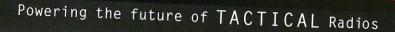
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18 Mile High School

The High Altitude Army Aviation Training Site may be a faint blip on the radar screen, but it enjoys praise from the few who have passed through its doors. This Army National Guard training outpost tucked in the Rockies offers a one-week "graduate-level training course" in power management techniques for helicopter pilots from all services. Pilots learn methods for operating aircraft in rugged, high-altitude environments—similar to those in Afghanistan, Bosnia and Kosovo.

24 Protecting the Pastime

Since Sept. 11, 2001, Civil Support Teams, or CSTs, have been on the front lines of protection, assisting law enforcement respond to potential weapons of mass destruction threats. During the World Series, CSTs were ensuring the safety of fans, testing for possible chemical and biological contamination. Established in 1998, the CSTs have become an important element in protecting U.S. citizens from terrorist threats.

26 On the Frontline

Although women are barred from combat arms units, three female soldiers—including two from the National Guard—travel regularly with the infantry in Afghanistan, helping search local women for weapons. The women meet an increased need to tread lightly on the Afghan population while still rooting out remnants of al-Qaeda and the Taliban.

28 Mixing it Up

Cope Snapper '02 pit four different—or "dissimilar"—fighter aircraft from the Air Guard and the Navy against each other in exercises over the Florida Keys. The action over the azure waters of the Gulf of Mexico was good training for pilots who will have to face dissimilar aircraft in combat. It also made for some outstanding pictures.

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