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SREHDing explosive hazards: New robotic system finds and destroys explosive threats

By Mark Schauer

Machines can be replaced, but people can't.

In combat, land mine and improvised explosive device (IED) clearance is a slow, painstaking, stressful job that physically and mentally drains Soldiers and military working dogs.

YPG has long had the expertise, facilities, and geographical features to test the most cutting-edge technologies to defeat this threat and remove Soldiers from harm's way. Technologies that seek out a variety of explosive hazards and IED components have matured in recent years to the point that semi-



YPG data collector Janet Chasse (left) observes as Spc. Melvinne Owino readies carriages that deliver a shaped explosive charge to detonate buried explosive threats as part of the Standoff Robotic Explosive Hazard Detection System (SREHD). Technologies that seek out a variety of explosive hazards and IED components have matured in recent years to the point that semi-autonomous robots can detect, mark, and even destroy buried threats. (Photo by Mark Schauer)

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The latest such system is called the Standoff Robotic Explosive Hazard Detection System (SREHD), and testing is currently underway at the proving ground.

"It's one of the few places in the country where we can really get a good evaluation of how the system performs against these varied threats," said Peter Strong, lead engineer. "YPG has lanes that are already planted with explosive targets that allows us to really test our sensors. There is varying terrain, vegetation,

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Cactus Café a cornerstone of the YPG community

By Mark Schauer

The Cactus Café, YPG's premier eating facility high atop a hill overlooking the Howard Cantonment Area, has been a community backdrop for decades, hosting everything from the typical worker's daily lunch, promotion ceremonies, and retirement

luncheons.

YPG visitors by the thousands have also enjoyed the restaurant's tasty food and cozy atmosphere.

"We've strived over the past 15 years to take the restaurants to a level that you don't feel like you're walking into a military restaurant," said Rick

Bessett, Family Morale Welfare and Recreation director. "We've worked really hard to make that happen."

Perhaps unnoticed by the workforce, however, was the gradual decrease in personnel over the ensuing years. While the staffing at the geographically spread-out post's

smaller eating establishments has remained about the same, the Cactus Café's has not.

"When I first got here, the staff was about 30 people," Bessett recalled. "We had five cooks, four or five

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dishwashers, an operations assistant, manager, assistant manager, an office manager, and 14 servers. We had a robust staff.”

Those that are still there tend to have been there for longer than is typically true in the restaurant industry. Sonia May, a server, has worked at the Cactus for the past 18 years.

“I like the people here, the customers and my co-workers,” said May of her longevity in the position. “That helps.”

“We’ve been very lucky,” said Bessett. “We have good employees. We take care of them like they are our family, and they stick around.”

The staff continuity is especially appreciated by Cactus regulars like Paul Kilanski, family advocacy program specialist, who frequently eats lunch there.

“I’m from a small town,” he said. “I’m used to walking into the restaurant and saying ‘give me the usual.’ They give you the same service here.”

Though YPG’s civilian workforce benefits from the existence of the Cactus Café, its primary purpose is to feed Soldiers. Training troops comprises about 10% of YPG’s

workload, and Soldiers also participate in operational testing of equipment under evaluation here. The Cactus Café is the only facility at YPG capable of preparing and cooking food for scores or hundreds of troops. If it closes, that capability leaves along with it, greatly diminishing the quality of life for Soldiers and Marines who train here.

“I spent 35 years in the private sector working in hotels and four and five star resorts, and I’ve never gotten as much gratification as I get working for the Soldiers,” said Bessett. “They are the most appreciative people I have ever taken care of in my entire life. They come in after 12 to 14 hours downrange, whether it is testing a combat vehicle or something else, and come back to hot chow instead of an MRE.”

Likewise, the rest of the Cactus Café staff feels a special affinity for men and women in uniform. May, for instance, is married to a former service member and has a son in the military.

“I’ve always appreciated the Soldiers, but do even more so now that one of my oldest boys is in the military now,” said May.

In fiscal year 2016, the Cactus Café closed the year with a budget deficit for the first time ever. The fiscal realities of the larger military budget mean the venerable restaurant



Cactus Café server Sonia May (left) brings “the usual” to Paul Kilanski, family advocacy program specialist, who frequently eats lunch there. YPG Soldiers, employees, and visitors have long enjoyed the restaurant’s tasty food and cozy atmosphere. (Photo by Mark Schauer)

will close if profitability is not restored this year. Luckily, the staff is confident that the support of the workforce, along with the return of events like “Right Arm Night” will increase business. Another new promotion attracting attention is “Passport Night,” where every Tuesday evening fare from a different nation of the world is served buffet-style.

“It’s the little stuff that will help us,” said Bessett. “We weren’t that far off. It’s a matter of black and red—if

we’re in the black, we’ll be good to go.”

The Cactus Café is accessible to the general public, and no reservations are required. Visitors to YPG only need to stop at YPG’s Visitor Control Center on Imperial Dam Road and show their driver’s license, vehicle registration, and proof of insurance to obtain a day pass for access to the restaurant. The Cactus Café is open for lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and dinner from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.



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Shoot'in the Breeze

There's still gold in them hills...

By David J. Horn

Everywhere you look around the Yuma area, you can see remnants of Yuma's mining past. From the abandoned mines to the rusty old ore cars in people's front yards, it's easy to see where in the hopes of striking it rich, a lot of people spent a lot of time rearranging a lot of rocks.

Although the most accessible gold was mined out years ago, when a friend of mine who is a recreational miner offered to take me and some friends out into the mountains to go prospecting for a day, I couldn't resist. I loaded up my trusty four wheel drive pickup with a pick axe and shovel, a gold pan, and a handheld GPS (because I didn't want to be another Lost Dutchman), and we headed out to what I suspected would be his second or third best mining spot.

The trip out into the desert reminded me of how you feel after buying that big lottery ticket. The anticipation! GOLD FEVER! How cool is it going to be, to go to that place where they buy gold and watch the expression on their faces when I plop down that baseball-size nugget on the counter! Anyway, after a lot of dusty miles and a new applique of Arizona pin striping on the sides of my truck, we arrived at the secret site.

The site was located in a remote wash that can only be identified as



somewhere in the mountains south of YPG. After my friend gave us his "Gold Mining 101" lesson, to include where to specifically look for gold within the terrain, how to operate his dry washing equipment, and proper panning techniques, we were off. I hadn't gone too far up the wash, when all of sudden...there it was! Just like that scene in the Clint Eastwood movie "Pale Rider", there

was a big rock stuck on an interesting gravel formation in the middle of the wash. I could only imagine the nuggets that had to be under that rock! I grabbed the pick axe and shovel and started digging, running the material through the dry washer.

Every so often, I took the concentrate from the dry washer over to the folks doing the final panning.

Hours went by. Curious people in little four-wheelers went by. Circling buzzards went by. I dug in front of the rock, around the rock, finally rolling the rock out of the way to get at all the material from several feet under the rock. Nothing. Not a speck. Nobody else in the group found any gold either. By late in the afternoon, my "office" hands and back were sore enough where I decided I was ready to take this gold mining experience and toss it in the "Been There, Done That"...pan. In fact, I was actually glad I didn't find any gold, because I just might have been crazy enough where I'd still be out there swinging that pick axe.

Anyway, looking back, it really was a lot of fun to learn a few things about gold prospecting. I would recommend however, that if you are looking for a hobby to get yourself out of the house and away from your spouse for the day, try fishing. I also suspect that sometime next weekend, in a remote wash somewhere in the mountains south of YPG, there will be a lot of people who rode in there on little four-wheelers, excitedly digging.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Department of the Army will add 28,000 soldiers to its ranks by Sept. 30, 2017, officials announced in late March. The troop increase was directed by the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.

“The Army is hiring. The added end strength will allow the Army to increase manning in its tactical units, enhancing overall readiness,” said Maj. Gen. Jason T. Evans, Director, Military Personnel Management. “The increased manning also provides additional promotion opportunities and retention incentives for our existing Soldiers and more opportunities for those who are fit, resilient and possess character who want to join the Army.”

Across the force, the active component end-strength authorization increased by 16,000 to 476,000; the Army National Guard increased by 8,000 to 343,000, and the Army Reserve increased by 4,000 to 199,000. This 28,000 increase means the total Army will number 1,018,000 Soldiers.

The Army will conduct a responsible increase with a focus on

quality; Soldiers who are resilient, fit and have character. The Army will use a variety of personnel management tools to meet the troop strength requirement, including enlisted accessions, recruitment, training, and retention along with officer accessions and retention. For example, the Army will raise its enlisted accessions mission to 68,500, an increase of 6,000 soldiers in the Active Component from the original mission through FY 17. Additionally, the Army will increase the enlisted retention mission to 17,500, an increase of 9,000 Soldiers in the Active Component from the original mission through FY 17.

With respect to officers, the Army will create additional accession and retention opportunities to increase officer strength by 1,000. And the Army will continue to leverage internal controls to increase retention of quality officers.

The increased manning of the Army will enable it to better meet the challenges of an ever-uncertain security environment, Evans said.

“We see a strong Army as a key factor in maintaining the security of the nation,” he said.

Safety corner

April Is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Driver distraction has become a growing concern in recent years. In 2014 alone, 3,179 people were killed and 431,000 more were injured in distracted driving crashes. Since 2007, young drivers (age 16-24) have been observed manipulating electronic devices at higher rates than older drivers. Ten percent of all drivers 16-19 years old, involved in fatal crashes were reported as distracted at the time of the crashes. Drivers in their 20’s are 23% of drivers in all fatal crashes, but are 67% of the distracted drivers, and 38% of the distracted drivers who were using cell phones in fatal crashes. The percentage of drivers text messaging or visibly manipulating hand held devices increase from 1.7% in 2013 to 2.2% in 2014.

The distraction.gov website has an array of information about the dangers of driver distraction, as well as tools to help combat this growing problem. There you will find facts and statistics, links to a decade of research, an interactive map that displays the distraction-related laws in each state, as well as regulations and enforcement information.

The site also includes tools for parents, educators, teens, employers and community groups:

- Downloadable pledge to help end distracted driving

- Sample legislation
- Downloadable brochure for parents
- Parent-teen driving contract
- Sample employer policy
- Public service announcement videos
- Posters for employers, parents/teens and law enforcement

As of Dec 2014, 169.3 billion text messages were sent in the (includes PR, the Territories, and Guam) every month. At any given daylight moment across America, approximately 660,000 drivers are using cell phones or manipulating electronic devices while driving, a number that has held steady since 2010.

Sending or receiving a text takes a driver’s eyes from the road for an average of five seconds, the equivalent – at 55 mph – of driving the length of a football field while blindfolded. Also, using a cell phone while driving whether it’s handheld or hands-free, delays a driver’s reactions as much as having a blood alcohol concentration at the legal limit of 0.08%.

The best way to end distracted driving is to get educated about the danger it poses. Please stop by the YPG Safety Office for information/resources on distracted driving, and always remember that at YPG, “Nobody Gets Hurt.”

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YPG puts best foot forward at Yuma Air Show



Over 20,000 people visited the 2017 Yuma Air Show, and YPG's static displays had a steady stream of eventgoers throughout the day. In the first photo, YPG Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Prosser helps a youngster try on a light version of his combat gear. Meanwhile in the adjacent sunshade, Scott Maxwell (right) spoke with thousands of visitors wanting an up close and personal view of the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter that supports a variety of test missions at the proving ground. Throughout the day, Airborne Test Force Soldiers let kids of all ages try on parachutes and other jumping gear, Heritage Center curator Bill Heidner displayed a collection of replica Army small arms of the 20th century, and the public affairs office staff greeted visitors and answered questions. Also at the show was a C27J cargo plane used to support the Military Freefall School at YPG. (Photos by Mark Schauer)



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and high weather extremes, but also on site are environmental chambers and other infrastructure we need.”

Improvised explosive devices have the bulk of popular awareness, but the danger of conventional mines to Soldiers remains as great as ever. Though the vast majority of the world’s nations have banned anti-personnel mines, over 30 countries have not signed the treaty to cease manufacture and use of the weapons. Additionally, many places in the world are contaminated by devices that are decades old. In Afghanistan, for example, United States forces contended with an estimated 10 million such legacy mines, as well as new devices placed by insurgents.

Whereas earlier robots had only a single camera and a five-jointed mechanical arm for interrogating threats, the SREHD boasts stereoscopic cameras that provide a Soldier a three dimensional representation of the terrain being scanned on a handheld computer device and sophisticated sensors that help them discriminate between threatening devices and innocuous pieces of debris. The SREHD



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methodically scans an area with consistency and marks a cleared trail with blue dye. If a threat is detected, the robot can spray an X on the ground to mark the spot.

“Not only do we mark with a very clear blue X, the marking is visible at night with night vision goggles,” said Strong.

Perhaps most importantly for

Soldiers, the SREHD can detonate a threat without the need for excavation or additional interrogation of the suspected explosive device. A Soldier instead uses the robot to carefully



Sgt. Joshua Grady, team leader, retracts the MRAP-mounted storage container of the SREHD-equipped Talon robot under test. During the current testing, Soldiers from the 92nd Engineering Battalion at Fort Stewart, Ga. operate the SREHD as they would in a route clearance convoy in combat areas. (Photos by Mark Schauer)



Data collector Jason Krizek observes the SREHD-equipped Talon robot under test. As Soldiers can use the SREHD’s controller remotely from a distance, during testing one data collector observes them from within an armored vehicle, while another follows alongside the robot.

place a shaped explosive charge over the threat, then remotely detonates it after having the SREHD retreat to a safe distance.

Rigorous evaluation at YPG in a rugged natural environment not only ensures the systems can successfully detect explosives, but also that they are robust enough to handle traversing rough, dusty terrain. During the current testing, Soldiers from the 92nd Engineering Battalion at Fort Stewart, Ga. operate the SREHD as they would in a route clearance convoy in combat areas, running the platforms down test lanes with handheld control units as data collectors stand by to record how the machine operated and where it identified a buried threat target. As Soldiers can use the controller remotely from a distance, one data collector observes them from within an armored vehicle, while another follows alongside the robot. By the time the testing is complete, hundreds of hours of data will have been collected.

"We take video of every run and can tell if it found or went around the targets," said Jesus Estrada,

test officer. "They run on primary, secondary, and off-road terrains for three hours, then come out to the lanes to do their missions."

In some portions of testing, the SREHD is placed in a conditioning temperature under various extremes of temperature and humidity, then put through its paces on the range.

Currently mounted on the existing Talon robot, the SREHD will likely be integrated into future systems. The degree of autonomy is likely to increase in the future, too, which project engineers welcome.

"There is a big misperception about the word autonomous: people think it is a self-governing vehicle that does whatever it wants to do," said Maj. Lendrick James, assistant product manager. "In fact, an operator always has control of the next step in where it will go. In the future, we need to embrace and leverage robotics and understand it can be used to help us."

"Autonomy is not there to take over for the human, it's there to supplement and maximize the human," added Strong. "Autonomy is part of our future, and will help us both on and off the battlefield."



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Nearly 150 students from six local high schools and Arizona Western College visited YPG in late March to participate in the proving ground's annual Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) Day. From left photo, clockwise, combat automotive test officer Jimmy Myers shows students a Mine Resistant Ambush Protected All-Terrain Vehicle tested extensively at YPG. At a gun position, project engineer Brett Bowman shares how quadrant elevation and velocity impact the range of a projectile as test officer Adam Rinne looks on. Immediately afterwards, test officer Mike Dickerson leads the students in a hands-on demonstration of the concept using a large sling shot to fire water balloons at a bullseye target. In addition to showing the students a variety of STEM-related positions at YPG, participating test officers also shared the varied life experiences that brought them into STEM careers: "I didn't have any type of STEM program when I was in school," said Noe Caro, test officer. "I was working in retail when I heard about the intern program at YPG and applied. I had no idea what types of work or careers offered that were available at the proving ground." (Photos by Teri Womack)



How violence in the family affects children

**Submitted by Paul J. Kilanski,
Family Advocacy Program
Specialist**

Family plays an important role in a child's development. It can have a positive effect on all parts of a child's life. Children in stable families are more likely to do well in school and have healthy relationships. But family violence affects children in many ways. The violence they witness at home affects their schoolwork and their relationships. They may also develop other problems, such as depression, anxiety and delinquency, which can last into adulthood.

Family violence is also called domestic violence. Or it may be called partner abuse or spouse abuse. Family violence can include physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, verbal abuse or financial abuse (withholding, stealing or controlling money.) Family violence may be against the partner or spouse, children or other household members.

No part of society is exempt. Family violence affects people of every social and economic status, ethnicity and national origin. But putting an emphasis on respect and safety in the family can help prevent and reduce family violence.

Families at risk need support. There may be more risk of family violence and child abuse when families struggle to make ends meet, include one or more adults who grew up in violent homes, live in a community with high rates of violence or have one or more adults who abuse alcohol or other drugs. In situations like these, abuse tends to become more frequent and severe if not stopped.

Children from violent homes

suffer many problems, including depression, fear anxiety and loss of hope for the future; social isolation, aggression and difficulty making friends; problems with physical health; school problems; violence and delinquency. They may continue to suffer as adults. Family violence endangers children who may get hurt during family violence, have their needs forgotten, be threatened. Children may be affected differently, depending on age and gender.

The keys to preventing abuse start with the family. Be a nurturing parent, learn healthy ways to deal with stress, help children feel loved and secure, seek help from family, friends or community resources when needed. Anger management is also important in reducing family violence and child abuse. Anger management involves being aware of anger triggers, learning about anger warning signs, finding ways to calm down and finding healthy ways to express anger. Parenting skills are important. Good parenting skills involve setting limits for children, making expectations realistic, using positive discipline, knowing when your child acts out and preparing for it, realizing that no family is "perfect" and knowing when to ask for help.

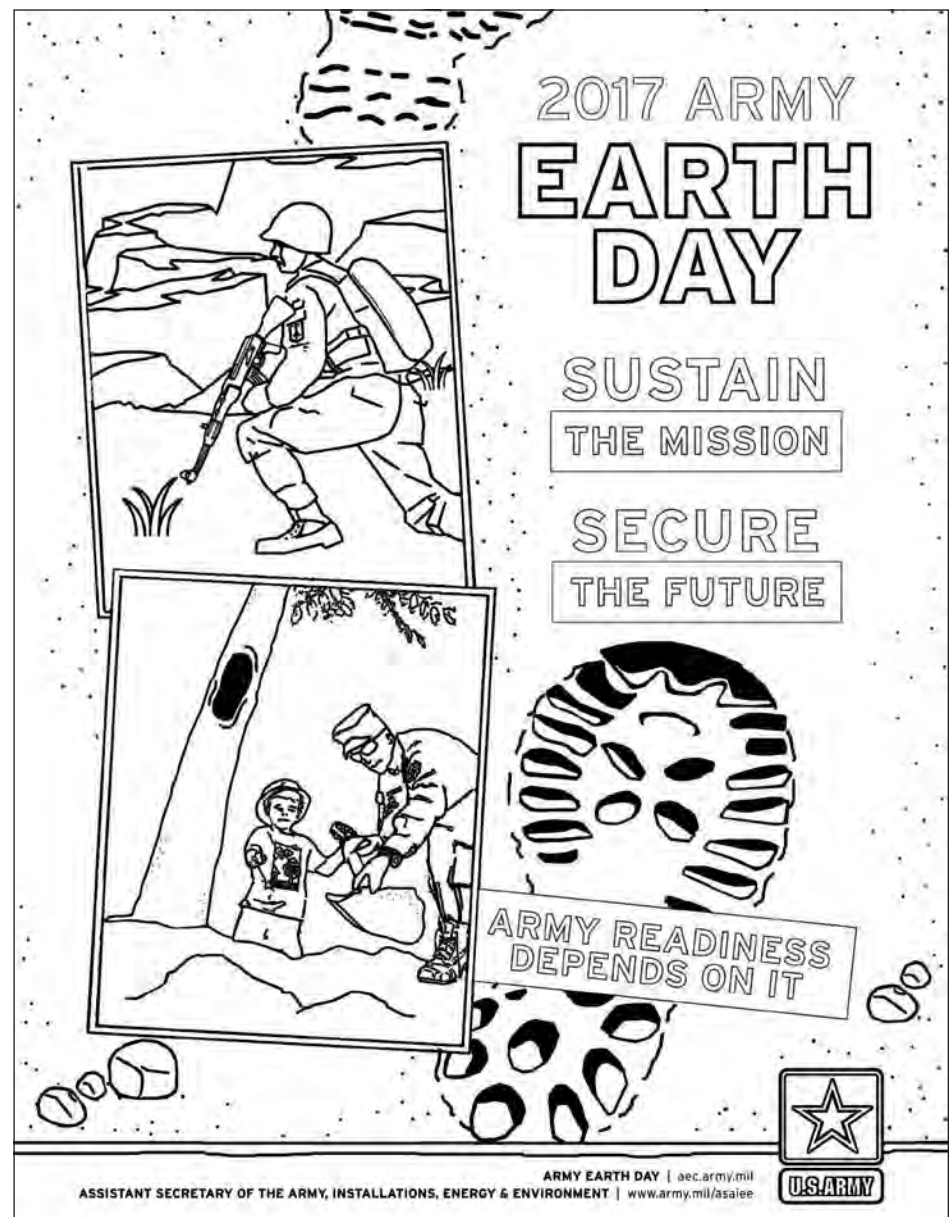
Community programs can help families. These may include parenting classes, programs to help parents make friends and meet neighbors, child care and early childhood education, school-based programs, emergency childcare, self-help groups and shelters. Support programs can help people who commit abuse. These may include counseling or services that deal with other concerns such as unemployment or mental health

issues affecting the abuse.

Children can learn to stay safe. Teach children to keep away from the fighting, get out of the house safely, know trusted adults to talk to, get to a neighbor's home or other safe place, know their name, address and phone number, call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number.

It's important for children to know that violence is never their fault,

violence by one partner against another is never OK, their job is to stay safe, not to stop the violence or try to protect the parent, they don't have to keep their feelings inside but should share their fear, anger or other feelings and it's OK to love both parents. Children need love and support from parents. Children who are loved and listened to can thrive despite witnessing violence.



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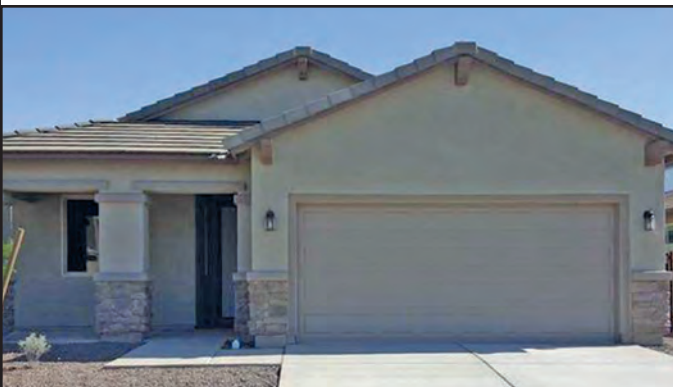
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YPG celebrates Women's History Month



About 80 members of the YPG workforce attended a luncheon at the Cactus Café in late March to celebrate women's contributions to history. From left photo, keynote speaker Chandra Olague, manufacturing and environmental executive at Republic Services, shared professional and life experiences in keeping with the luncheon's theme of "honoring trailblazing women who have paved the way for future generations." Also recognized at the luncheon was Isaac Randall, a student at Price Elementary School, for winning the school's Women in Science Technology Engineering and Math poster contest. Accompanied by his parents, he received a book about women in science from event committee chair Tina Manns and showed the audience his poster of Dr. Mae Jemison, a physician and astronaut who is the first African-American woman to travel in space. (Photos by Mark Schauer)



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