

Fort Knox guards may be replaced

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FORT KNOX, Ky. — The familiar white-gloved military police officers who direct traffic at the gates to Fort Knox may soon be replaced by civilians, the Army says.

The post said in a statement that the Army is considering turning over gate security duties along with supervision of the post's central alarm system to a San Antonio firm.

The post could save \$412,644 over a three-year period if International Business Investments Inc. takes over those MP duties as planned, the post said.

Other post law enforcement duties will still be handled by MPs and Treasury Department guards will remain in charge of security at the U.S. Gold Depository located on Bullion Boulevard at Fort Knox.

The Army said it would decide whether to proceed with the plan to turn over some MP duties to civilians after considering any objections to the proposal. The move could be made as early as Nov. 1 and would affect 26 soldiers.

The Army said it would accept any objections to the plan until Sept. 23.

The move is part of an Army-wide effort to replace soldiers with civilians in post jobs if economically feasible. Fort Knox already has turned over operation of its laundry service to civilian enterprises which had bid for the business.

Richardson fights 'dillo

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RICHARDSON — The armadillo is most often seen in some degree of decay alongside a Texas highway, its clawed feet sticking ignobly in the air, the victim of another car.

While never known for their intelligence or good looks, armadillos nonetheless are intrepid. This summer enough have survived the trip across highways and streets to create a stir in the Dallas suburb of Richardson.

It's the homeowners against the armadillos and the armadillos are winning. There goes the neighborhood.

Richardson residents are finding armadillos rudely plowing their way through yards, turning lush, well-watered lawns into buffet lines that serve insects, worms and roots. The suburbanites doubtless would pre-

fer to see *dasyus sexincetus* in the feet-up position.

The nocturnal mammals with the armor-style covering had never been a problem in Richardson until this year, when an unprecedented heat wave in north Texas and suburban sprawl combined to start the 1980 armadillo offensive.

Homes are being built on land that was the domain of the 'dillo' and other wildlife only a few years ago. After a summer that has been tough on foliage and hardened the ground, armadillos are foraging on the soft lawns. Stalking the wily armadillo in the front yard has become a popular subject in Richardson.

"We're still having trouble," said Jack Griffin, superintendent of the city's animal control department. "Most people have either given up

hope or the armadillos just

away. "There's one man whose really torn up. The man is very lush, well-cared for and there's probably half of it that's aged. It looks like somebody's golf club and just beat up on a body took a spade and turned

Griffin has loaned out these animal traps but the results have been nil. In the three weeks the armadillo invasion began one has been captured.

"The only person that's had luck is one man who wanted to fight the armadillo in the night for the armadillo to go along," Griffin said. "When he threw a trash can over the top

No one has as yet seen homeowners drive cars — the dillo's greatest enemy — down front lawns.

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Sex won't hinder athletes

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STILLWATER, Okla. — A sports doctor has labeled the wives' tale "the notion that a man should not have sex the night before a sporting event."

"If it's a normal part of life and existence, having sex the night before a sporting event probably isn't going to make a difference one way or another," Dr. Don Cooper, Oklahoma State University team physician and

tor of OSU's hospital. He once presented a paper on the subject at an American Association meeting in the Lady

He said a myth perpetuated among certain boxing trainers is having intercourse makes a man weak.

"They take a fellow into camp and keep them there for three and four weeks. They believe a fight and be sexually active makes him weak," he said.

"This is pretty much the tale that has gotten perpetuated over the years and has spilled over into other sports," he said.

Cooper said it was much more important for athletes to get a good sleep — usually six to eight hours a night.

"Where it (sexual activity) ate problems is in the individual who doesn't get a good sleep associated with a stand or overly zealous trying to be a sexual gymnasium former," he said.

He said a Pittsburgh Super Bowl game followed which Pittsburgh players were allowed to stay with their hotel rooms.

Their opponent, Minnesota, lated its players from all family members.

Cooper also has read of the named runner in England the mile in less than four minutes after having sex the night before.

Some coaches feel they have an advantage when their team is another team who has just returned from a road trip the night before.

"Some coaches say they're tired because they'll have on their homework the night before," he said. "This is all psychological implication that's biological."

"Generally speaking, sexual course doesn't usually expend much energy over that time," he said.

"It may be an advantage husband because after that there is a definite satisfaction response, and you can have a better night's sleep," he said.

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