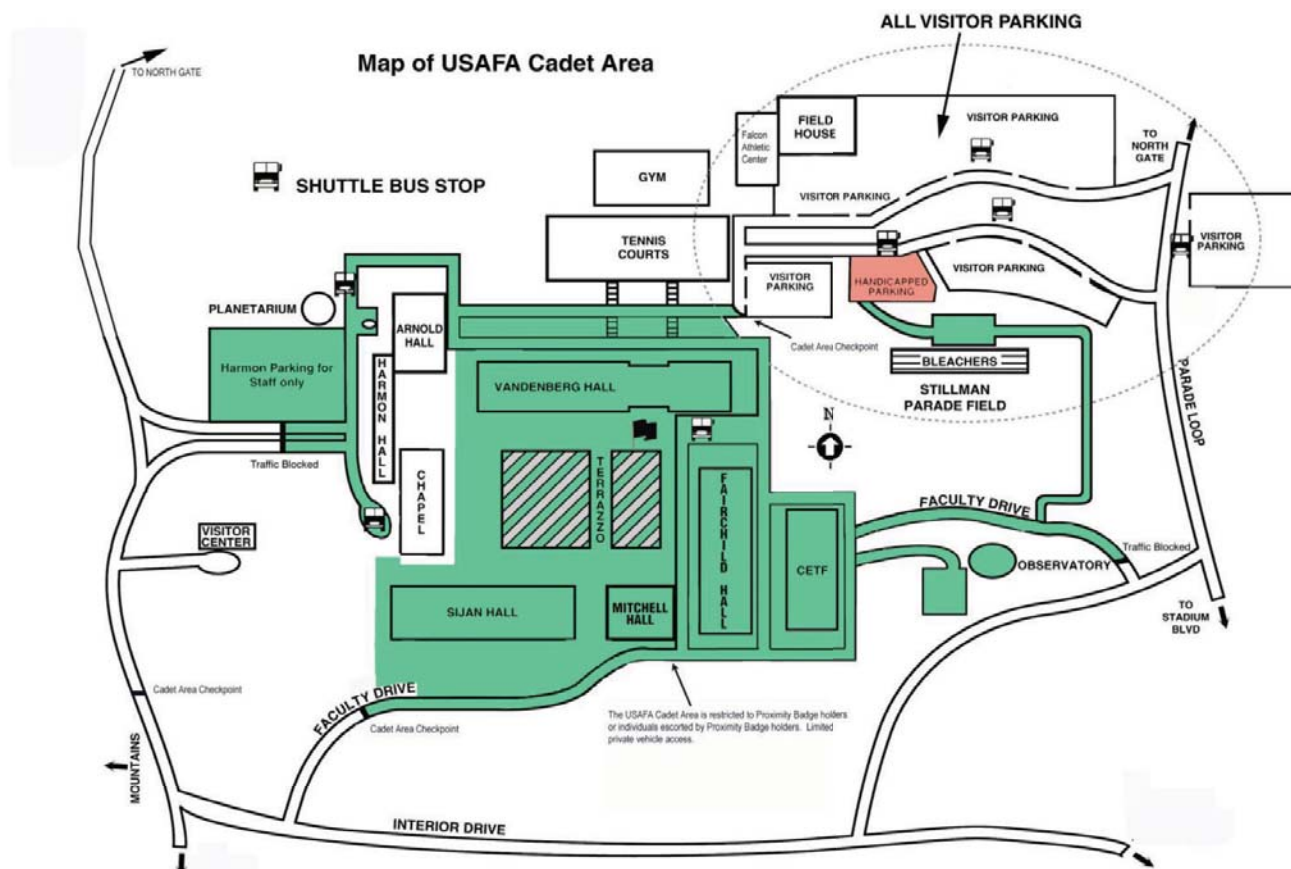
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Baccalaureate Services: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Cadet Chapel
 • 8-9 a.m. - Catholic Mass, Squadrons 28-40
 • 9-10:15 a.m. - Protestant Service, Squadrons 21-40
 • 10-11 a.m. - Catholic Mass, Squadrons 14-27
 • 11 a.m. to noon - Jewish Service, Squadrons 1-40
 • 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Protestant Service, Squadrons 1-20
 • Noon to 1 p.m. - Catholic Mass, Squadrons 1-13
Class of 2011 Family Reception, 1 - 5:15 p.m., The Carlton House
 • 1-2 p.m. - Third Group, Squadrons 21-30
 • 2:05-3:05 p.m. - Fourth Group, Squadrons 31-40
 • 3:10-4:10 p.m. - First Group, Squadrons 1-10
 • 4:15-5:15 p.m. - Second Group, Squadrons 11-20

Cadet Orchestra Concert, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Arnold Hall Theater
Bluebirds Production of Jekyll & Hyde - The Musical, 7-9 p.m., Arnold Hall Theater

Monday

Donors' Coffee (by invitation only), 8:30-9:15 a.m., Field House Concourse
Organizational Awards Parade, 10-11 a.m., Stillman Field
Donors' Luncheon (by invitation only), 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., USAFA Falcon Club
Individual Awards Ceremony, 1:30-3 p.m., Clune Arena
Individual Awards Reception (by invitation only), 3-4 p.m., Field House Indoor Track
Fiancé(s) Reception for the Class of 2011, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Otis House



Buddhist Baccalaureate Service, 5-6 p.m., Cadet Chapel
Cadet Chorale Concert, 5-6:30 p.m., Arnold Hall Theater
Show Choir Review, 7:30-9 p.m., Arnold Hall Theater
Tuesday
Graduation Tapping Ceremonies (Curtiss, Civil Air Patrol and 100-Year Honor Roll) (by invitation only to cadets and their guests), 8-9 a.m., Arnold Hall Ballroom Balcony
Graduation Parade & Airmanship Demonstration, 9:30-11 a.m., Stillman Field
Academic Department Award Ceremonies, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., various times/locations
Academy Scholars Ceremony, 2-3 p.m., Fairchild Hall, F-1

Thunderbirds Practice Show (roads closed noon to 3 p.m.), 2-3 p.m., Falcon Stadium
Catholic Choir Concert, 3-4 p.m., Cadet Chapel
Commissioning Ceremonies, 4:30-6:30 p.m. various locations
Graduation Formal Reception, 5-8 p.m., Mitchell Hall
Commissioning Ceremonies, 7-9 p.m., various locations
Graduation Ball, 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Arnold Hall
Wednesday
Graduation Ceremony, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Falcon Stadium, (followed by Thunderbirds Performance)
Air Force Academy Foundation Luncheon (by invitation only to AFAF and cadets), 2-3:30 p.m., The Carlton House

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Cadet Candidate Nicholas Longhi participates in Final Challenge activities at the fire department's training facility May 13. Final challenge consisted of a firefighter challenge competition between the squadrons followed by a climb up the stairs leading from Pine Valley housing to the Prep School area.

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41 selected for promotion to master sergeant



Forty-one Academy technical sergeants were selected for promotion to master sergeant Thursday.

Of the 19,538 technical sergeants eligible Air Force wide, 6,618 were selected, for a selection rate of 33.87 percent.

The average score for those selected was 335.21, with an average time in grade of 4.58 years and an average time in service of 15.91 years. The average score was based on the following point averages: 134.13 for enlisted performance reports, 11.24 for decorations, 72.46 for the promotion fitness examination and 60.45 for the specialty knowledge test.

The master sergeant promotion list is available on the

Air Force Personnel Center's website under enlisted promotions. Airmen can also access their score notices at the same time on the Virtual Military Personnel Flight and Air Force Portal.

Those selected for master sergeant will be promoted according to their promotion sequence number beginning in August 2011.

As a reminder, selections are tentative until the data verification process is complete, which is no later than 10 days after the promotion release date. AFPC officials will notify Airmen through their military personnel sections if their selection is in question.

Receiving promotion to master sergeant:

Nina Allen, Commandant of Cadets staff
Jaime Barrick, 10th Aerospace Medicine Squadron
Lee Becker, Commandant of Cadets staff
Andre Bell, Air Force Academy Preparatory School
Ian Bernard, 10th Medical Support Squadron
Andrea Blanchetti, Commandant of Cadets staff
Stephen Brannen, Air Force Academy Band
Jose Cano, Jr., Preparatory School

Roberto Cerda, inbound
Keith Combass, Preparatory School
Jason Crowe, Air Force Academy Band
David Devan, 10th Security Forces Squadron
Meredith Fekkers, Judge Advocate staff
Susan Louis Govier, Air Force Academy Band
Marcus Haralson, Commandant of Cadets staff
James Heller, 10th Aerospace Medicine Squadron
Jenny Hendry, Commandant of Cadets staff
Troy Inabinet, 10th Medical Operations Squadron

Bradley Isom, 10th MDOS
Lisa Jaworsky, inbound
David Johnson, Commandant of Cadets staff
Carey Kehrer, 10th Surgical Operations Squadron
Kelly Links, 10th Dental Squadron
Netha Manby, 10th DS
Shiona Meyer, Dean of the Faculty staff
Gregory Monck, Commandant of Cadets staff
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Eric Polatz, 306th Flying Training Group

Dodge ball

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Guinness World Records officials. The verification process takes 6 weeks according to information on the world record keepers website.

The idea for the dodgeball game came out of Group 1, when Group Commander Cadet 1st Class Christopher McCool and Group Air Officer Commanding Lt. Col. Hastriter were approached by Cadet 4th Class Preston Spaulding.

"He (Spaulding) heard that another university had broken the record and knew that the Academy could do even better," Cadet McCool, an event organizer, said. "We loved the idea and took it to the

Commandant, who also loved it."

So what did it take to turn that idea into reality?

"There were more than 50 action items that we've coordinated including pitching the idea to the General Clark and General Gould, getting approval from Safety, procuring dodgeballs (and inflating 1050 of them!), coordinating with Wings of Blue, Honor Guard, EMTs, radio station KAFA, two cadet bands, Security Forces, Mitchell Hall, and much more," Cadet McCool explained. "We've planning this for months."

Why did the cadets go through all this trouble just to play a schoolyard game?

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Cadet 1st Class Christopher McCool

"Because it will be fun," Cadet McCool said. "That's the main reason. Not only will it boost morale, but we'll prove to the world that Academy is the best at mobilizing great numbers of people while we come together to break a Guinness World Record."

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Airmen donate time to Habitat's 'ReStore'

Volunteers do the heavy lifting for local non-profit

by Don Branum
Academy Spirit staff

The Habitat for Humanity ReStore sits at the corner of Costilla Street and Wahsatch Avenue near downtown Colorado Springs. It accepts donations of construction materials from local retailers, contractors and individuals and sells those goods at a good discount to shoppers.

Someone, however, has to move the inventory from the donation area to the warehouse and then to the retail area. That's where about 50 Airmen from the Air Force Academy's 5/6 and Airmen's councils stepped in Saturday to help.

"You've heard of 'Two Men and a Truck.' How about 30 guys and a mission?" asked Staff Sgt. Trevor Hudson, the 5/6 Council president who works in the 10th Medical Group's Nuclear Medicine clinic.

Airman 1st Class William Brown organized the event.

"I was trying to arrange for a group of volunteers to build a house, but there were no slots," explained Airman Brown, who is assigned to the 10th Medical Group. Habitat for Humanity pointed Airman Brown to the ReStore, which was willing to accept "as many of us as possible."

The Airmen volunteered in two three-hour shifts. The first shift of about 30 Airmen showed up at 9 a.m. and left at noon, while the second shift of about 20 volunteers worked from 1 to 4 p.m. Combined, the groups saved Habitat for Humanity about \$1,500 in labor costs, Sergeant Hudson said.

"It's easy to stay at home on the weekend, but if you really want to make a change, you've got to go out and help," he said.



Airman 1st Class Jared Beckman arranges lumber in the retail area of Habitat for Humanity's ReStore. The ReStore accepts donated home-improvement materials and sells them to customers at a substantial discount. Airman Beckman is assigned to the Air Force Academy's 10th Aeromedical Squadron.



Senior Airman Stern Lloyd, left, and Tech. Sgt. Phillip Stewart load broken pallets onto a moving truck at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore Saturday. The two were among the volunteers from the Air Force Academy who donated four hours of their weekend to help the non-profit, saving Habitat for Humanity about \$1,500 in labor costs. Approximately 30 Airmen from the Academy took time from their weekend to help organize the inventory at the non-profit in Colorado Springs. Sergeant Hudson a nuclear medicine technologist with the Academy's 10th Medical Group, is the 5/6 Council president



Staff Sgt. Trevor Hudson lowers a pallet of furniture from the Habitat for Humanity ReStore warehouse to ground level during a combined volunteer effort between the Air Force Academy's 5/6 and Airmen's Councils Saturday.



Staff Sgt. Greg Ally, left, and Airman 1st Class Jeremiah Jones move lumber into the Habitat for Humanity ReStore. Sergeant Ally and Airman Jones are assigned to the Academy's 10th Medical Group.

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DON BRANUM

Warrior's Way: A Cadet's Journey

by **Leslie Finstein**
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

"Gotta, Gotta, Gotta Win! Can't Stop! Won't Stop! Air Force!"

This is the rallying cry of the Air Force Wounded Warrior wheelchair basketball team. And for Ohio University ROTC Cadet Matthew Pirrello, age 20, it describes his journey over the last year to overcome an injury that changed his life.

In June 2010, the Dayton, Ohio native was attending a summer parachute training program at the Air Force Academy when, while executing a parachute jump, he had an accident that resulted in the loss of his right leg above the knee and a double compound fracture in his left leg.

Since that time, he has been in San Antonio at the Center for the Intrepid and Brooke Army Medical Center, healing and learning to walk again. It was during recovery that he learned about the Warrior Games.

The Warrior Games is a weeklong event that pits teams of wounded warriors from each branch of the military against each other in a variety of sports. U.S. Paralympics, a division of the U.S. Olympic Committee, the Department of Defense and the United Service Organization are all supporting the Warrior Games, now in its second year.

"I heard about it from Lieutenant Ryan McGuire, who competed last year," Pirrello said. "Since I got injured at the Academy and he was an Academy grad, and we were both at the Center for the Intrepid, he came up and visited me when I was in the hospital there and said I should really make this my goal to come back and be able to compete at the Warrior Games next year."

So instead of school this past year, Pirrello worked on his recovery: getting out of a wheelchair, learning how to walk on his new prosthetic leg, and preparing for the games.

"The last year has been crazy," Pirrello said. "You just have to go with the flow when things change like this."

The Air Force teams for the games have been holding practice sessions at the Academy and this is only the second time that Pirrello has been here since the accident

last June. His first visit was with his family last fall for the Air Force vs. Navy football game.

"I was still in a wheelchair then, and I went out and visited the airfield," he said. "I'm glad I did that and that this is not my first time being back here. I'm a little more comfortable being here now than I was the first time."

That weekend, he met the rescue crews that saved his life and he and his family formed a friendship with Lt. Col. Michael Love, commander of the 98th Flying Training Squadron. Pirrello and his family plan to see those people and Colonel Love again while they are here for the Warrior Games.

Meanwhile, Pirrello is enjoying his experience with the other wounded warriors as they prepare for the games.

"Being here with other people who have been injured, and with everyone knowing what it's like to be in the hospital and deal with a lot of pain, it feels good to have that camaraderie with the team," he explained.

Pirrello hopes to return to Ohio University this fall to resume ROTC and work on his studies in economics and management.

As for his future with the Air Force, despite his injuries Pirrello plans on returning to his ROTC unit and earning his commission.

"It was my goal to get my ROTC scholarship and get my commission and I think getting injured shouldn't get in the way of that," Pirrello explained. "Joining the Air Force has been my goal since I was little."

He feels his experience over the last year will certainly contribute to his career with the Air Force and within his ROTC unit.

"For me being an ROTC cadet, to see this side of the military is definitely not an opportunity many people get," Pirrello said. "One day you are at school, doing your regular ROTC stuff, and then you are just thrown in to the deep end."

Whatever his future holds, right now Pirrello's focus is on the games.

"I'm just looking forward to competing and doing my best out there," he said.

In addition to wheelchair basketball, Pirrello will compete for the Air Force on the seated volleyball team and in the 50- and 100-meter freestyle swimming events.



PHOTOS BY BILL EVANS

U.S. Air Force ROTC Cadet Matthew Pirrello practices wheelchair basketball on May 12 at the Academy fitness center. Pirrello lost his right leg and broke his left in a parachuting accident at the Academy last June.



Air Force wheelchair basketball team assistant coach Corey Louis goes over a play with Pirrello during practice preparation for the Warrior Games.

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Soccer in the rain

Tim Nelson, 10th Medical Group, attempts to dribble past Doug Hill, from the Prep School/Athletic Department in the final intramural soccer game, Wednesday. Prep/Athletics cemented their title as intramural soccer champs with a 3-3 draw in the matchup. The Prep/Athletics team had seven wins, one loss and a draw during regular season, while the 10th MDG team went 4-4-1, to earn second place honors. Doug Hill scored two goals for the Prep/Athletics team, scoring the first and last goal, sandwiched around a goal by Crystal Kirschman. The 10th MDG team, who was down 2-1 at intermission, had goals from Chad Holland and Pete Golas, but a second-period goal by Tim Nelson tied up the game.

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Five grads inducted into Athletic Hall of Fame

The Air Force Academy has inducted five more people into its Athletic Hall of Fame.

The five inductees - Jim Conboy, Gail (Conway) Gray, Chuck Delich, Bob Nieman and Scott Thomas - were bestowed the honor May 13 at the Colorado Springs Marriott.

The inductees include a legendary athletic trainer, a national champion track and field star, the Academy's all-time leading scorer in hockey, a multi All-American swimmer and a consensus All-American football player.

Conboy, who is being inducted posthumously, was the first athletic trainer in Academy history and held the position from 1955 to 1998. He was awarded the 1990 Pioneer Award by the Rocky Mountain Trainers' Association.

That organization currently presents a scholarship in his name. During his career, Conboy missed just one of 480 career football games.

Gray was a two-time NCAA Division II national champion in the 400 meters and 800 meters and a six-time All-American. She was a member of the three fastest 4x400-yard relay teams in Academy history.

Gray earned three Academy Outstanding Competitor awards (1982-84) and served as the school's cross coun-

try coach from 1989 to 1991.

Delich is the hockey all-time leading scorer in Academy history, with 156 goals and 279 points. He still holds the single-season records for goals and points.

A two-time team most valuable player, Delich is 12th on the NCAA career scoring list. He served as an assistant coach at Air Force from 1981 to 1985 as head coach from 1985 to 1997.

Nieman was a two-time All-American (1969-70) in swimming and a member of the 1976 Olympic modern pentathlon team. He later became the first American in history to win a world championship in the modern pentathlon.

A member of the 1980 Olympic team, Nieman was a finalist for the Sullivan Award in 1980 and 1981 as the top amateur athlete in the country.

Thomas was a consensus football All-American in 1985 and was selected to play in the Hula Bowl after leading Air Force to a 12-1 record in 1985.

Thomas was a multiple all-conference honoree and recorded 10 career interceptions, which ranks fifth in school history. He finished the 1985 season as one of only seven players in NCAA history with a punt, kickoff and interception return for a touchdown in a season.

2011 AIR FORCE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Jim Conboy, athletic trainer (1955-1998)

- First Academy athletic trainer
- Inducted into National Athletic Trainers' Hall of Fame (1980)
- Colorado Athletic Trainers' Association annually presents a scholarship in his name
- Missed only one of 480 Academy football games during his career

Gail (Conway) Gray, track - Class of 1984

- Two-time NCAA Division II national champion (400-meter dash, 800-meter run)
- Six-time NCAA All-American
- Academy record holder (400-meter dashes, 800-meter run Outdoor, 500-meter dash, 600-yard dashes, 600-meter dash)
- Coach, women's cross country team (1989-91)

Chuck Delich, ice hockey - Class of 1977

- All-time scoring leader, with 156 goals and 279 points
- Holds single-season records for goals and points
- Holds 14 school records and was team MVP twice
- Head hockey coach, 1986-97

Bob Nieman, swimming - Class of 1970

- Two-time All-American, 1969 and 1970
- Team captain of World Modern Pentathlon Championships, 1979
- First American in history to win a world championship in modern pentathlon
- Selected to 1980 U.S. Olympic team

Scott Thomas, football - Class of 1986

- Consensus All-American in 1985, one of only five in school history
- First-team All-American in 1985 by Kodak, Walter Camp and Football Writers
- Selected to play in Hula Bowl
- 10 career interceptions, ranks fifth on all-time list

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AOG Bed and Breakfast program

Inprocessing for the Class of 2015 is June 23. Many appointees will arrive at the Colorado Springs Airport the day before and will need a place to stay that night. The Association of Graduates Bed and Breakfast Program provides accommodations for these appointees.

Local Academy graduates as well as Academy faculty and staff are being asked to provide appointees with dinner, a bed for the night, breakfast the next morning, and transportation to Doolittle Hall for inprocessing.

If you would like to participate as a host family, log on to the AOG website at www.usafa.org, and click on the "Bed & Breakfast" button on the left side of the home page.

Santa Fe Trail closure

A portion of the Santa Fe Trail will be closed weekdays but remain open weekends until Oct. 30 while repairs are made to the Tri-Intersection Bridge on Southgate Boulevard.

Safety hazards caused by heavy construction traffic under the bridge on the trail are forcing the closure of a stretch of the trail about 2 miles from the south trail entrance to the Acad-

emy and about 4 miles from the north gate Santa Fe trailhead.

Call for bird watchers

Whether you are a casual birder or a dedicated naturalist, the Natural Resources program could use your help to monitor birds at the Academy.

If you are interested in helping, please visit the eBird website and call Natural Resources at 333-3308.

Repairs being made at clinic

The Academy's main clinic is undergoing a complete repair of the roof and façade. No impact on parking is expected, but occasional closure of an entrance or walkway may be required. This project is estimated to be completed by late September.

Vacation Bible School

The Community Center Chapel will host its annual Vacation Bible School for children ages 4 years through fifth grade, June 6-10, 5-7:30 p.m. at the

chapel. This year's theme is Panda Mania. There will be crafts, games, singing, Bible studies, snacks and lots of fun.

Register now by calling 333-3300. Volunteers are also needed.

Fridays are sticker, decal days

The 10th security Forces Squadron Pass and Registration Center will issue cadet area parking stickers and vehicle registration decals on Fridays only, from noon to 4:30 p.m. Plan accordingly and help spread the word.

Call Staff Sgt. Antonio Jones at 333-2120 with questions.

Bluebards performances

The Air Force Academy's cadet theater club, the Bluebards, presents the Broadway version of Jekyll and Hyde on Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Arnold Hall Theater. The general public is invited to attend and may access Arnold Hall through the Academy's North Gate (exit 156B off I-25). General admission is \$10, and tickets for students and military are \$5.

Academy road closure

East Douglass Drive will be closed for construction June 1-10 between Community Center Drive and 500 feet east of East Ponderosa Drive.

Thunderbirds practice

Roads around Falcon Stadium will be closed during the Thunderbirds practice performances Thursday from noon to 3 p.m. These closures are mandated by the Federal Aviation Administration to ensure the performance area is free of all personnel.

Job Expo

A job expo at Denver's Jefferson County Fair Grounds is scheduled for Monday through Wednesday. Military and veteran job seekers, employers and volunteers can register at www.MVEE.org.

Those who receive a certificate of participation from the Monday or Tuesday workshops will have first access to the job fair Wednesday. The fair is open to all military and veteran job seekers.



Cadet Chapel

BUDDHIST

Sundays: 10 a.m.
Thursdays: 6:20 p.m.

PROTESTANT WORSHIP

Traditional: Sundays, 9 a.m.
Contemporary: Sundays, 11 a.m.

CATHOLIC WORSHIP

Mass: Sundays, 10-11 a.m.;
Mondays, 5:45-6:15 a.m.;
Tuesdays-Thursday, 7-7:30 p.m.
Confession and Adoration:
Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m.
Holy Days of Obligation: 7 p.m.

JEWISH WORSHIP

Shabbath: 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.
Religious formation: Sunday, 10:15 a.m.
September-May

PROTESTANT WORSHIP

Wednesday Night Live: 6 p.m.
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Evangelical: Sunday, 10:15 a.m.
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'Take me out to the ball game'

The Air Force Academy Honor Guard presents the colors at Security Service Field May 13, which is when the Sky Sox held Air Force Appreciation Night at the ballpark. The game was sold out.

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CLUES ACROSS

- Severo __, US biochemist
- Mother of Perseus
- Failure to act promptly
- British Air Aces
- Wire rope
- Make a mistake
- Opposite of digest
- Carefree spending

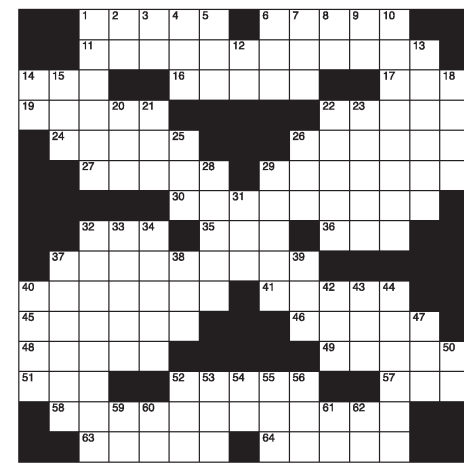
- Chilean pianist Claudio
- Reference point to shoot at
- Soft exhales
- Accumulated glacial debris
- Front-runners
- Seaman

- Border for a picture
- Distress signal
- Ruses
- Audio-systems
- Hindu holy man
- Sermon on a moral topic
- Umbrellas (British)
- Old World buffaloes

- Filled with narcotic medication
- Norse goddess of death
- Hall for music or drama
- de cologne
- 2 consecutive games
- Tree shadow
- Distributes playing cards

CLUES DOWN

- Propositions
- 38th state
- 1/3 of Santa's laugh
- Non-exchange stocks (abbr.)
- Dentist's group
- Dekaliter
- To become old
- 'All About Love' actress Sandra
- 2001 Spielberg film
- Invigorates
- Atomic #37
- Leaves eaten as vegetables
- 2nd tone of the scale
- Honorable title (Turkish)
- Plexus
- __ Lanka
- Children's game
- Indian dresses
- Italian textile city



- Droop
- Former ruler of Iran
- Father
- Health Maintenance Organization
- Not downers
- A very large body of water
- Of, French
- Not new
- River in NE Scotland
- Canadian what
- Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- No (Scottish)
- Expression of uncertainty
- Atomic #56
- Algerian dinar
- Raised electrical railway

SUDOKU

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Solution on page 10

Level: Intermediate

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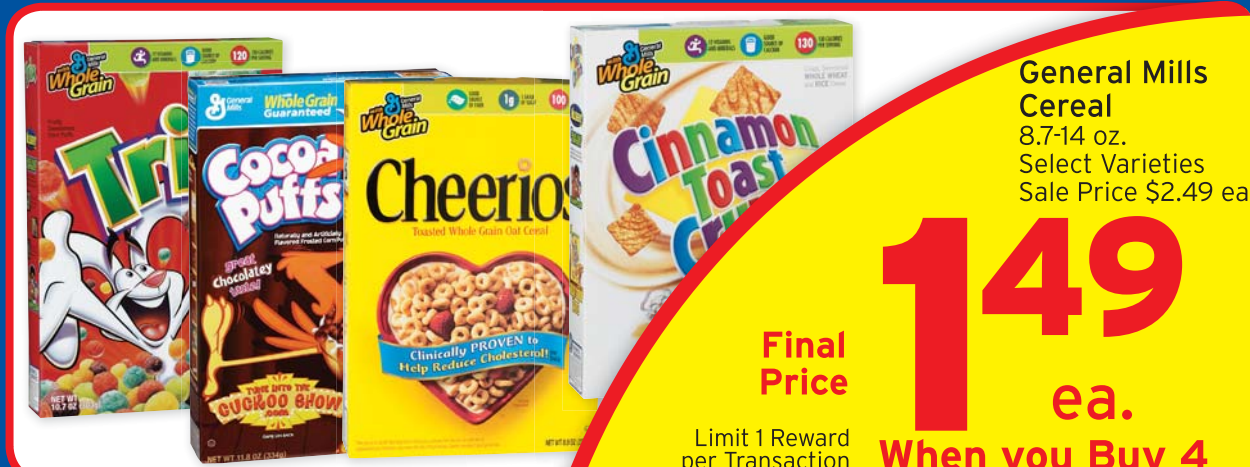
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