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The Lt. Gen. Gavin D-Day Memorial Ceremony is 11 a.m. Friday at the Old Cadet Chapel. See page 10.

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Army baseball goes 2-2 at NCAA Regional



The Army baseball team ended a successful season Sunday night in Austin, Texas, by giving the top-seeded Texas Longhorns all they could handle at the NCAA Austin Regional. Seen at right after their first round loss to Texas, the team readies itself for the next round of play against Texas State, while at left, Cow pitcher Kevin McKague expresses his excitement after getting an out. Army, which won two games in the NCAA tournament for the first time, led the tournament's overall top-seed Sunday by four runs heading into the bottom of the ninth before succumbing, 14-10. The Black Knights set more than 40 team and individual records during the season and finished with a record of 36-21, three wins shy of the school record set in 2005. Story and more photos on page 13.

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400 years of history is being celebrated in the West Point area

By Emily Tower
Staff Writer

The state of New York is about to sail back in time 400 years, and the West Point community is invited to join the voyage.

A statewide celebration of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of the Hudson River is underway with the main festivities taking place this weekend.

"It is a rare privilege to prepare a grand commemoration of some of the most tremendously important milestones in the history of the Empire State, the United States and, indeed, civilization as a whole," Gov. David Paterson said in a statement released by the Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadracentennial Commission. "This is a once-in-a-generation chance to be part of history."

The river's written history began when Henry Hudson, an explorer hired by the Dutch to find a trade route between Europe and Asia that cut through the Americas, found what is now known as the New York Harbor. He thought he found the elusive Northwest Passage for which he searched until the river now bearing his name got too narrow and shallow to navigate around present-day Albany.

While it wasn't the great trade route Hudson sought, the river became a strategic supply channel during the Revolutionary War and gained the nickname "America's Rhine" because of its beauty.

To celebrate the Hudson and the heritage that goes along with it, River Day takes place all day Sunday from Manhattan to West Point up to Albany. A flotilla of several ships will sail past West Point during the day and will be greeted by a firing of several cannon from Trophy Point. The flotilla is scheduled to



Photo at the West Point Museum

feature Governor Cleveland, a tug boat; John J. Harvey, a fireboat and first responder after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks; several pleasure craft; a replica of the Onrust, a Dutch vessel that sailed in 1614; and a replica of the Half Moon, the ship Henry Hudson captained when the river now bearing his name was discovered.

The flotilla is scheduled to travel past West Point around 4 p.m. Sunday.

The West Point Club is hosting a brunch aboard the USMA Ferryboat for River Day. Participants may enjoy brunch and a cash bar during a cruise scheduled for 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 446-5545.

Cornwall-on-Hudson is hosting a free Hudson River Day celebration from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at Donahue Memorial Park that is

The flotilla is scheduled to travel past West Point around 4 p.m. Sunday. Go find a place with a river view and watch.

scheduled to include children's environmental workshops, historical exhibitions, boat making, music and a spot to watch the flotilla in the late afternoon. Bus transportation to the river is available from the Village Hall and middle school parking lots.

For more information, call 534-9367. River Day celebrations are scheduled all day Sunday in nearby Newburgh. Art exhibits, historical reenactments and performers such as storytellers and singers are scheduled throughout the day at the waterfront. Motorcycle enthusiasts may participate in a ride with the Orange County Choppers from their headquarters on Martin Luther King Boulevard to the waterfront. For more information about these events, visit www.cityofnewburgh-ny.gov.

The commemorations will continue throughout the summer at West Point. A three-panel display featuring wildlife of the Hudson Valley currently is available for viewing at the West Point Visitors Center. The exhibit is based on the journal of Robert Juet, the first mate of the Half Moon.

The West Point Museum has a special exhibit on display through Aug. 30 featuring the arms and armor of the period in which the Hudson River was discovered. The exhibit is located in the museum's foyer and can be seen 10:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m. daily.

West Point will celebrate another era in history June 14 when 55 Model T's park on post. The cars are recreating the 1909 race from New York to Seattle, a contest run by the

Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, a world's fair. West Point is the first stop on the race, and the West Point community can see the cars at 4 p.m. June 14 at Trophy Point. The first stop on the original race was Poughkeepsie. The winner of the 1909 race, the Ford Model T, took 20 days and 52 minutes—after a few problems with quicksand and fuel tank fires—to complete the course.

The West Point Band is planning a special concert in honor of the Quadracentennial at 7:30 p.m. June 21 at the Trophy Point Amphitheatre. Conducting will be 1st Lt. Dae Kim. The band plans to perform the original "1609: The Half Moon Makes Weigh" composed by Master Sgt. Douglas Richard. The music tells the tale of Hudson's voyage. Also planned are Wagner's "The Flying Dutchman Overture," Kessler's "Hudson River Rhapsody," Tartini's "Concerto in D" and a medley of songs by the Andrews Sisters. There is no charge to attend.

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A Reader's Guide to the Economic Crisis

The fifth and final installment of a multi-part series about the economic crisis and what it means, including suggestions from some of the West Point community's subject matter experts.

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KACH provides H1N1 flu update

West Point Community Members,

We have our first confirmed case of H1N1. It's the case I wrote about last week in an e-mail message to everyone at West Point.

We can't tell you any more about that person without violating privacy laws, but that patient is OK and is already feeling much better.

Thus far we haven't even seen an upswing in overall respiratory illness, but we do now have five other patients who have Type A flu that we assume is H1N1. So while it's here, the number of cases is small.

Next, this doesn't really change anything. We've known for some time that the virus was definitely around the state and probably in our community. H1N1 is less aggressive than seasonal flu, so our chances of getting the flu now are less than they will be in November. If we do get it, our chances of getting really sick are less than they will be in November.

All of us need to be aware that H1N1 is in our community, and need to take reasonable precautions. But there's no reason to get excited—this just reinforces the need for good personal hygiene, particularly washing your hands.

To reiterate what I have told you previously, here are the recommended actions:

- Wash your hands with soap and warm water. Cold water is not as effective for killing germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Use a tissue to cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze, or cough or sneeze into your elbow/sleeve rather than your hand.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Those with flu-like symptoms should stay home from school, social gatherings and work when possible. Per CPAC, supervisors will administer leave for government civilian employees as usual—this may change as the threat rises. They will not be granted more than three days sick leave without medical documentation. And only Occupational Health can determine if an employee should be forced to stay home.

Please don't come to the emergency room or the clinic if you are only mildly or moderately ill. You don't want to pass your illness on to someone else, but we also don't want you to get sick/sicker by coming to the ER or clinic.

That said, we absolutely want to see you in the clinic or the ER if you:

- have a fever higher than 100.4 Fahrenheit;
- have difficulty breathing;
- have pain with breathing;
- have trouble staying hydrated (haven't urinated in more than eight hours, or get light headed when you stand up);
- have any other concerns that you feel are serious. The symptoms we have seen in the six patients with flu are primarily fever and aches.

We will continue to keep you informed.

Thanks . . . and wash your hands.

Michael Deaton, M.D.
Colonel, Medical Corps
Academy Surgeon and Keller Army Community Hospital Commander

Title 10 law changes; adds paternity leave

Compiled by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

On Oct. 14, former President George W. Bush signed the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2009 causing changes in Title 10, Leave and Liberty procedures.

The law now allows 10 days of non-chargeable paternity leave to married male Soldiers on active duty who are new fathers.

The paternity leave does not apply to fathers of children out of wedlock.

Title 10 (leave and liberty procedures) in conjunction with Title 32, which applies to active Guard and Reserve servicemembers, says servicemembers whose wife give birth to a child on or after Oct. 14 can be granted paternity leave as a non-chargeable administrative absence, which can be granted in conjunction with other authorized leave.

"It was nice not to have to spend accrued leave to spend the time with my wife and new baby," said Spc. Steve Christiansen, whose daughter was born Jan. 5. "(I was able) to assist with all the things that go along with a new infant. I don't think that 10 days is enough. My wife didn't have a c-section, but for those Soldiers whose wives do, they (wives) can be laid up in bed for two-four weeks depending on how they are healing."

Paternity leave may not exceed 10 days and must be taken consecutively and within 45 days of a child's birth. Deployed Soldiers have 60 days after returning from deployment to take advantage of the 10-day leave. Leave will not be available if not taken within this time frame.

Soldiers who were charged annual leave after the birth of a child after Oct. 14 but before the Army Guidance was released may request that the 10 days of annual leave be restored or credited, according to ALARACT 062/2009 Army Guidance for Paternity Leave.

Soldiers who wish to be credited will need to provide documentation, such as a DA form 31 or the leave and earnings statement showing they were charged.

The paternity leave act was written by U.S. Rep Duncan L. Hunter, R.-Calif., the chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, in 2008.

The U.S. Senate Armed Forces Committee began a push for paternity leave for up to three weeks in May 2008. The 10-day leave was the result of a compromise between the House and Senate. For more information about leave and liberty procedures go to www.army1.army.mil/.

Complete the RCI residential survey

Family housing residents need to submit their Dept. of Army survey (on-post) if they have not done so already. The surveys are still being accepted.

Participation of all Family housing residents will result in a more accurate picture of current housing conditions and measure resident satisfaction. The results will also be compared with surveys done in 2007 and 2008 before the Residential Communities Initiative takeover and future surveys to measure the effectiveness of changes in policies and programs to improve resident satisfaction.

All input will help DA and the RCI office continue to improve the program. Take this opportunity to help make a difference.

Copies of the survey are available at the RCI office, Spellman Hall, Bldg. 2101, fourth floor, Rm. 4-7. For more information, call Eileen Kaczkin at 938-2500.

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Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

Rules: Fill in the empty cells with the digits 1-9 so that no

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Difficulty: Easy

digit appears twice in the same row, column, or 3-by-3 box.

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SHARP

The members of the Sexual Harrassment/Assault Response and Prevention program are Col. Jeanette McMahon, Shelley Ariosto (Garrison), Dan Toohey (Victim Advocate), Maj. Maria Burger (USCC), Capt. Vanara Nevels (ODIA) and Maj. Elizabeth Scioletti (Dean).

Community members can e-mail McMahon at Jeanette.McMahon@usma.edu for advice or to offer any recommendations on the program here.

Cadets also can call the sexual assault support helpline at (845) 591-7215. West Point Soldiers and civilians needing assistance can call (845) 938-3369.

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Experts: Economic road ahead could mean higher national debt

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A Reader's Guide to the Economic Crisis

(Editor's note: The Pointer View presents a special series about the current economic crisis, its causes, the impact it has on the world and possible solutions. The series contains interpretation of facts by experts and is not intended to be commentary about any political affiliation and does not necessarily reflect the official view of West Point, the U.S. Military Academy. This is the series' fifth and final story and discusses the economic future.)

**Story and photo by
Emily Tower
Staff Writer**

Ambitious counters who wish to tick off one dollar of the current national debt a second at a time need to have started three ice ages ago to finish by now—an awfully tricky task considering Homo sapiens didn't yet exist back then, according to scientists.

The bill owed by the United States currently sits at around \$11.3 trillion. Just to count a tenth of that total a dollar per second, you'd have to start thousands of years before the wheel was invented. One trillion seconds equals about 31,710 years.

To count a dollar per second of what some economists think the national debt could grow to after programs designed to stimulate the economy get added to the bill—\$42 trillion—you'd have to start about the time fire was discovered by what scientists call human ancestors 1.4 million years ago.

As hard-to-fathom as these figures are, they are fueling quite a debate about the fate of the American economy. Will the programs even work in the first place? How will adding to an already gargantuan national debt affect future generations? And what about the dreaded "I" word—inflation?

Currently, inflation is not as frightening as it could be, Maj. Travis Habhab, U.S. Military Academy finance and economics instructor and officer-in-charge of the Finance Investment Club, said, because salaries tend to increase along with prices.

Inflation, simply stated, is an increase in prices and is caused by an increased money supply. It sometimes is measured without including the price of energy or food because energy prices fluctuate so frequently and food prices are so dependant upon energy costs.

The national inflation rate in 2008 and so far this year is hardly measurable at less than 1 percent, Habhab said. The average inflation rate for several years before that was around 3 percent per year. For military personnel, annual salary increases have outpaced inflation for the last several years. Troops received a 3.9 percent pay raise Jan. 1. A proposed 2.9

percent salary increase is being considered for next year.

The economy currently is sagging because Americans are not spending as much money as they have in the past. To help solve the problem, the government attempts to increase consumer spending by increasing the money supply, which lowers interest rates. This increased money supply typically sparks inflation.

"As the economy starts getting better, inflation can become a problem instead of recession," Habhab said. "Inflation could be a sign when the recession starts going away, or it could be a sign the economy is having different problems."

Habhab does not expect inflation to cause problems in the American economy. Just as lowering interest rates can lead to inflation, raising them can help control inflation. Inflation becomes problematic when prices significantly rise more quickly than salaries, he said. An example is last year's gas prices that peaked at a record national average of \$4.11 a gallon for regular, according to AAA. In New York, gas prices hit as high as an average of \$4.31 for regular—also a record.

"Gas prices last summer rose so quickly, paychecks didn't keep up," Habhab said. "So, each Family had to look at how much driving they wanted to do, whether they should carpool, that kind of thing."

Gas prices have fallen since then and currently sit at an average of \$2.48 for regular in New York, according to AAA. That's an average of 28 cents more than a month ago. Though higher gas prices can cause a pinch in the wallet, they could be a sign the economy is improving, Habhab said.

"As consumers buy more goods and the demand for products increases, there is more demand for transportation (and oil), which increases gas prices," Habhab said.

"As there is more demand for products, there is more demand for transportation," Habhab said.

Other signs the economy could be improving include an increase in housing prices, expanding businesses and several months of steady increase on the stock market. An increase in new businesses being listed on stock exchanges also could be a sign of an improved economy, Marshall Carter, chairman of the board of directors of the New York Stock Exchange Group and USMA class of 1962, said during a spring visit to West Point.

"The real key of knowing when we might be getting out of this is when it goes from a trader's market to an investor's market," Carter said, explaining today's market suits traders rather than investors trying to grow wealth. "You'll know it's an investor's market when there is a backlog of (new business stock) coming on the market and when we start to see the gains stick."

The stock market has been steadily increasing for the last



Marshall Carter, chairman of the board of directors of the New York Stock Exchange Group, discusses his theories for the causes of the recession and his view of the future during a U.S. Military Academy faculty briefing in Lincoln Hall. Carter, USMA class of 1962, visited West Point to address USMA faculty and cadets in late March.

two months.

"Whether stock prices will continue to rise or not, I'm not really sure," Habhab said. "It's a sign the economy is not getting worse, not necessarily that it's getting better."

One negative trend that could continue even as the economy improves is unemployment, Habhab said. Unemployment in the United States currently is about 9 percent—an increase over the 5.8 percent this time last year. Some economists fear unemployment could increase to as much as 10 percent before it improves because it takes time for businesses to recoup losses to a recession and begin recruiting new employees, Habhab said.

To help speed that process, a collection of legislation known as the stimulus package has been put into place. The

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Charitable fund established for fire victims

On May 18, a fire in Highland Falls destroyed the apartments of six West Point civilian employees.

A fire victims' fund has been established at the Village Hall. The hall is accepting checks and money orders payable to Brennan's Way Fire Fund for the victims through June 30.

Call 446-3400 for more information.

The Most Holy Innocence Episcopal Church on Main Street in Highland Falls will also accept household goods and clothing for the victims at their thrift shop.

Call 446-2197 for more information.

Those wishing to support with donations of clothing, household goods, etc. can drop off items from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursdays and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays.

Project Warrior makes changes to '62 weight room

By 2nd Lt. Chris Villarreal
Class of 2009

Last semester, a cadet had the opportunity to align an academic requirement with a need at the U.S. Military Academy.

The Class of 1962 supported a large scale Dept. of Civil and Mechanical Engineering CE489 cadet project called Project Warrior that produced a facility to allow cadets the space they need to better train in the '62 Weight Room in Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center.

It was the catalyst that brought people from all corners of the West Point community together to create a space for cadets to train at the leading edge of fitness.

Functional fitness, a growing trend among the Corps of Cadets and Army units and also referred to as CrossFit training, focuses on increasing work capacity across a broad range of time and fitness domains.

It mixes Olympic weight lifting, gymnastics, rowing, kettle bells, sprinting, body weight movements, endurance running and plyometrics to prepare athletes to handle any physical situation. Exposing cadets to functional fitness training while at West Point will enable them to bring this knowledge to their units and incorporate it into their platoons' physical training plans.

The project initially began as an idea between cadets and Maj. James Maxwell and Dan Blackmon, Dept. of Military Instruction, in the fall semester of 2008. Each Friday at 5:30 a.m., more than 100 cadets and some officers showed up for a group CrossFit workout in Arvin or at the River Courts. Members of this group then began to meet every weekday morning for a CrossFit workout.

Eventually, the group increased in size and needed more space. At the same time, Arvin was battling interior damages because cadets brought weights into the hallways to work out because of a lack of space in the '62 Room.

Scuff marks and chips in the drywall appeared throughout the walkways as cadets began to workout in areas of the gym not designed for these activities. Many of these cadets were the ones doing functional fitness training because the current design of the weight room did not allow enough space to perform these exercises effectively.

By December, the Dept. of Physical Education recognized the need to create a functional fitness area, not only to protect Arvin, but to further enhance cadet physical development. With the help of Maj. Shawn Bault, the benefits and utility of introducing a functional fitness area in Arvin were outlined for the DPE staff. Maj. Adam Chalmers and CME embraced this opportunity to create a project that not only challenged the engineering ability of a cadet but also benefitted the academy.

The vision was to create an area that could support 40 cadets conducting functional fitness training all at one time. The room would consist of a cadet-designed and fabricated steel pull-up bar structure along with purchased equipment.

The first phase of the project involved constructing the steel pull-up bar apparatus capable of supporting 18 people at once. T

his involved considerable structural analysis and design



Several cadets use the completed pull up system in the functional fitness area of the '62 Room. The pull-up system should hold 18 people exercising at the same time. The angled outriggers allow cadets to execute "Flying Fran" exercises by launching themselves up to each successive bar. COURTESY PHOTO

to build a structure that could handle the dynamic load of multiple cadets working out concurrently. Cadets fabricated the structure with guidance from Rich Ellingsen, a certified welder and CME lab technician.

The Directorate of Information Management Fabrication Branch textured the bars on the pull-up structure with Mike Soffos and Robert Labrise donating a considerable amount of time guiding each 6-foot bar slowly through the lathe.

The second phase of the project involved selecting a location to house the pull-up bar structure and the rest of the equipment purchased through a private supplier and encompassed a considerable amount of project management to ensure that all functional requirements were filled and project deadlines were completed on time.

The Directorate of Public Works provided engineering, structural and building code consultation.

Working with project manager Tim Pillsworth, each possible location for the new area was inspected for its capability to support the project. Just like at any post, space at West Point is a precious commodity, and many options were considered before selecting the '62 Weight Room.

Scott Swanson from the Directorate of Intercollegiate

Athletics helped layout the new area with his knowledge of gym design and equipment selection.

The finished project created new opportunities for different workouts by cadets, and the planners did not want to detract from the existing room's utility by eliminating any current equipment. Spatial analysis was performed to ensure that none of the existing machines in the '62 Room would be moved out.

Project Warrior was supported by the Cadet Education and Travel Fund, which is sustained exclusively by alumni donations and endowments through AOG.

The Class of '62 and Lt. Col. Scott and Debra Wales financed the bulk of the equipment.

The new area is now equipped with medicine balls, kettle bells, barbells, rubber bumper plates, racks, rubber matting and other functional fitness equipment.

Cadets began using the space almost immediately and the response from the Corps was an overwhelmingly positive.

When everything is all said and done, the hope is this space will go far in preparing cadets to become better platoon leaders and fight the nation's wars.

R-Day rehearsal volunteers needed

*Volunteer to be a new
cadet for a day.*

The Corps of Cadets needs your help.

10 a.m.-1 p.m., June 26

Come see how the first day in the life of a cadet begins. Volunteers will go through the same motions as the incoming class, including inprocessing and interaction with the cadet leadership as they refine their leadership styles.

Help the cadet basic training cadre hone their leadership skills and volunteer to be a cadet for a day. Volunteers must be between the ages of 13-55 and able-bodied.

Upon completion of the rehearsal, light refreshments will be provided and personalized certificates awarded.

Lunch will not be provided, but snacks and water may be carried in your bag.

Volunteers must be at Eisenhower Hall, Crest Hall no later than 9:45 a.m. Parking is available at Eisenhower Hall, Gillis Field House and Buffalo Soldier Field.

The rehearsal begins promptly at 10 a.m. and ends about 1 p.m. Participants will be bused from Eisenhower Hall through the Cadet Central Area during the rehearsal. At the conclusion of the event, transportation will be available to take participants back to Eisenhower Hall.

Dress comfortably in proper seasonal attire and bring one piece of luggage or a duffel bag, marked with your name, to simulate that of a cadet candidate reporting.

All vehicles that do not have a DOD sticker must enter through Thayer or Stony Lonesome gates.

Plan to arrive early for security searches. All personnel 16 and older must have valid photo identification in their possession at all times.

To register, go to www.usma.edu/uscc/ or call Yolene Carey or the USCC administrative staff at 938-3772/4405.

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point of the stimulus package is to strengthen the economy by increasing spending. Part of the stimulus package is designed to help consumers spend more money. Another part involves increased spending by the government including billions of dollars in infrastructure improvements, extra law enforcement and education, among other things.

The estimated bill authorized by Congress for the stimulus package is around \$800 billion. Several state governments have argued the package will cost trillions in lost revenue over time. Federal taxes were lowered in March to help workers keep more of their paycheck in hopes the extra money would be spent and help stimulate the economy. For most workers, state withholdings automatically were lowered along with federal withholdings, meaning a loss of revenue for federal and state governments. This could mean big debt.

"To spend this much money, you have to get it from somewhere," Maj. Carl Wojtaszek, a USMA economics instructor, said. "When you are spending a lot more money than you are taking in, you have to borrow the rest. The government will have to pay the money back either through a tax increase or by decreasing the size of government in order to have tax revenue to pay down the debt."

The problem is if taxes increase, paychecks often do not increase to make up the difference, unlike with inflation, Wojtaszek said. But, he doesn't expect a significant tax increase any time soon.

"Nobody wants to pay more taxes, so (lawmakers) tend to put the burden on people who can't vote (future generations)," Wojtaszek said.

He cited Social Security as an example. The first recipients of Social Security did not pay into it, and the program likely won't be stopped because people who have paid into it will expect to receive from their investment.

But, there is no indication any increase in taxes will necessarily take place at all. Debt can be paid by using other debt, much like using one credit card to pay off another. The current \$11 trillion national debt is manageable, in theory, because \$14 trillion worth of goods and services are produced within the United States annually, Wojtaszek said.

And the fact the debt exists is a good sign.

"In theory, (national) debt is not a bad thing," Maj. Joe Kim, a USMA economics instructor, said. "Someone is still lending the money. Other countries have faith our economy will remain intact."

American spending habits have changed since World War II, leaving the national savings rate at 1-3 percent, Wojtaszek said. Unlike in generations past when national debt was funded by Americans through bonds and other programs, current bills are paid by borrowing money from banks and other countries. But, turning to other countries for financial relief creates a litmus test of U.S. economic health.

"Foreign buyers feel it is safer to put their money in our economy than in their own country," Wojtaszek said. "The question is when does the debt become so big, people lose faith and don't want to lend us money?"

Habhab said there needs to be a focus on reducing debt, but for now, the debt that would take eons to count dollar by dollar still "is not an issue of an end to the American economy."

Post historian hands job over to West Point notable's relative

Story and photo by
Emily Tower
Staff Writer

Pick a corner at West Point. Any one will do. Or a U.S. Military Academy class or notable. Chances are Stephen Grove can spin a tale about it.

Thirty years as the post historian has given Grove quite a perspective on the place. Through leading hundreds of tours, collecting thousands of news clippings and conducting dozens of interviews, Grove has learned just about everything there is to know about one of the Army's oldest posts and the people who have studied and served here.

But what he will do now that he has retired from West Point remains a mystery.

Sure, he has some things to fill his time. He's got a few tours left to give in June. His 15-year-old Shih Tzu is getting on in years and requires regular acupuncture treatments. He imagines his wife might come up with a few projects for him to do around the house until she retires at the end of the month.

Still, it will be tough no longer coming to the place that has consumed his days for the last three decades. He'll miss ordering his usual at Grant Hall—a chai latte with skim milk. He'll miss the quirky legends—largely historically inaccurate, of course—he hears while guiding tours of his beloved post.

But he laughs when he thinks about how it all began. He'd never set foot on West Point until he was hired, and that in itself was kind of an accident.

"I came to West Point as a result of a clerical error," Grove said.

Grove, who fancies political history, was in the midst of a one-year teaching slot at State University of New York-Brockport in 1976-77. He remembers the snow—all 100 inches of it dumped by a blizzard—while searching for his next job. He was looking through a variety of positions and thought the archivist job at West Point looked interesting. He was hired, but when he arrived at West Point, he learned of that infamous clerical error.

Someone else was offered the archivist job—a military veteran with hiring preference. Because of a mailing bobble, West Point had two people hired for the same job. So, Grove, who did not have the hiring preference, worked in archives for a couple of weeks until the veteran arrived. A few months later, the position of West Point historian was created, and Grove was the natural fit.

Since then, Grove has seen the first USMA class to include women graduate and interviewed most of the women in the class. He saw many return in 2006 to be honored on the 30th anniversary of women joining the Corps of Cadets. He enjoyed seeing the evolution of the corps.

"The women really went through verbal, emotional and psychological hell the first few years they were here," Grove said.

He also witnessed the USMA bicentennial in 2002 and was often relied on for fact checking of videos, exhibits and other things prepared to honor the academy's 200th anniversary. He helped check facts for the exhibit set up at the Smithsonian in Washington.

"This was a good time for the academy," Grove said. "It was a good time because Sept. 11 was the year before, so the nation was patriotic. Before then, the nation was critical of the academy because of the treatment of minorities and women."

But perhaps what Grove has enjoyed the most is learning



Stephen Grove, former West Point historian, pauses for a photo next to one of the U.S. Military Academy's most famous alumni, retired Gen. of the Army and former president Dwight D. Eisenhower.

some of the legends floating around about West Point. He took a Family named West on a tour once and learned generations of Wests believe the post got its name because their ancestors donated the land to the government upon which the post was built. Instead, West Point is so named because it is a point that juts out from the western bank of the Hudson River.

Grove has learned the main post flagpole near Trophy Point is rumored to have come from the Battleship Maine. Also not true. Gen. Robert E. Lee wasn't the only person in his class without demerits, contrary to legend. Gen. George Patton's statue was not formerly placed adjacent to the library because he never ventured inside as a cadet. That's one of Grove's favorite stories.

While Patton now looks over the Plain, he used to gaze into the Old Library before Jefferson Hall was built. The legend was Patton must never have gone inside the library because it took him five years to graduate from USMA.

"That's just not true," Grove said. "He had dyslexia and broke both of his arms at one point. George liked to read and was in the library all the time. But, that's why you have me around. There is a lot of misinformation, and I can help keep it straight."

Of all the things Grove has seen and studied at West Point, he'll miss the people he's met the most. He hopes they keep in touch.

"Some figure I'm just here like the furniture. I'm just

always here," Grove, who plans to stay around New Windsor, said. "But all good things must come to an end."

"It will be interesting to see how quickly I forget what I know," Grove continued with a laugh. "But as I look over my career, I can't think of anything I would have rather done."

Taking Grove's place as post historian is Sherman Fleek, who was the historian at Walter Reed Army Medical Center before coming to West Point last month.

West Point is a historian's dream, Fleek said, because of how old it is, the strategic importance in the Revolutionary War, the people who have come through the academy. Still, when the job came open, Fleek had to wonder whether his wife of 26 years would want to move yet again.

Fleek, a retired Army aviator, and his Family have moved 12 times. The five Fleek children were born in five different states.

But, Walter Reed was ordered to close under the Pentagon's 2005 Base Realignment and Closure plan. Fleek was going to have to find another job.

"I'm thrilled," Fleek said about making that move from the Washington area to New York. "It is the right time in my life. If one believes in God, as I do, there is a time and a reason for everything."

West Point's reason finally came up with the historian job. The post had beckoned twice before. Fleek was a tanker the first time West Point found him. He was asked to attend the Prep School. He declined the offer because he felt called to do missions work for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

A few years later, Fleek had been commissioned through ROTC and had earned a master's degree in history. USMA asked Fleek to teach history, but he declined because he had not yet had a command.

Before finally coming to West Point after working at Walter Reed, Fleek was the chief historian of the National Guard Bureau and command historian of the Iraq Project and Contracting Office in Arlington, Va.

Fleek, a native of Utah, blames his love of history on his father. Every time his Family took a trip, his father insisted on stopping at historic sites along their route. He often would recite historic ballads and poems, such as "Paul Revere's Ride" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

Though Fleek loved history from his childhood, it took him until he was 35 years old to decide what he wanted to do with his career.

He flew helicopters and fixed wing airplanes in the Army. But nothing was quite as satisfying as history, so after earning his master's degree, he began shaping his career around what he loved.

His hope as historian at West Point is to develop a command history program, which he said basically would be a source of information for a curious public; develop a public history program including brochures and films; document the collections in the historian's office to check for rare books or signed documents; and contribute to scholarly publications.

"It can be extremely boring history, but we love it," Fleek said, referring to the volumes upon volumes he will inspect as historian. "My kids say I love studying dead people."

Fleek hopes to make West Point history relevant to the American public. After all, one of those people he loves to study is a relative. Wesley Merritt, after whom Merritt Road is named, is a long, lost uncle of Fleek's. Merritt, USMA class of 1860, was superintendent of West Point from 1882-87.

He bases his philosophy of learning history on a statement attributed to British Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

"He said to be a truly educated person, you have to master two things," Fleek said. "You have master your native tongue, and you have to know the history of your people."

Military OneSource and the Defense Center of Excellence Outreach Center Help Line are available to Families and servicemembers

The Military OneSource crisis intervention hotline is a free phone and online service provided by the Department of Defense for active duty, Guard and Reserve servicemembers (including Individual Ready Reserve) and their Families with credentialed consultants who offer support and practical solutions 24 hours per day, seven days a week for phone and online consultations.

To contact Military OneSource, call (800) 342-9647 or go to www.militaryonesource.com.

The Defense Center of Excellence Outreach Center Help Line is also available 24 hours per day, seven days a week and is staffed by consultants who can serve as authoritative sources of information on psychological health and traumatic brain injury issues.

The center assists servicemembers, veterans and their Families gather information and connect with the agencies needed to promote resilience, recovery and reintegration.

For more information, call (866) 966-1020 or go to www.dcoe.health.mil/resources.aspx.

Keller staff uses new equipment during evacuation exercise

Submitted by
Keller Army Community
Hospital

Keller Army Community Hospital executed a complete evacuation drill May 21.

“This was a test of our emergency preparedness,” Lt. Col. Thomas A. Bell, deputy commander for administration, said. “We need to know and exercise the essential tasks for safely evacuating the hospital during an emergency.”

The drill also helped familiarize hospital staff with the newly purchased patient evacuation equipment—the Paraslide and the Stryker Stair Chair.

“This new equipment allows hospital staff members to evacuate patients throughout the hospital utilizing minimal manpower,” Hospital Safety Manager Rick Biehl said. “In most emergency situations, we don’t evacuate the hospital. Instead, fire doors and fire walls are designed to contain potential fires. We might move patients horizontally—but rarely would we expect to move all of them out of

the facility.”

The unannounced exercise started as a fire drill, and then progressed into an evacuation drill with volunteers portraying patients.

The drill tested the staff’s reaction as medics and nurses transferred these mock inpatients with evacuation litters (paraslides) and stair chairs.

They were evacuated from the third and fourth floors of the building, using the stairs, into the waiting ambulances.

The staff used the state-of-the-art evacuation equipment, new to KACH, that is specifically designed for this purpose.

The ambulances then transported the patients to the Youth Center gymnasium for holding.

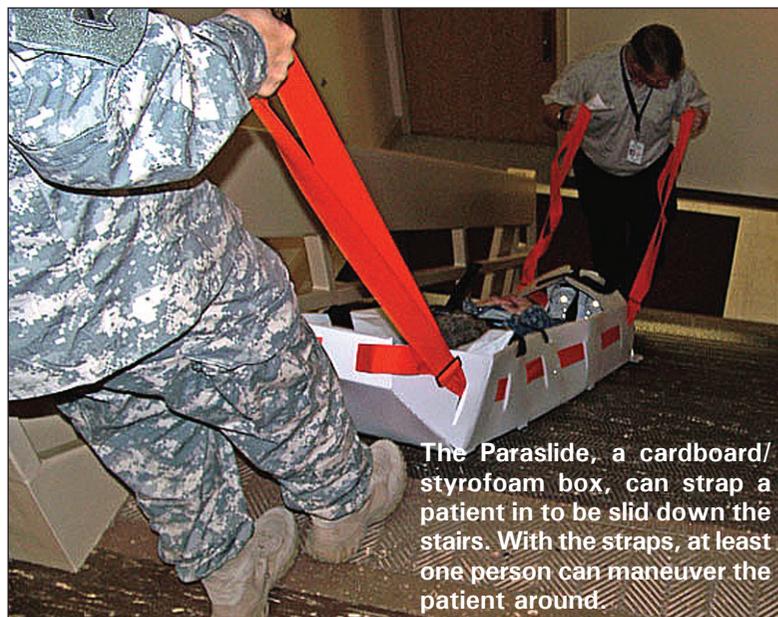
Five patients were moved to the center in less than 20 minutes and then prepared for transport to other locations.

Keller commander Col. Michael Deaton said, “We hope we will never have to evacuate patients, but we all rest easier knowing that we can do it if needed.”



Medic Staff Sgt. Jaime Leon (top) with the help of his medic partner move an “exercise patient” down the stairs during an evacuation drill May 21. The patient, Armando Baez, was transported in the Stryker Stair Chair, which helps maneuver patients up and down the stairs. The chair can hold up to 500 pounds.

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The Paraslide, a cardboard/styrofoam box, can strap a patient in to be slid down the stairs. With the straps, at least one person can maneuver the patient around.



The patients were transported from the hospital to the Youth Center gymnasium for holding during the evacuation drill. It took less than 20 minutes for them to be transported from the third and fourth floors of the hospital to the transport location.

Spring warmth brings bear sightings at West Point

By Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

It is spring and once again the annual black bear sightings are on the rise at West Point.

Black bears—the only species of bear found in New York—are probably on the prowl for food and have been reported in New Brick and Lee Housing areas.

Although black bears generally feed on plants, berries, fruits and, sometimes, on small animals if the opportunity presents itself, they do enjoy the occasional back-yard fare of garbage and leftovers. Grease on a grill is an especially pleasant aroma.

Bears generally mate every other year in late June or July and give birth in January or February.

Male cubs stay with their mothers for about two years and then are encouraged to find their own way during mating season.

Young males often travel many miles before locating an unoccupied area.

All this traveling increases the likelihood they will encounter civilization.

The bears that hang around West Point during the spring are generally 2-year-old males that have been given the boot by their mothers and are headed off in search for their own territory.

Bear traveling range is from 25-60 square miles for males and 6-20 square miles for females.

The young males can weigh 200-250 pounds, but can get up to 450-500 pounds as an adult. Adult females can weigh up to 400 pounds.

Young bears are opportunistic

and when tired and hungry from all that traveling, they will take advantage of easy food sources such as garbage cans, bird feeders, unattended pet food and barbecue grills and will stay there until the food source is gone.

They may keep checking the area for many weeks before moving on.

Black bears make people nervous, especially if they are in the back yard, but they are not aggressive and prefer avoiding humans if at all possible.

The good news is bears will have found their own territory generally by the end of July.

In the meantime, there are ways of discouraging bears coming into the yard and areas around the home, according to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/>

- Keep garbage can lids tightly closed. Garbage cans should be kept in the garage or a locked area until pick-up. Spray garbage cans lightly with ammonia or Lysol and clean frequently. Double bag garbage to reduce odors or place camphor discs in cans to mask odors. This will also help keep raccoons, skunks and opossums at bay;

- Keep bird feeders empty April through October. Most birds are not in need of food during the spring and summer months;

- Do not leave pet food outside;

- Do not leave a greasy barbecue grill sitting overnight after grilling. Turn the gas grill to high and let it cook for 15 minutes to burn off all of the grease. For charcoal grills, scrub clean with soap and water after the



Young bears, such as this bear shown above, are opportunistic and will take advantage of easy food sources such as garbage cans, bird feeders, unattended pet food and barbecue grills. The bears will stay until the food source is gone.

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grill has cooled down;

- Never put food out for bears. It is a violation of New York state law to feed bears and it also encourages bears to lose their fear of people, which can lead to more serious problems;

- Do not place meat scraps, fruit remnants or sweet materials in compost piles as bears are attracted to these items. Do not leave food scraps or spilled grease in the yard.

If you should see a bear in the yard, don't panic and do not

approach it.

Report the sighting to the Natural Resource Branch at 938-7122. If the bear is trapped, cornered or up a tree, call the MP desk at 938-3333.

TSP TICKER

JUNE share prices (as of 6/1)

C Fund —	+ 0.66	(11.0301)
S Fund —	+ 1.00	(13.5157)
I Fund —	+ 0.79	(15.7396)

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

3	9	5	6	1	7	2	8	4
6	1	2	5	4	8	3	7	9
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5	6	3	7	9	4	8	1	2
1	8	4	2	5	6	9	3	7

A Spouse's Point of View

Say You, Say Me...
By Janine Boldrin

Do you want to write the July and August "A Spouse's Point of View" column? Read on to find out the details...

Last July, I met with the editor of the Pointer View and asked her if I could do a column about living as a spouse on West Point. I had been writing creative nonfiction pieces for anthologies and gift books—mostly feel good stuff about being a mom, the impact of cancer on Families and stories about my life as a military spouse. But I looked forward to writing a column.

One of the first e-mails I received from a reader of this column said, "I believe in the power of the press." And I agree. I believe that the written word is a powerful thing. Your words may land squarely on someone's last nerve or cause someone to have their first chuckle of the day. As you send your thoughts out into the world, you can only hope for the best.

Ask Kristina Kaufmann about the power of the written word. Kaufmann, the wife of an active duty Army lieutenant colonel, wrote an opinion piece for "The Washington Post" on the demands being placed on military Families during this time of frequent deployments. It was called "Army Families Under Fire."

Kaufmann said she took three months to write the piece because she had a sense of responsibility in

what she was writing about.

"If you're not willing to admit there is a problem, than it can't get fixed," she said.

Soon after the article was published, her e-mail was flooded with notes from spouses saying "hooah" for being brave enough to write what she wrote, civilians asking what they could do to help and people in positions of power who could make change happen. She also received a small number of e-mails disagreeing with her position.

Regardless of whether people agreed or disagreed with Kaufmann's commentary, the column got people talking about the stress our military Families face because of the rigors of deployments. The fact that it was written by someone so close to the issue gave the story legs.

In sharing a personal story or commentary, you reach out with the hope that your own experience will serve to lift a spirit or share a laugh, raise awareness about an issue or tell someone "you are not alone." Not everyone will agree with you because, of course, we do not all think alike. And that is something that should be celebrated.

If you would like to share your personal perspective on living on West Point, we are opening this column to guest columnists for the months of July and August. I look forward to hearing from other community members about their experiences.

Whether it be saying goodbye to West Point as you leave for a new

home or telling a story about an experience you have had here or a person you have met—pick a topic and share your perspective. The piece must be a true story based on West Point.

The Pointer View editor, Linda Mastin, will start accepting e-mailed submissions at pointerviewcontest@usma.edu upon publication of this column until June 22.

Please include your name, a one line bio, e-mail address, phone number and title of your column in the body of the e-mail.

Your column should be written in first person, approximately 500-650 words and be typed in a Microsoft Word document.

Please do not include any identifying information in the Word document beyond the title of your column as it will be forwarded on to me to make selections for the upcoming issues.

Two columnists will be notified by June 26 that their columns will be published. Don't worry about grammar or being a "great" writer. Everyone is welcome to submit.

I hope many of you will take this opportunity to write and share your experiences. Serious or silly, heartfelt or heartbreaking, historic or hardly noticed—write your story. We would love to hear it.

(Editor's note: Janine Boldrin is a writer, a mother and an Army spouse. Here e-mail is janineboldrin@gmail.com. Kristina Kaufmann's column, "Army Families Under Fire," was published May 11, 2009 in "The Washington Post.")

West Point Commissary has new look after reset

By Joanne Ruiz
West Point Commissary

The West Point Commissary reopened May 6 after a successful reset of the store.

New shelving was installed and items were located to create a customer-friendly product flow. This makes it easier to shop.

A number of customers have already commented on how much they like the new layout, claiming they have had a better shopping

experience.

The idea behind the reset is to bring convenience into the shopping experience.

To make the changes easier for customers to follow, aisle layout maps with an item listing on the back are available at the customer service desk.

Review the new locations at the generic aisle/item locators at <http://www.commissaries.com/stores/html/store.cfm?dodaac=HQCNE7>.

HOLIDAY HOURS 2009

Hours of Operation

Independence Day, July 4	8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Labor Day, Sept. 7	Closed
Columbus Day, Oct. 12	Closed
Veterans Day, Nov. 11	9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26	Closed
Christmas Eve, Dec. 24	9 a.m.-8 p.m.
Christmas Day, Dec. 25	Closed
New Year's Eve, Dec. 31	9 a.m.-8 p.m.

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Friday -- 17 Again, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday -- Fighting, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

June 12 -- Obsessed, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

June 13 -- Ghost of Girlfriends Past, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

June 18 -- Earth, PG, 7:30 p.m.

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT
WWW.AAFES.COM

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What's Happening

Traveling Wall

See the Traveling Wall Vietnam Memorial replica today-Sunday at the 2nd Aviation Detachment hangar at Stewart Airfield.

An opening ceremony is scheduled for 3 p.m. today, and remembrance ceremonies will take place four times each day between 8 a.m.-10 p.m.

The names of all veterans from New York honored on the Vietnam Memorial will be read.

For more information, visit www.rtnych3.com.

Bible study

The Protestant Women of the Chapel summer Bible study takes place at 7 p.m. Thursday nights at the Post Chapel on Biddle Loop.

The group will study "Believing God" by Beth Moore.

For more information or to receive a book for the study, contact Robin Meyer at 446-8798 or robinmeyer@hvc.rr.com.

D-Day/Gavin Ceremony

The Lt. Gen. James M. Gavin D-Day Memorial Ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Old Cadet Chapel located in the West Point Cemetery.

Participating in the ceremony will be Gavin Family members and members of the 82nd Airborne Division Association.

The West Point representative and chaplain for the ceremony is Maj. Carlos Huerta.

Other units supporting the ceremony include the West Point Military Police Company Honor Guard and a bugler from the West Point Band Hellcats.

The event is open to the public and former members of the 82nd Airborne Division are encouraged to attend.

Direct any questions to Dave

Brzywczy at 938-3614.

Harborcraft reservation lottery

The harborcraft reservation lottery process is underway.

Requests for nonofficial functions for Aug. 1-Oct. 25 will be accepted through the lottery.

Remaining dates following the lottery will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Sign-up for the lottery through June 21.

Sequence numbers will be released June 22, and available dates will be posted June 23. Selections and reservations will be taken June 24-26.

Any remaining dates will be made available July 6.

For more information or to sign-up, e-mail yr9594@usma.edu, call 938-3011/2137, fax 938-6855 or visit the South Dock, Bldg. 682.

Include name, rank/title, department, duty phone and home phone numbers.

Veterans tribute

The 10th annual Salute to Veterans Ride is scheduled for Sunday.

Motorcycle riders will leave the 2nd Aviation Detachment hangar at Stewart Airfield at 10:30 a.m. and will ride through West Point to Highland Falls for a memorial service and will return to the hangar to ride past the Traveling Wall Vietnam Memorial replica.

Music, speakers and a military vehicle and aircraft display are scheduled for after the ride.

Registration will be 8-10 a.m.

For more information, visit www.rtnych3.com.

Blood drive

Hudson Valley Blood Services and the Highland Falls Fire Department are hosting a blood

drive 9 a.m.-noon Saturday at the fire department, 9 Mountain Ave. Walk-ins are welcome.

To make an appointment or for more information, contact Kim Lee at 446-4221 or kim.lee@hffd.net.

Hudson River Day

The Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson will be celebrating Hudson River Day Saturday with music, arts and crafts and special programs at Donahue Memorial Park on the Hudson River.

Admission is free. For more information, call 534-9367.

Volkssport Club

The Volkssport Club of West Point will be walking in Hyde Park Sunday.

Registration begins at 10 a.m. at the Eveready Diner on Route 9 in Hyde Park.

A breakfast is scheduled for 9 a.m. Two walking trails will be provided.

The 13-kilometer trail goes from the Roosevelt home, museum and library to the Vanderbilt mansion through the woods and on village streets.

The six-kilometer trail does not go through the woods.

This qualifies for AVA programs America's Gardens, Authors and Literary Landmarks, Cemetery Stroll, Courthouses, Europe in the U.S.A., Firehouses, Historic Churches, Museums Railroad Heritage, Riverwalk America and U.S. Presidents.

For more information, call Joan Kimmel at 462-6845.

Summer Playground Fun

Protestant Women of the Chapel is hosting Summer Playground Fun at 9:30-11 a.m. Wednesdays throughout the summer.

West Point children are invited to attend.

The group will meet at the Five Star Inn Wednesday, Stony Lonesome II playground June 24, Grey Ghost playground July 1, Biddle Loop playground July 8, New Brick playground July 15, Lee Road playground July 22, West Point Elementary School playground July 29 and Biddle Loop playground Aug. 5.

Parents should bring water and sunblock for their children.

For more information, call Teki Snel at 446-5920 or twc8454465920@earthlink.net.

Alumni Golf Outing

The 16th annual Alumni Golf Outing is scheduled for June 11-13.

For more information, visit www.usma.edu/daa or call 938-3700/3024.

Retiree Council meeting

The quarterly West Point Retiree Council meeting is 9:30 a.m. June 20 at ACS, Bldg. 622.

The meeting is open to all military retirees, regardless of service, and spouses and widows or widowers of military retirees.

The council chairman is retired Brig. Gen. Bob Winzinger.

Contact Gail Reynolds at 938-4217 with any questions.

Vacation Bible school

Vacation Bible school is scheduled for 9 a.m.-noon June 15-19 at West Point Elementary School.

Registration forms are available at the Post Chapel Annex across the street from the Post Chapel.

Participants may pick up T-shirts and CDs 10 a.m.-noon Tuesday.

Volunteers still are needed to help with crafts, drama teaching, kitchen outdoor games, music, decorations and other activities.

For more information, contact

Melissa Prosperie at 859-4351 or mprosperie@hvc.rr.com.

Garrison award ceremony

The West Point community is invited to attend the garrison award ceremony at 3:30 p.m. June 24 at Eisenhower Hall's Crest Hall.

Volunteer facilitators needed

The Professional Military Ethic Education program of the Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic is looking for volunteer facilitators.

Lesson plans and resources are provided for each class, and preparatory sessions for facilitators are conducted one week before each class.

Classes take place one-three times per month during the Commandant's Hour, 12:50-1:45 p.m. For more information, contact Maj. Chad DeBos at 938-3028 or chad.debos@usma.edu.

Eagle Scout project

An Eagle Scout project is underway to salvage landscaping materials from Stony Lonesome I housing area after current residents move out.

West Point residents who would like landscaping timbers, fencing, patio pavers or plants or who would like to help with the project can contact Dax Gerber at eagledax1@hotmail.com.

West Point Boys Basketball Camp

The West Point Boys Basketball Camp takes place July 5-9 for boys ages 8-18.

Overnight and day slots are available.

For more information, contact Capt. Sean O'Keefe at 938-2419 or sean.okeefe@usma.edu.

Ask about military, staff and faculty discounts.

BBC LifeWorks events

June 1-17—Father-child look-alike photo contest

To enter the Father's Day look-alike contest, children in kindergarten-12th grade should drop off entries at 132 Bartlett Loop or e-mail jgellman@bbcgrp.com no later than June 17.

All pictures will be displayed and entered into a contest. Prizes will be awarded and winners will be notified by June 18.

June yard of the month

Balfour Beatty Communities will be judging homes in every neighborhood on neatness, presentation, effort and, most of all, curb appeal. A winner will be selected by June 30 and awarded \$25.

June 10-16—You made the grade program

Have children bring their report cards with a B or better to BBC and receive a prize coupon. Each student may receive one prize per report card.

June 12—Flag Day celebration

The Balfour Beatty Communities car will be driving around the community giving out stars, stripes and ice cream to everyone outside.

Listen for the bell in the afternoon as the car comes through each neighborhood.

DPW NOTES

Central Power Plant/Laundry Boiler Plant shutdown

To provide for annual safety and preventative maintenance and repair to the production and distribution and associated steam producing equipment, the Central Power Plant and the Laundry Boiler Plant steam production systems will be shut down.

Central Power Plant boilers will be shut down through June 12.

Laundry Boiler Plant boilers

and distribution system will be shut down through Wednesday.

A portable boiler was placed in Central Area before the shutdown to provide temporary steam for hot water, food preparation and air conditioning.

For more information, contact DPW Operations, 938-0300.

Stormwater management plan available for review

The West Point garrison's

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Stormwater Annual Report and the Stormwater Management Program Plan is available for public review at the DPW, Environmental Management Division Office, Bldg. 667, third floor and the DPW Internal Web site—<http://sodhpw/>.

Questions and comments about the West Point program should be directed to the Environmental Management Division at 938-8000.

Command Channel 8/23

June 4-11

Army Newswatch (broadcast times)
Thursday-Friday, Monday-Wednesday
8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

(broadcast times)
Thursday—7:30 p.m.
Friday—9 a.m.
Monday—2p.m.

2009 Dance Recital

June 11—10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

FMWR Blurbs

Teen strength training

An introduction to strength training class for teens is scheduled for 7-7:45 a.m. Monday-June 11 and June 15-18 at the MWR Fitness Center.

The class is open to teens ages 13 and older. To register, call 938-6490.

Brunch cruise

A brunch Hudson cruise is scheduled for 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sunday. A cash bar will be available.

For reservations, call the West Point Club at 446-5545.

Beginner's running group

A beginner's running group begins at 9 a.m. Monday at South Dock. Strollers are welcome.

Sign-up at the MWR Fitness Center or call Kristine Hays at 859-4965.

Museum Mile Festival

ITR is planning a trip to the Museum Mile Festival, New York City's biggest block party, Tuesday.

A van leaves West Point at 4 p.m. The 30th annual festival is scheduled to feature live bands, art in the street, entertainment and free admission to nine museums.

For more information, call 938-3601.

Defensive driving

A defensive driving class is scheduled for 6-9 p.m. June 13 at ACS, Bldg. 622.

To register, call the ITR office at 938-2401.

Ballroom dancing

Ballroom dancing is scheduled for noon-4

p.m. June 14 at the West Point Club's Grand Ballroom.

A summer luncheon buffet will be served.

For more information, call 446-5545.

Army birthday celebration

A cake cutting celebrating the Army's 234th birthday is scheduled for noon June 16 at the West Point Club's Grand Ballroom. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Army Ten-Miler

FMWR is sending a team of four active-duty Soldiers to Washington for the Army Ten-Miler Oct. 4.

For more information, contact Sheryle Miller by June 19 at 938-6497 or sheryle.miller@usma.edu.

Job interviews

Job interviews for all military Family members interested in employment with Occupations Inc. and Family Empowerment are being held June 18 at ACS, Bldg. 622.

Call 938-5658 to schedule an interview.

Teen workshop

A free workshop for teens about communication and teamwork skills for the workplace takes place at 3:15-4:15 p.m. June 23 at the Youth Center Technology Center, Bldg. 500.

Register at Bldg. 500 or call Employment Readiness at 938-5658/5653.

All students must have a current CYSS membership before registering for class.

Crisis line

The Military One Source Crisis Line

provides up to 12 free short-term counseling sessions.

For more information, call 1-800-342-9647 or 1-800-346-9188.

A Spanish line is available at 1-877-888-0727.

Information also can be found at www.militaryonesource.com.

Summer trips

For more information about summer trips and events upcoming at Youth Services, call 938-3727, visit www.westpointmwr.com or stop by Youth Services, Bldg. 500.

Morgan Farm

Pet kenneling is available at Morgan Farm. Openings also are available at the facility's summer riding camp.

Families of deployed Soldiers receive a discount.

For more information, call 938-3926.

Workshops

ACS Employment Readiness is offering workshops about starting a franchise at 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, secrets to resume success at 1:30-3 p.m. June 12 and dressing for success at 10-11:30 a.m. June 26.

All workshops will be held at ACS, Bldg. 622.

For more information, call 938-5658.

English classes

English Language Learners, an English as a second language class, meets 9-10:30 a.m. for beginners and 10:35 a.m.-12:15 p.m. for intermediate and advanced Tuesdays and Thursdays through July 2.

Free childcare is available.

For more information, call 938-3487.

Summer reading program

The West Point Post Library Summer Reading Program is scheduled for June 22-July 31 and is open to all West Point community children ages 3-12.

Register June 8-19 by stopping by the library or by calling 938-2974.

Instructor needed

A certified Les Mills body pump instructor is needed to work at the MWR Fitness Center.

If interested, contact Rita Tenuta at 938-6490 or 446-3630.

Triathlon training group

A women's triathlon training group will meet June 8-Aug. 30 to prepare for the Diamond Girl New York All-Women's Sprint Triathlon at Harriman State Park/Lake Sebago.

The group is led by Certified Personal Trainer Dana White.

For more information, including fee to participate, e-mail teamwhitefitness@gmail.com or call the FMWR Fitness Center at 938-6490.

Gymnastics day camp

The West Point Gymnastics Club is offering gymnastics day camp for children ages 7 and older July 6-10 and 13-17.

Camp times, fees and paperwork needed to participate can be found at www.westpointgymnasticsclub.com.

SKIES Instructional Program

CYSS SKIES Instructional Program Sessions are ongoing.

For more information, visit www.westpointmwr.com or call 938-3727/8893.

Keller Corner

Childbirth preparation classes

The next four-week series of childbirth preparation classes will be held from 6-8 p.m. July 7, 14, 21 and 28 at KACH second floor classroom.

Call OBU at 938-3210 to register.

KACH July closures

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed July 3 (Independence Day) and July 6 (training holiday).

The emergency room will remain open.

Third-party collection program

The third-party collection program is a congressionally mandated program that requires all medical treatment facilities to bill third-party payers for the cost of providing care to any beneficiary with private health insurance.

The money recovered goes directly back to the MTF that provided the service and is used to help improve patient care for all MTF beneficiaries. This may be in the form of equipment, supplies and other approved items or services.

If a beneficiary's private healthcare plan requires fulfillment of a deductible, the amount allowed for any claim

submitted by the MTF will be applied toward this deductible. This will ultimately save money for the beneficiaries if they later seeks healthcare services through a civilian provider.

Beneficiaries will not be responsible for copays and deductibles listed on the explanation of benefits received from the insurance company.

The MTF accepts the payment made by the insurance plan as payment in full. Private insurance is obligated to process claims as they would any other.

Premiums will not increase because of claims submitted to third-party payers.

Unlike automobile and homeowner insurance plans, rates are not affected by submitted claims.

If the patient is a Medicare beneficiary, the insurance plan may indicate on the EOB that they require a Medicare EOB before processing the claim from the MTF.

This indication is an inaccurate statement on the part of the insurance plan and is not in compliance with the Code of Federal Regulation (32 CFR) that provides guidance on how the insurance plans are to process these claims.

KACH will work with the insurance plan to notify them of this inaccuracy. Do not be alarmed by this statement because a rebilling is not necessary.

Baseball loses heartbreaker to Texas, earns two wins

By Bob Beretta
Athletic Communications

AUSTIN, Texas—Preston Clark blasted a game-winning grand slam with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning to cap a wild eight-run rally as No. 1 national seed Texas avoided a major upset by battling from behind to defeat Army 14-10 in a “championship” game of the Austin Regional Sunday at UFCU Disch-Falk Field.

The Longhorns, playing before a partisan home crowd of 7,034, entered the bottom of the ninth inning trailing 10-6 but rallied against Army pitchers Matt Fouch and Kevin McKague for the dramatic victory.

The comeback win ended Army’s magical run through the Austin Regional, two outs and one victory shy of reaching the NCAA’s Super Regional.

The Black Knights forced their way into the first regional final in school history earlier Sunday by ousting third-seeded Boston College from the competition with a hard fought 4-3 verdict. The Black Knights would have forced a second “championship” game Monday with a defeat of the Longhorns Sunday night.

“You have to congratulate The University of Texas,” Army head coach Joe Sottolano said. “The way they competed all night long, they didn’t give up. They scrapped and fought, and they came up with big hits when they needed to. Obviously, they are a team that is on a mission, and we tip our caps and wish them well.”

“On our side, I couldn’t ask for anything better in terms of the way we competed and the way we went about our business,” Sottolano added. “We’ve been waiting all weekend long for our offense to

show up and really perform. I kept saying we can hit, and I’m hoping that there’s nobody here who doesn’t believe that.”

Playing less than three hours after its emotional defeat of Boston College, Army raced out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning against Texas starter Taylor Jungman. Center fielder Andy Ernesto singled, advanced to third on shortstop Clint Moore’s double down the third-base line and scored on an RBI groundout to second base by designated hitter Joey Henshaw.

Moore moved to third on the play and scored moments later on a wild pitch. It marked only the second time all year that the Longhorns yielded a run at home in the first inning.

Texas scored three runs on three hits against Army starter Steve Cummings in the second inning. Brandon Belt doubled down the left-field line, Clark singled up the middle to chase home Belt, and Travis Tucker drove in two runs with an infield single.

Army responded with a pair of runs in the third inning to move back in front 4-3. The Black Knights loaded the bases against Jungman on a leadoff single by catcher J.T. Watkins, a single by Ernesto and a walk by Moore. Henshaw then drew a walk to force in the first run of the inning. McKague’s RBI groundout delivered Ernesto with the second run of the stanza.

The Black Knights (36-21) stretched their cushion to 6-3 in the fourth as right fielder Kyle Fleming walked, advanced to third on a single by Watkins and scored on a single to left field by second baseman Zach Price that chased Jungman. Moore’s RBI groundout provided Army with a three-run cushion.

A run-scoring single by Belt in the fifth inched the Longhorns



Designated hitter Joey Henshaw broke Army season records over the weekend for home runs (13) and runs batted in (75), and finished the year with 80 hits, which is second all-time in Army baseball history. Henshaw hit two home runs and added eight RBIs in four regional games.

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to within 6-4. Army reliever Tyler Anderegg, who tossed 1 1/3 innings of perfect relief against Boston College earlier in the day, bailed Cummings out of trouble later in the fifth, avoiding further damage after entering the game with runners at second and third and one out.

Anderegg left the bases full by retiring Clark on a slow roller in front of home plate and striking out Cameron Rupp to end the uprising.

Army tacked on a run in the seventh as McKague ripped a triple to the gap in right-center field and left fielder Ben Koenigsfeld smacked a run-scoring single to center field. A two-run home run by Texas outfielder Kevin Keyes, after Clark reached on an error to open the inning, carried the Longhorns to within 7-6 in the bottom of the seventh.

The Black Knights appeared to blow the game open in the top of the eighth as Watkins was hit by a pitch and Moore smashed a blistering line-drive home run over the left-center field wall against Kendal Carrillo.

Henshaw followed with a monstrous home run to straightaway center field against Carrillo. The massive solo blast, only the 40th homer to ever clear the 50-foot batter’s eye in center field at Disch-Falk Field, built Army’s lead to 10-6. Henshaw also broke Army’s single season school record for home runs with his 13th round-tripper of the season.

After Fouch worked a scoreless

eighth inning, Texas (44-13-1) mounted its final assault in the ninth. Keyes drew a leadoff walk, Rupp singled to right field and pinch-hitter Tant Shepherd hit a slow roller to short that went for an infield hit, loading the bases. David Hernandez’s RBI grounder brought home Keyes with the first run of the inning and Travis Tucker walked to re-load the bases. Brandon Loy then tied the score with a bases-clearing double off the left-center field wall.

McKague, who saved Army’s win over Boston College earlier in the day, relieved Fouch and issued consecutive walks to Michael Torres and Belt to load the bases once again. Clark then lined his walk-off grand slam just inside the left-field foul pole to end the game.

“I think the finish wouldn’t have been nearly as exciting if it hadn’t been for the tremendous, competitive play of Army,” Texas head coach Augie Garrido said. “They set that up with outstanding effort. They hit the ball hard. They hit it far. They hit it often. They hit it off the ground. They hit it when it was in the air. They hit it off the fence. They hit it over the fence. They really did a great job this game. We’re fortunate to win and it was a dramatic win.”

Fouch, who suffered the loss to Texas across seven solid innings during May 29’s 3-1 first-round setback, was tagged with the loss again Sunday. He was touched for five runs on three hits over 1 1/3 innings out of the Black Knights’

bullpen.

Ernesto went 3-for-5 with two runs scored, while Price, Moore, McKague, Koenigsfeld and Watkins finished with two hits each to lead Army’s 14-hit showing at the plate. Moore and Henshaw registered three runs batted in apiece, while Watkins scored three runs as Army became only the second team this year to reach double figures in runs against the nation’s top pitching staff.

Despite falling just short of forcing a one-game playoff for the Austin Regional championship, Army enjoyed arguably its finest season in school history. The Black Knights notched two wins in regional play for the first time in school history and fell just three wins shy of the single season school record for victories established in 2005.

“We obviously knew when we came down here that people would respect us because of what these gentlemen wear across their chest,” Sottolano said. “That certainly commands respect. But each and every one of these individuals that leaves this field wants to be remembered as a great baseball player and a great team.”

“And I hope when this is done and when we leave, people just don’t look at this as a great effort. I want them to realize this is a very good Army team and these guys can play,” he added. “They represent everything that’s right in this country, and I’m privileged to be a part of that.”



Kevin McKague finished the NCAA Austin Regional with two multi-hit games, including a double and triple, and came in to save the Texas State and Boston College games as the team’s closer.

Krzyzewski among Army Sports HOF 2009 class

By Bob Beretta
Athletic Communications

Former Army men's basketball player and coach Mike Krzyzewski is among eight people who were chosen for induction into the Army Sports Hall of Fame, Athletics Director Kevin Anderson announced May 20.

Krzyzewski, who earned three letters as a player and then guided the team for five years, is joined in West Point's sixth induction class by Bill Carpenter (football), Ralph Chesnauskas (football and hockey), Tracy Hanlon (track and field and women's basketball), Ray Murphy (athletic director, lacrosse, basketball, football), Nicki Robbins (softball), Jack Rust (lacrosse) and Thomas Truxtun (lacrosse and men's soccer).

The honorees will be officially inducted into the Army Sports Hall of Fame Sept. 11. A special plaque unveiling ceremony will be held in the Kenna Hall of Army Sports inside Kimsey Center, with the formal black-tie hall of fame induction banquet set for Eisenhower Hall later that evening.

The group will also be recognized during Army's football game against Duke the next day at Michie Stadium. A special photograph and autograph session is planned on Black Knights Alley before the contest.

"The committee did a wonderful job of rewarding athletes and coaches who have made great contributions to Army athletics," Anderson said. "This class covers a wide spectrum of accomplishments, from a variety

of sports and eras, and we are looking forward to honoring this very deserving group."

The Army Sports Hall of Fame is a subset of the Kenna Hall of Army Sports, a comprehensive museum displaying Army's rich and proud intercollegiate athletic program. It is located on the third floor of the Kimsey Athletic Center, Army's football training facility.

The announcement of the Army Sports Hall of Fame class of 2009 marks the end of a lengthy process that began in the early spring. A 10-member selection committee representing athletic administrators, academic administrators, former West Point athletes, graduates and representatives from the Association of Graduates began the process of developing a workable list from the thousands of athletes, coaches and administrators who have represented the academy on the "fields of friendly strife." Only athletes who graduated from the academy and are five years removed from their playing and coaching days are eligible.

Once the selection committee finalized its recommended list, the names were forwarded to West Point's Athletic Committee for review and ratification before being passed on to Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck for final approval.

"We certainly owe a debt of gratitude to the selection committee and General Hagenbeck for all of their hard work so that we continue to recognize those who have made significant contributions to our athletics program," Anderson noted.

Ironically, Krzyzewski will be inducted the same weekend as the Army football team hosts Duke, a school that Krzyzewski has led to three national championships in basketball.

Krzyzewski, a 1969 graduate, was the team captain his firstie season and earned three letters while helping the squad to two trips to the National Invitational Tournament. He took over as head coach in 1975 and posted a 73-59 mark during his five-year tenure. Among the highlights of his time on the West Point sidelines was a trip to the NIT in 1978, Army's most recent berth in the prestigious tournament.

Krzyzewski departed Army for the head coaching

position at Duke in 1980. He won three national championships (1991, 1992 and 2001) and was enshrined into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame after winning his third title for the Blue Devils. He recently won his 800th career game and also led the U.S. Olympic men's basketball team to a gold medal at the 2008 Beijing Games.

Carpenter, a 1960 graduate, played three seasons of varsity football and earned national acclaim as the Black Knights' "Lonely End" when legendary coach Earl "Red" Blaik unveiled his innovative offensive alignment in 1958.

Carpenter, a first team All-America choice in 1959, graduated with an academy-record 65 career receptions, 20 more than previous standard-bearer and fellow Hall of Famer Glenn Davis (45). Carpenter became the first Army receiver to surpass 1,000 yards receiving with 1,044 yards during his tenure.

Carpenter, a captain of the 1959 squad, set a single-season yardage mark in his final season with 591 yards. He was inducted into the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame in 1982.

In 1966, Carpenter received the nation's second-highest military honor for gallantry and service in Vietnam.

Chesnauskas, a 1956 graduate, won the prestigious AAA Award following a stellar career that included six letters, three each in hockey and football.

On the gridiron, Chesnauskas was a guard who earned first-team All-American honors in 1954 and was selected to participate in the 1955 North-South Shrine Game. He was a part of 18 victories.

Chesnauskas, who served as hockey team captain as a firstie, netted four goals, added three assists and was part of 29 wins as a standout defenseman for Hall of Fame coach Jack Riley.

Hanlon also earned AAA honors, winning the award upon her graduation in 1984. She was a two-sport standout in indoor and outdoor track and field and women's basketball.

The record-setting Hanlon was a five-time All-American on the track, earning citations each of her four seasons, including two in her final campaign. She was the NCAA outdoor champion in the long jump in 1982 and still holds four academy records in the pentathlon, heptathlon, javelin and 100-meter hurdles. Hanlon, a team captain her senior season, graduated as the school-record holder in the 60-meter high hurdles.

On the hardwood, Hanlon earned two varsity letters and set a single-game record with 32 points against Fordham her yearling season. The mark currently lists as the school's eighth highest single-game total.

Murphy, a 1942 graduate, is being honored for his work as an administrator and as a nine-time



Mike Krzyzewski, class of 1969, was one of eight people chosen for induction into the Army Sports Hall of Fame in 2009. Krzyzewski earned three letters as a player while helping the squad to two National Invitational Tournament trips. As Army head basketball coach from 1975-80, he posted a 73-59 mark while leading the team to the 1978 NIT, which is still Army's last men's postseason berth.

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varsity letter winner. He earned three letters each in football, basketball and lacrosse while being named the AAA winner.

As a member of Army's football team, Murphy served as team captain his firstie season and started at guard on both sides of the ball. He helped the lacrosse team to a 23-6 mark, including three wins against Navy.

He served five campaigns as commander of II Field Force Artillery and as chief of staff of II Field Force in Vietnam before retiring as a major general in 1975.

Murphy was twice chosen to work as West Point's athletic director. His first stint as an administrator occurred from 1963-66 when Army compiled a winning percentage of .755. Among his hires was a young basketball coach, Robert Knight, who was among last year's inductees into the Army Sports Hall of Fame. Murphy was honored in 1967 with Sports Illustrated's "All-America" award.

The chief of staff of the Army singled out Murphy to direct Army's athletic program for a second time from 1977-80.

Robbins, a 2002 graduate, is among the most recent cadet-athletes to earn Hall of Fame recognition, and her softball accolades are the primary reason.

She was a three-time Patriot League Player of the Year, four-time Patriot League first team all-star, four-time first-team Mid-Atlantic Region all-star, 2002 Most Valuable Player of the Patriot League Tournament and a two-time ECAC first-team all-star.

Robbins led the country in doubles per game in 2001 (0.47), listed sixth in batting, 21st in slugging percentage and ranked as the 15th toughest player to strikeout in 2001. She was also ranked nationally in batting and doubles per game her senior season.

She closed out her Army career first in home runs, total bases, hits, walks, batting average, RBI, doubles, games played and at-bats while ranking second in runs and triples.

Rust, a 1949 graduate, was a four-year letter winner as a lacrosse goalie who earned three All-America citations.

A team co-captain as a firstie, Rust led Army to a 32-11-1 (.739) mark during his four seasons in goal and participated in the 1949 North-South All-Star game.

He stands fifth all-time in saves with 491, was named a first-team All-American in 1948 and was a second-team choice in 1947 and 1949.

Truxtun, a 1937 graduate, was a three-time letterwinner in both soccer and lacrosse and also served as team captain of both teams his senior season. He was the lacrosse team's first three-time first-team All-American and helped the squad to a 24-3-1 mark, including two wins against Navy. He was also a three-year starter for the soccer team and played for the plebe team in both sports.

Truxtun achieved the rank of lieutenant colonel before he was killed in action in the Philippines in 1945 and was posthumously inducted into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1970.



Nicki Robbins, class of 2002, finished her softball career first in home runs, batting average and runs batted in. JIM FOX/DCOMM