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Above: Travelers prepare to travel for the holidays at the Colorado Springs Airport on Saturday. Below: Travelers check into their flights at the Colorado Springs Airport on Saturday.

AAA is expecting it to be busy, but slightly down from last year



BY ALEXANDER EDWARDS • The Gazette

The Thanksgiving holiday is upon Colorado Springs, and it's set to be another busy travel season.

Nationally, AAA is anticipating a very slight drop in overall holiday travel, and the Colorado Springs Airport is readying itself for a busy stretch expected to look similar to last year.

Overall, the motoring club estimates 81.5 million people will travel at least 50 miles this year. That's roughly 121,000 fewer people compared with last year and ends a three-year streak of record-breaking travel for the Thanksgiving holiday.

"After three years of record highs, the number of travelers is slightly lower partly because of higher travel costs this year," said Stacey Barber, vice president of AAA Travel. "But travelers won't notice much of a difference on the roads and at the airports, since

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Homicide confession leads to nowhere

After disagreement led to fatal shooting, Springs man faced no charges

BY MARY SHINN
The Gazette

On Black Friday four years ago, a fight between roommates over trash escalated into the deadly shooting of a young father. It was solved with a confession.

"I ran up to him and I shot him. I pulled the trigger two or three times," Cameron Wilson told police based on a transcript of his interview with a Colorado Springs Police detective.

For prosecutors, that wasn't enough.

Wilson told police he made sure to get close to the SUV where Jacob Langley sat because he didn't want to hit anyone else. He aimed and fired through the glass of the passenger door with, he told the detective, hollow-point bullets. Hollow points expand on impact, making each bullet deadlier than a standard round.

"I aimed for his lower waist, chest. I wasn't trying to shoot him in the head," Wilson said. " … I just wanted to immobilize the guy."

Wilson's pregnant wife had just pulled in to block Langley to prevent him from leaving the apartment

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COURTESY OF THE LANGLEY FAMILY

Jacob Langley is pictured with his young daughter Adelita.

Air Force Academy alumni association board members challenge new rules

The board's secretary is requesting legal mediation

BY MARY SHINN
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Board members of the Air Force Academy alumni association claim newly passed rules censor their free speech and interfere with their ability to communicate with other graduates ahead of an upcoming election.

The disagreement over the rules approved in October is the latest major conflict on a split board of 16 members that oversees the Association of Graduates, a nonprofit group that promotes the academy and graduate accomplishments.

"Professional disagreement should not be confused with disloyalty. Our graduates deserve independent judgment from their representatives, not simply unquestioning agreement with board leadership," said retired Brig. Gen. Christopher Walker, in a news release.

Walker, the board's secretary, is requesting legal mediation over the new rules. Mediation is a formal process that can help avoid a lawsuit.

The request for mediation has been received, and the board's attorneys are reviewing it, the association said.

An association statement defending the rules said they are meant to set clear expectations for board members.

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