



# Sunburst



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## Briefly

### All star football game

The 2003 Flag Football All-Star Game is 3 p.m., today at the new football field across from the Fitness and Sports Center.

### Road closure

Due to force protection requirements, the roads surrounding building 35, the 49th Security Forces Squadron, will be permanently closing. Also permanently closing due to this construction, will be the entrances on the northwest side of the mini-mall. A new entrance will be constructed on Tabosa Avenue. Construction is scheduled to end mid-January.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Stacey Nimmo at 572-5832.

### Limited parking

Due to the limited parking at the visitor's center, parking is restricted to customers only and 30 minutes at a time. No vehicle is to be left in the parking lot for extended periods.

For more information call the visitor's center at 572-5920.

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Photo by Ellis Neel

### Santa's new sleigh

The 49th Security Forces Squadron escorts Santa Claus in the annual Alamogordo Christmas Parade Saturday. The squadron won second place in the Motorized-Non Float category.

## Wanted: bounty hunters ... reward on delivery

by Laura Pellegrino  
*Sunburst staff writer*

A bounty hunter's mission is simple: seek and recruit.

At least, that's the mission of a bounty hunter working for the Oasis Enlisted Club and officers' club.

Monday, the two clubs started a recruitment drive that uses current members as bounty hunters to track down and recruit non-

members. For each new person approved for membership, the bounty hunter receives \$15.

A bounty hunter's job is to tell people the benefits of being a member, said Edward Fitzhenry, 49th Services Squadron business operations flight chief.

"The clubs offer some of the best programs, like Monday Night Football games and comedy shows," he said. "Members are able to take advantage of these

programs for no fee or a reduced fee."

Being a club member also means discounts and coupons on food and beverages, said Crystal Bender, 49th SVS publicity assistant. This discount not only includes meals, but also catered events.

"Members receive a 10-percent discount on special func-

**see BOUNTY on Page 5**



Weather forecast provided by the 49th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight

# DUI Update

Days since  
last DUI: **14**  
DUIs year  
to date: **8**  
DUIs this  
time last year: **7**

## Last six DUIs:

- 49 CS ..... Nov. 27
- 49 CES\* ..... Nov. 26
- GAF ..... Nov. 23
- 49 MXS ..... Nov. 23
- 49 AMXS ..... Nov. 16
- 49 MXS ..... Nov. 4

**572-RIDE works!**  
Calls **MADE** are lives  
**SAVED.**

**Calls:**  
Year to date: **112**  
Last week: **16**

(The DWI and 572-RIDE statistics reflect FY 2003. The \* denotes a family member or civilian employee.)

## Holloman Chapel Services — 572-7214

**Weekday Masses** – 11:30 a.m.,  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday  
and Friday.

**Sunday** – Catholic Mass, 9 a.m.  
and 5 p.m.

• Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m.

• General Protestant Worship Ser-  
vice, 11 a.m.

• Protestant Contemporary Worship  
Service, 6:30 p.m.

• Protestant Sunday school, 9:30  
a.m. at HAFB Intermediate School.

## Demand Reduction Update

Number tested this year: **599**

Positive drug tests this year: **2**

Positive drug tests last year: **16**

(The DRU statistics reflect FY 2004.)



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## COMMENTARY

# AF leaders send holiday message

*The following is a holiday message from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper:*

“During this holiday season, Americans have placed their hopes for peace with those who have answered the call to secure freedom: the soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines of our nation’s armed forces.”

“Indeed, there is no mission more vital and no cause nobler than to be a defender of freedom, particularly when the values we cherish are under attack and when our citizens are going into harm’s way.”

“We know this has been a challenging year, as we remain engaged on several fronts supporting the Global War on Terrorism. Over the past year, we have traveled to many places just to look you in the eye and to offer our thanks for what you’re doing for the Air Force and for America. No matter where we go we’re always amazed with your talent, dedication and professionalism.”

“Your service has been stellar. You are why we have the best air and space force the world has ever known.”

“We are also humbled by the sacrifices made by your families as you work long

hours or deploy far from home. Our families are the source of support that enables us to serve with pride and enthusiasm and defend the democratic ideals of our great country. During this special season, our thoughts and prayers will be with them.”

“Americans are grateful for your selfless service. You have earned their trust and support through your courage, bravery and sacrifice. And, simply put, we are honored to serve with you.”

“It is our hope that you will have a joyous holiday season and a safe and prosperous new year.”

## Taking care of family means getting affairs in order

by 2nd Lt.  
**Amber Millerchip**  
*Air Education and Training  
Command Public Affairs*

One day, when I was 12 years old, my grandmother sat me on her lap and told me my mother had been killed in a car accident. She was only 40. My brother, stepfather and I never saw this coming. Nor did we expect the chaos and disarray that followed.

It didn’t take long to understand my mother hadn’t prepared for this either. Nothing was in order: no will, no life insurance, and no guidance on what to do with her belongings or ourselves. As a result, we didn’t just lose our mother that day, we lost our home, our friends, our pets and everything we had known.

Unfortunately, my situation is not uncommon. Many people do not take the time to prepare for the unexpected, and the consequences to their families can last a lifetime.

When a death occurs, the sorrow and grief are overwhelming and any additional stress can exaggerate these feelings. That is why it is so important to have all your personal and financial affairs in order. As someone described it to me, it is your last gift of love to your family and, more importantly, it helps them start their journey of dealing with their loss.

Legal and living wills, Serviceman’s Group Life Insurance and the Virtual Record of

Emergency Data, or vRed, are four resources all airmen should be familiar with.

A legal will ensure your things are distributed according to your desires and identifies who will assume custody of minors.

As for my mother’s assets, I remember going around the house asking my stepfather for those things that really reminded me of her — a picture, a ceramic elephant, a piece of jewelry. Sadly, since there was no legal will, the rest of her legacy went to him and later to his daughter.

In addition to the will, Capt. Marc Banjak, chief of legal assistance and preventative law at the 12th Flying Training Wing at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, encourages servicemembers to write down their wishes, including burial arrangements, and communicate these with their personal representative.

A living will provides instructions to your healthcare provider as to what you want done if you become incapacitated and have a terminal condition. These written health desires may also prevent family arguments by relieving loved ones from having to make difficult life or death decisions on your behalf.

Two resources vital to a family’s welfare are SGLI and vRed.

All service members are automatically covered under SGLI for \$250,000, the maximum cover-

age available. Spouses and children are also automatically covered when the servicemember carries Family SGLI. Maximum coverage is \$100,000 for a spouse and \$10,000 for a child.

Some servicemembers elect not to take the SGLI, and in several cases family members suffered from this decision, according to Capt. Yancey Cowen, chief of the casualty services branch at the Air Force Personnel Center.

Cowen said one important thing to remember is to make sure SGLI beneficiaries are always current. For instance, if someone gets a divorce then remarries, he or she must make sure the new spouse is the beneficiary versus the ex-spouse.

He also said it’s important to keep vRed up-to-date in order to notify families quickly and ensure proper entitlements are received.

“There is never an excuse to not have it updated,” said Scott Hand, AFPC chief of casualty operations. “The impact is on the family, and every time someone passes away, we have to assume (the vRED) is correct. We don’t know if it’s right or wrong until we get to the door.”

Speaking from personal experience with my mother’s unexpected death and the unnecessary heartache my family suffered, I urge you to act immediately and make this is your number one New Year’s resolution. The only day to do it is today. Tomorrow may be too late.

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The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from Dec. 2 to Tuesday.

## Tickets

Security Forces issued 16 tickets: one for limitations on backing, one for inattentive driving, one for leaving the scene, one for no vehicle registration, one for a parking violation, one for failure to wear a seatbelt, one for an improper turn, four for failure to stop, two for following too closely, one for driving while license is suspended or revoked, one for failure to provide current insurance, and one for speeding one to 10 mph over the speed limit.

## Property loss, damage or theft

- Dec. 2: An airman in a government-owned vehicle backed into a civilian's privately owned vehicle.
- Dec. 3: An airman backed his vehicle into an NCO's vehicle.
- Dec. 3: A family member backed out of a parking lot and struck another vehicle.
- Dec. 4: An airman reported while attempting to make a U-turn, he went into a drain on the side of the road with a GOV.
- Dec. 6: An airman reported two cracks in his dormitory windows and damage to the screen.
- Dec. 9: A school bus side-swiped a pole at the main gate.
- Dec. 9: A family member reported a dent in her vehicle.

## Patrol response

- Dec. 2: An airman reported a contractor was asked to make a U-turn at the island before the main gate. When the driver attempted the U-turn, he went up on the rocks and got stuck, blocking the outbound lanes.
- Dec. 3: An airman was apprehended for underage drinking and making a false official statement.
- Dec. 4: An NCO reported a possible security incident involving classified material at the 49th Communications Squadron.
- Dec. 4: An NCO reported she received harassing phone calls at her home.
- Dec. 9: A family member reported seeing a suspicious individual walking through her property.

**If you know of or have any information concerning any of these incidents, please contact security forces at 572-7171 or your first sergeant.**

**For the Crime Stop Help Line, please contact security forces at 572-1100 or dial "911".**

Abandoned vehicle numbers are on the rise. Members PCSing or separating from the military can't abandon their vehicle. If a vehicle is impounded, it costs \$50 to tow it and \$5 a day for a storage fee. Force protection condition measures require vehicles be moved on a routine basis.

# ACC commander: Have a safe holiday season

by **Gen. Hal M. Hornburg**  
*Air Combat Command  
commander*

We are rapidly approaching one of the most festive times of the year.

It's a time we spend with family and friends. It's also an occasion to reflect on the past year and make plans for what lies ahead in the new year. Throughout the command, our people have much to be thankful for, and I'm extremely proud of each person's efforts defending our great nation.

Many members of Air Combat Command will be on duty supporting global operations and fighting the war against terrorism.

Let's be sure to recognize those sacrifices and provide ACC-style support for their families during the holiday season.

Many of our ACC people will be traveling significant distances on the highways or flying home to spend time with family and friends this season. Before your depar-

ture, please ensure you are following smart safety practices.

Plan your travels well, don't overextend yourself, and conduct a personal risk assessment to ensure you have considered all of the potential risks such as unfamiliar roads, adverse weather, heavy traffic, and travel delays.

Also, let's all be actively involved in preventing drinking and driving, ensuring seat belts and protective gear are always worn, complying with posted speed limits, and staying alert to our surroundings.

In particular, remember we are airmen 24/7 and are a critical part of ACC's warfighting capability. Our people are our most valuable resource.

Let's begin 2004 safe and ready for the challenges ahead. Enjoy the time off but don't celebrate so much that you forget the right thing to do. In that regard, Cynthia and I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season!

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## **Bounty** *from Page 1*

tions at the officers' club, such as wedding receptions or birthday parties," she said. "They also get free use of the special events room."

The process for becoming a member is similar to applying for a credit card, Fitzhenry said. The applicant fills out a form that is sent to the credit agency for approval.

Cost for membership is \$1 per stripe for enlisted members and \$15 for officers each month. Civilians pay \$6 per month at the enlisted club and \$15 per month at the officers' club.

For more information about membership, call the officers' club at 572-3611 or the enlisted club at 572-3226.

### **Bounty hunter rules**

All bounty hunters must be members in good standing of the Oasis Enlisted Club or officers' club.

Bounty hunters must sign an individual services contract.

Bounty hunters are assigned a badge number which has to be noted on the new recruits application.

Bounty hunters are only paid for those applications that are approved.

Application logs must be properly filled out and returned to the club by Jan. 2.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Alan Port

## Feliz Navidad

Rosita Vasquez, performs El Huayno from the Incas of Peru heritage during the 6th Annual Children's International Festival Saturday at the community center. Children received passports and traveled around to various booths for information on holiday customs.

# Holloman Salutes



*These airmen reenlisted in November:*

### 49th Communications Squadron

Tech. Sgt. James Kinsey  
Staff Sgt. Samuel Park  
Senior Airman  
Marcella Ashworth

### 49th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron

Staff Sgt.  
Courtney Bazemore  
Senior Airman  
Carmen Ellis

### 49th Civil Engineer Squadron

Tech. Sgt.  
Thomas Beebe

### 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Master Sgt.  
Frank Garripoli Jr.  
Tech. Sgt. LaTonya Strickland  
Staff Sgt. Carl Bortz

### 49th Security Forces Squadron

Senior Master Sgt. Daniel Sands  
Senior Airman Eric Boyd

### 9th Fighter Squadron

Staff Sgt. Sharon Burt

### 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. William Caton  
Tech. Sgt. Martin Filicky  
Tech. Sgt.  
Lovenna Ann Robinson  
Staff Sgt. Joseph Crawford  
Staff Sgt. Robert McCray

### 4th Space Control Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Karen Feckovic

### 49th Maintenance Squadron

Master Sgt. Maurice Washington  
Tech. Sgt. William Lamb  
Tech. Sgt. Sharon Proctor  
Tech. Sgt. Gerald Tree  
Tech. Sgt. Shelli Tree  
Staff Sgt. Jacqueline Horne

Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Pratt

### 49th Services Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Phillip Haddock Jr.  
Senior Airman  
Adriana Martinez-Guerrero

### 49th Fighter Wing

Tech. Sgt. Heather Ransom  
Staff Sgt. Joanna Kaiser

### 49th Materiel Maintenance Group

Senior Airman  
Leah Marie Naglack

### 49th Maintenance Group

Tech. Sgt. Thomas Stack

### 49th Operations Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. Lisa McFadden  
Staff Sgt. Erik Peacor

### 49th Mission Support Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Thomas Mosher

# Holloman Hero

## Airman 1st Class Michael Henderson 49th Comptroller Squadron

**Duty title:** Customer service technician

**Time in service:** One year

**Time at Holloman:** Seven months

**Personal and career goals:**

My goal is to enjoy my time in the Air Force and make the best of it what teaches me. I plan to stay positive and motivated and to excel at whatever I'm tasked to do. I'd like to travel as much as possible and experience all aspects of my career field. Education is very important to me. I'm pursuing my bachelor's degree and plan to apply to officer training school.

**Why is serving in the Air Force important to you?**

I feel that it's the duty of all American people to serve their country for at least one enlistment. Serving is important to me because I feel I'm fulfilling my role in protecting my family and those close to me. Many members of my family have served in the past, and I believe I have an obligation to those who served before me to do the same.

**What accomplishment during your Air Force career are you most proud of?**

I've only served for a short time, most of which has been spent in basic training and technical school. My proudest moment was seeing

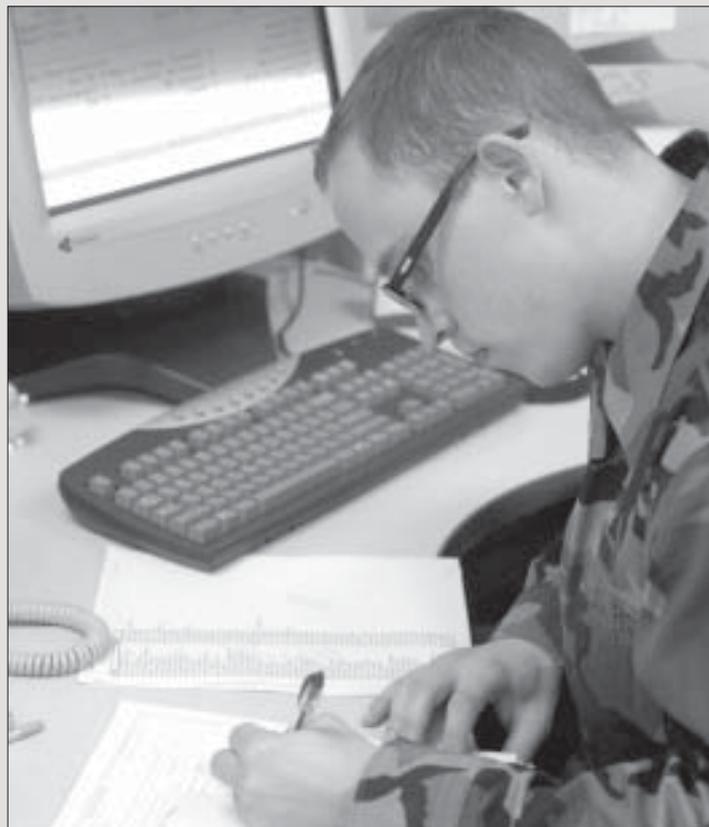


Photo by Airman Stephen Collier

the excitement and pure happiness in my father's eyes when we met on the bomb run after graduating basic training. My father served over 23 years, and the look in his eyes was priceless and still motivates me everyday.

**Core value portrayed: "Excellence in all we do"**

Although he's only been in the career field for seven months, he possesses the technical expertise of a seasoned veteran.

Henderson's customer service rating is the highest in the squadron, and our surveys routinely express admiration at his ability to provide high-level, in-depth customer service to the base populace. Whether it's serving his customers at the counter, on the phone or providing a first-class briefing, Henderson is a model airman.

— **Maj. Regina Goff**  
49th CPTS commander

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## Holloman Hotline

### 572-7500



The Hotline is your direct link to the 49th Fighter Wing commander. If you've tried to solve the problem yourself and haven't been able to get results, call 572-7500 or e-mail *cc.hotline@holloman.af.mil*. Leave your name and phone number so the office of primary concern can contact you. Before submitting a Hotline, please give the appropriate agencies a chance to work out the problem. If you want to pass on praise for a job well done, please contact the supervisor or commander directly who can provide the appropriate recognition to the individual or group. The unit commanders and agency chiefs want to help. Let them try first.

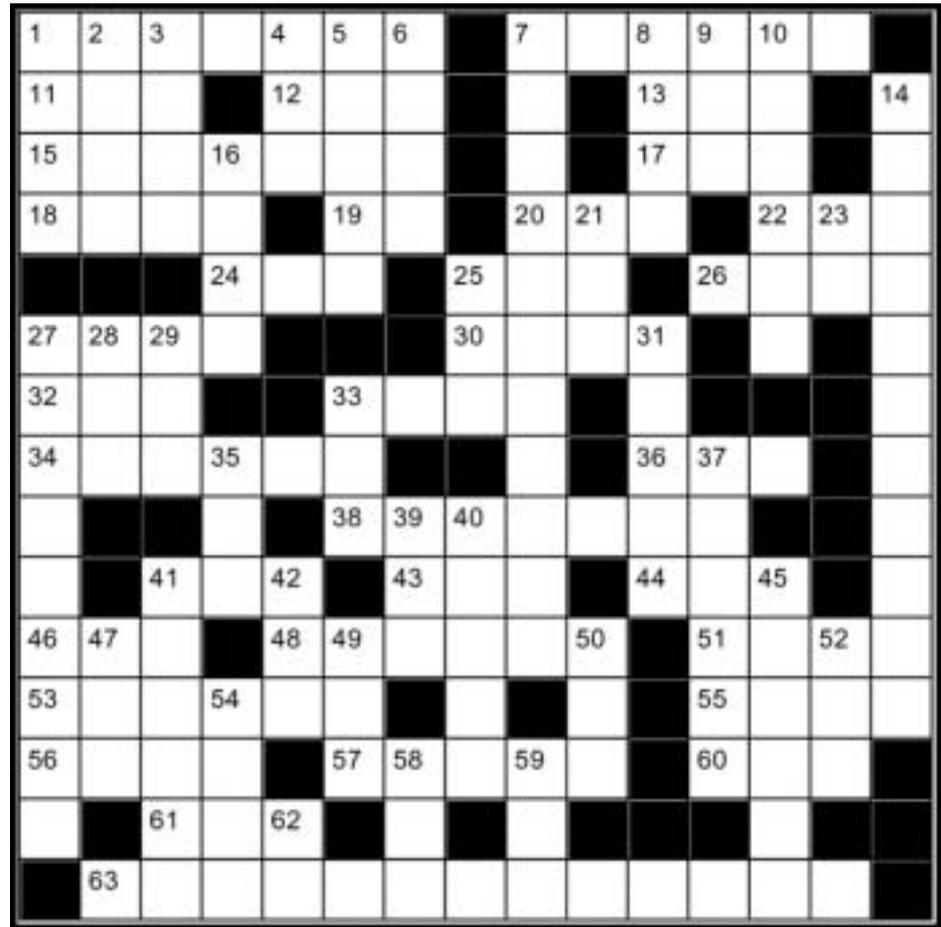
# AF Crossword: Centennial of Flight

## ACROSS

1. Brother who completed first flight on 12/17/1903
7. Brother made last, longest flight on 12/17/1903
11. Anguish
12. Internet provider
13. Three per inning?
15. Forever
17. Picnic pest
18. Bet
19. State home to Offutt AFB (postal abbrev.)
20. Lord
22. Inventor Whitney
24. Navy equivalent to AFB
25. Huhs?
26. Imp
27. Hitch
30. Ford cars
32. Charged particle
33. Comedian Foxworthy
34. Number of seconds first flight lasted
36. St. alternative
38. What 1, 7 ACROSS made prior to planes
41. Smack
43. Military meal?
44. Terminate
46. Drink Yoo-\_\_\_
48. Presents
51. Org. concerned with atomic power/weapons
53. Come
55. Greenish blue
56. Go
57. Walks through water
60. Military time to go (abbrev.)
61. \_\_\_ de cologne; perfume
63. State that was site for first flight on 12/17/1903

## DOWN

1. Due
2. Navy base in Spain
3. Swerve
4. Computer connection
5. Debts
6. Fashion magazine
7. Name of first heavier-than-air craft made by 1, 7 ACROSS
8. Cargo
9. Hot dog need
10. States
14. Current location of 7 DOWN
16. Let
21. Rumsfeld's office (abbrev.)
23. State home to Barksdale AFB (postal abbrev.)
25. Tolkien character
27. Location of first flight
28. Immediately
29. Single
31. Old
33. George Bush's brother in FL
35. Zodiac sign
37. Italian city of canals
39. World banking fund (abbrev.)
40. Principle
41. Island in the Malay Archipelago
42. Acronym for military member's car
45. Home to 1, 7 ACROSS
47. Mining goal
49. Limited
50. Sibling
52. Shannon Sharpe pitched dietary supplement company
54. \_\_\_-TASS; Russian news agency
58. Part of a circle
59. Piece of corn
62. State home to Hill AFB (postal abbrev.)



See Page 20 for the solution

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# F-117 crew chiefs designated dedicated

by Laura Pellegrino  
Sunburst staff writer

For the dedicated crew chiefs of the 8th and 9th Aircraft Maintenance Units, life isn't about maintaining jets.

It's about maintaining their own, individual F-117A Nighthawk.

Through the dedicated crew chief program, crew chiefs take personal responsibility for one F-117 to ensure every flight is a success.

"The DCC program is a way to recognize the hard work the crew chiefs put into maintaining their assigned aircraft," said Master Sgt. Charles Long, 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron 8th AMU Flight section chief.

DCCs are separated from

the other crew chiefs because they are the first-line supervisors for their assistants, Long said. They find themselves in a most trying position of a transition from friend and peer to supervisor and mentor.

"To me, being chosen as a DCC means I was hand-selected to assume the responsibility of maintaining one of this nation's greatest assets," said Senior Airman Wesley Calloway, 9th AMU. "There's also a pride in knowing that this aircraft belongs to me."

According to Long, the crew chiefs' pride results in a better performing aircraft.

"When I first became a DCC, I considered it a type of competition with the other

DCCs on who had the better aircraft," he said. "That meant whose aircraft was the cleanest, meanest, most accurate and most reliable machine on the flight line."

Staff Sgt. Richard Heinze, 9th AMU, agrees.

"I feel great pride in seeing my aircraft taxi down to the runway as it prepares for takeoff," he said. "When the wheels break ground, I have the satisfaction of knowing that everyone on the flight line knows that we did our job."

When something on the aircraft malfunctions, DCCs make it their personal mission to correct the problem.

"When my aircraft has something wrong with it, I will go to many lengths to

pinpoint the malfunction and fix it," said Staff Sgt. Shannon Wood, 9th AMU DCC. "There is no better feeling than when my jet is fully mission-capable and flying great."

Getting the jet to mission-capable status takes more than one person, Heinze said. Both the DCC and the assistant DCC's names appear on the aircraft, which shows the teamwork involved in maintaining it.

"No DCC can do it all on their own," he said. "Without the help from their assistant DCC the job wouldn't be complete."

Together, devoted DCCs and their assistants put the F-117 in the air every day.

"The DCC program is a

great program, but it's only as great as what the DCCs are willing to put into it," Long said. "A crew chief has to want to be a DCC and want to put in the extra time and the 110-percent effort required to maintain a multi-million dollar, high-tech machine."

## Inside the story...

The following airmen were named dedicated crew chiefs:

### Staff Sgts.

John Bolz  
Fredrick Butts  
Victor Gutierrez  
Timothy Wade  
Christopher Smith  
Todd Scruton

### Senior Airman

Eric Stoodt

# Keep holiday fires where they belong ... in the fireplace

by Laura Pellegrino  
Sunburst staff writer

'Tis the season, fire officials say, for accidental fires caused by faulty Christmas light wiring and dry Christmas trees.

The 49th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Prevention Chief suggests following safety guidelines while decorating the house for the holidays.

"The Christmas tree is a universal symbol used during this time of year as

a focal point for many families celebrating the holidays," said Harvey Stevens, assistant fire chief. "Unless the tree has been freshly collected from the forest, there is a great chance the tree has already started to dry out."

A dry tree can be a fire hazard, but the real problem is with the decorations, Stevens said.

"Decorations combined with presents around the tree are fuel ready and waiting for ignition," he said. "Normally the ignition is the electrical components associated with the lights."

To minimize the risk of a fire, check the tree's water level every day, Stevens said.

"Cut one inch off of the base of the tree so it can absorb water more easily," Stevens said. "That keeps a fresh tree from becoming too dry and catching fire."

When decorating the tree with lights and ornaments, do it safely to avoid fire hazards.

"Don't use more than three strands of lights linked together on a tree," he said. "Also, using candles, even on an artificial tree, is dangerous."

Although artificial trees are safer than real trees because of the lack of dried needles, there is still the poten-

tial for fire when decorations are placed on and around the tree, Stevens said.

Christmas lights inside the house should also be installed with care, Stevens said.

"Never mount or place Christmas lights near gas or electric heat-

ers, fireplaces, or candles," he said. "This can cause an excess of heat that may start a fire."

Lights shouldn't be left unattended, Stevens said.

"Always unplug Christmas lights when leaving the house or going to sleep," he said. "The use of artificial lights is the greatest source of ignition for both types of trees, mainly due to electrical shorts within the strands."

Broken bulbs and frayed or damaged cords are a hazard, said

Karen Felix, project manager. Damaged light sets should be discarded and replaced.

To ensure all lights are safe,

check them for a tag that says "Underwriter Laboratories," Felix said.

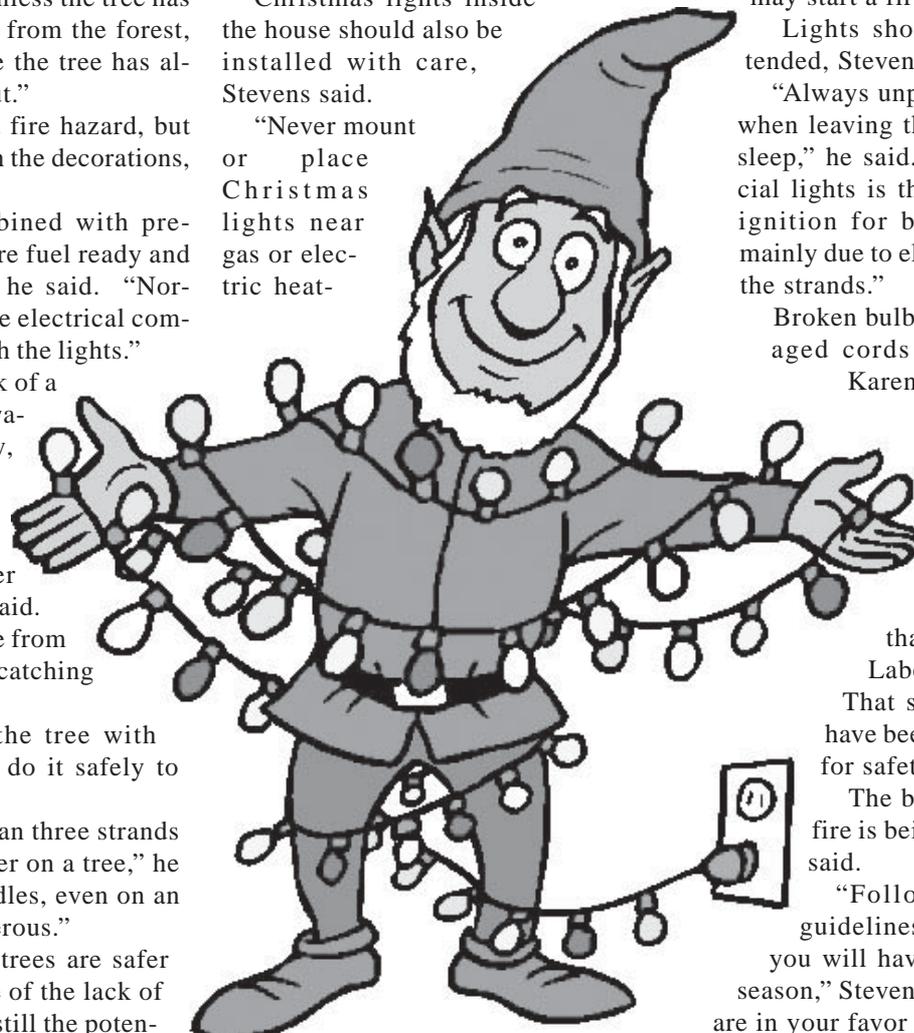
That signature means they have been tested and certified for safety.

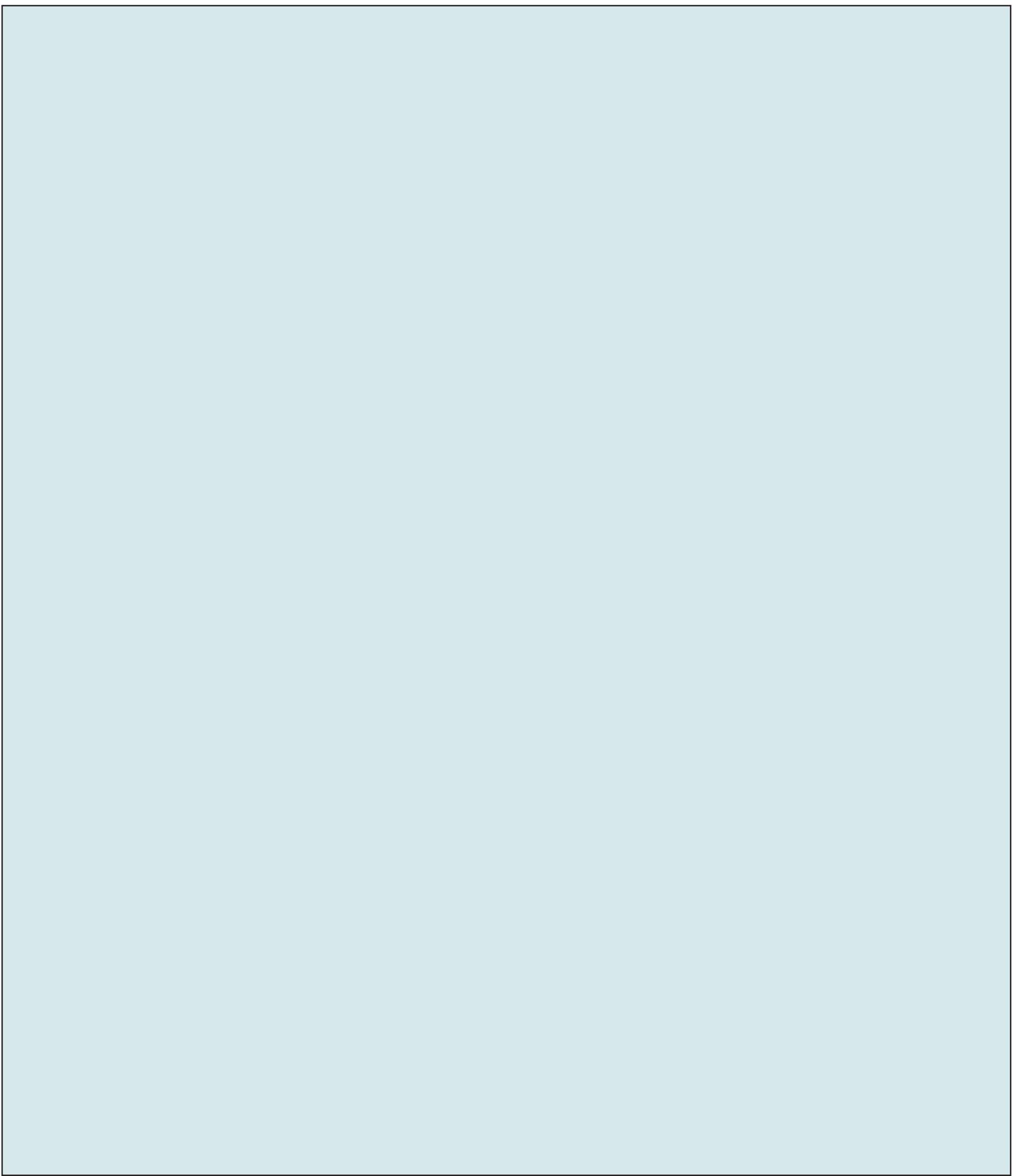
The best defense against a fire is being prepared, Stevens said.

"Following these safety guidelines is not a guarantee you will have a fire-free holiday season," Stevens said. "But the odds are in your favor if you do."

## Holiday do's and don'ts

- Do check the tree's freshness by tapping green needles. Lost needles means a dry tree.
- Do keep the tree away from heat sources.
- Do use miniature lights indoors.
- Do leave the tree outside until ready to decorate.
- Don't leave a dried tree in the house.
- Don't allow wrapping paper to accumulate.
- Cut one inch off the base of the tree for water absorption.
- Dispose of the tree properly.
- Don't burn Christmas trees in the fireplace.
- Don't use indoor lights outside.
- Turn off lights when leaving the house.





## FSC

The Family Support Center offers the following classes and events at the FSC, building 40:

- Spouse employment workshop: 1 to 2:30 p.m., Monday.
- Three-day transition assistance program: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- Disability transition assistance program: 8:30 a.m., Thursday.

For more information, contact the FSC at 572-7754 or visit the Web site at [wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/sptg/mss/fsc](http://wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/sptg/mss/fsc).

## Red Cross

The Red Cross schedule of events is as follows:

- Adult CPR: 1 to 3 p.m., Tuesday at Alamogordo.
- Infant and child CPR: 9 a.m. to noon, Thursday at Alamogordo.

For more information, call the Holloman Red Cross at 572-7066.

## Static display

This month's static display of an F-117, F-4, T-38 and a German Tornado is Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m., at hanger 500.

For more information, call 572-5406.

## AA meetings

There are open meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the conference room of the base chapel.

## Heritage Park moving

To accommodate construction of Holloman's new base exchange, the Air Park (Heritage Park) will be relocated to the soccer field beside building 29. To ensure the safety of members of Team Holloman, Heritage Park will be unavailable during the construction period, which continues through March 2004.

For more information, call 572-5832.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Alan Port

## He's making a list...

**Santa Claus hands out candy after the base Christmas tree lighting Dec. 5 at the chapel. A brief ceremony featuring choir music and remarks from Brig. Gen. Jim Hunt 49th Fighter Wing commander, who kicked off the event.**

## DAPS closure

Document Automation and Production Services is closed Monday through Dec. 26 for the holiday. Make all reproduction requests in accordance with this closure.

For more information, call Erica Heinze at 572-7124 or Capt. Phillip Parker at 572-5696.

## Graduation retreat

The Airman Leadership School class 04-A graduation retreat is at 2:30 p.m., Monday in the dorm mall area behind building 339. Commanders, first sergeants, supervisors, family and friends are invited. Duty uniform is required.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Stacey Horton at 572-5860.

## HOSC

Holloman Officers' Spouses' Club invites all members to a holiday affair at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday at the officers' club. This function is free to all members. Make reservations or cancellations by noon, Monday. Last names beginning with A through M, call Christine Juedeman at 479-2222. Last names beginning with N through Z, call Pat Hendrix at 434-5291.

## CAC

The commander's access channel, cable channel 3, offers up-to-date information about current security conditions,

closures on base, hours of various programs and community information. The commander's access channel also features the following videos today through Thursday:

- Air Force Television News: 6, 9 and 11 a.m.; 2, 5 and 7 p.m.
- This is Team Holloman: 7 a.m. and 12, 3 and 6 p.m.

## Sunburst correction

Last week Holloman Hero's commander's quote was by 49th Civil Engineer commander Lt. Col. David DeMartino.

## Middle-Two

The Holloman Middle-Two Quorum meets at 1 p.m., Tuesday in the top three room at the Oasis Enlisted Club.

For information concerning past meeting minutes access the Web site at <https://wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/main/Middletwo/index.htm>.

## Commissary holiday hours

The Holloman Commissary is closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. The hours of operation are as follows:

- Dec. 22: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Dec. 24: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For more information, call 572-7572.

## AAFES holiday closures

The following are closed Dec. 19 through 23: theater, beauty shop, bar-

ber shop, dry cleaners, alterations, optical shop, flower shop, Olive Branch and GNC.

The following are closed Dec. 25: base exchange, furniture store, clothing sales, Anthony's Pizza, Frank's Franks, Robin Hood, Popeye's Chicken, theater, beauty shop, barber shop, dry cleaners, alterations, optical shop, flower shop, Olive Branch, GNC and McDonald's.

## AAFES holiday hours

The holiday hours of operation are as follows:

### Dec. 19 through 23

- Base exchange: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Furniture store: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Clothing sales: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Mini-mall: 5 a.m. to 1 a.m.
- Anthony's Pizza: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Frank's Franks: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Robin Hood: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Popeye's Chicken: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Rent-a-Car: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (phone only)

McDonald's: 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

### Dec. 24

- Base exchange: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Furniture store: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Clothing sales: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Mini-mall: 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Anthony's Pizza: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Frank's Franks: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Robin Hood: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Popeye's Chicken: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Barber shop: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Dry cleaners: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Alterations: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Optical shop: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Flower shop: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Rent-a-Car: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (phone only)

Olive Branch: 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
GNC: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

McDonald's: 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

### Dec. 25

Mini-mall: Noon to 10 p.m.

## Chapel Christmas schedule

### Catholic

Children's Christmas Mass: 5 p.m., Dec. 24.

Choir program: 11:30 p.m., Dec. 24.

Midnight Mass: 12 a.m., Dec. 24.

Christmas Day Mass: 10 a.m., Dec. 25.

New Year's Day Mass: 10 p.m., Jan. 1.

### Protestant

Children's musical: 6:30 p.m., Sunday.

Candlelight service: 7 p.m., Dec. 24.

## Mega book sale

The Holloman Middle School hosts a book sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Wednesday in building 768. All items are 50-percent off.

For more information, call 479-2282.

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BIG SCREEN



### Mystic River (PG-13)

7 p.m., today and Thursday

### Scary Movie (PG-13)

7 and 10 p.m., Saturday

### Brother Bear (G)

1 and 7 p.m., Sunday

For a limited time, tickets are 99 cents.

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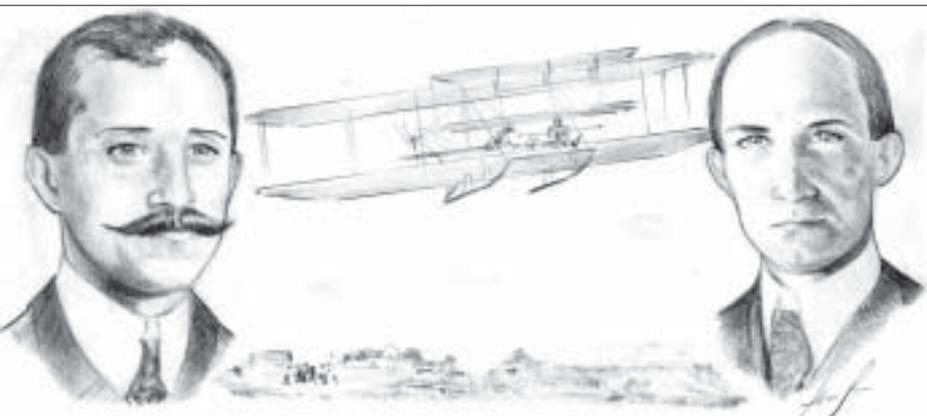


Illustration by Tech Sgt. Joseph Parham

# AF leaders celebrate Centennial of Flight

The following is a joint message from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper:

“It was the most significant 12 seconds of the last 100 years.

“On Dec. 17, 1903, two bicycle builders from Ohio, Orville and Wilbur Wright, launched the world on a path to the heavens when their rudimentary airplane of wire, wood and canvas wings lifted off a windy, grassy hill at Kitty Hawk.

“Since their marvelous achievement, aviation has enabled our expansion, enhanced our commerce and expanded our communication.

“Military aviation developed quickly after that first flight. The names and exploits of our airpower pioneers are melded into our nation’s history:

Rickenbacker, Mitchell, Doolittle, Davis, Cochran and Yeager, to name just a few.

“While our past is storied, our present and future remain as boundless and adventurous as the Wright Brothers’ dream. Because of our great airmen in today’s Air Force, we have developed, operated, and exploited advanced weapons systems and technologies — from sensors and aircraft to lasers and satellites — enabling us to own the ultimate high ground and dominate any battlespace.

“The Centennial of Flight is as much about our future as it is about our past. We commend you for all that you do every day to promote this heritage and provide our nation with the finest air and space force in the world.

“We’re proud to serve alongside you as we continue to discover ways to slip the surly bonds and deliver peace and freedom for our nation.” (AFPN)

# AF sets guidance for nametag

The Air Force has established both the mandatory wear date and proper wear for the new metallic nametag on service dress uniforms.

According to personnel officials, effective Jan. 1, the nametag must be worn on the wearer’s right side of the service dress jacket with the bottom of the nametag level with the bottom of the ribbons. It should be centered between the sleeve seam and the lapel.

If a duty badge is worn on the wearer’s right side of the service dress jacket, men will center the badge a half-inch below the new nametag; women will center the badge a half-inch above the new nametag. An exception is when a command insignia is worn by either men or women, then the command insignia is worn either a

half-inch above or below the nametag and the duty badge is worn either a half-inch above or below the command insignia, depending on whether the individual is a current or former commander.

When the maternity jumper is worn as the maternity service dress, the nametag should be centered on the right side and placed even to, or 1 1/2 inches higher or lower than, the first exposed button. The nametag will also be worn on all pullover sweaters on the wearer’s right side with the bottom of the nametag level centered between the middle of the sleeve seam and the seam of the neckline. It will not be worn on the cardigan sweater.

For more information, Air Force members should contact the military personnel flight or commanders support staff. (AFPC)

# AF releases new fitness instruction

by Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez  
Air Force Print News

One of the most noticeable changes to the Air Force’s new fitness program is that it will be defined by an operational rather than a medical instruction.

The change shows that senior leaders consider fitness an important part of operational readiness, said Maj. Lisa Schmidt, the Air Force chief of health promotions operations.

“As we support the aerospace expeditionary force and the environments we now deploy to, fitness becomes a readiness issue,” Schmidt said. “If a person is fit, they are going to be able to tolerate austere environments, the fatigue and the temperature changes.”

The full text of the Air Force’s new fitness instruction will be available to the force before Jan. 1, she said. The planned release comes less than five months after the service’s highest ranking officer told airmen there would be changes in the way the Air Force looked at physical fitness.

“The amount of energy we devote to our fitness programs is not consistent with the growing demand of our warrior culture,” wrote Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper in his July Sight Picture. “It’s time to change that.”

Besides making physical fitness a readiness requirement, the new instruction also puts an emphasis on commander involvement in unit fitness programs.

“If you look at the July Sight Picture, General Jumper says fitness is a commander’s responsibility,” Schmidt said. “This instruction puts more responsibility on the commander, not the medical community.”

Among other things, the instruction requires unit and squadron commanders to implement and maintain a unit physical-training program and to offer the program at least three times a week.

The instruction also details methodology for conducting fitness evaluations. Schmidt said the instructions for conducting the push-up and crunch portions of the evaluation should be no surprise to airmen. They are the same instructions that have been used at the end of the cycle-ergometry test for the last two years.

“The only change is that the push-ups and crunches will be evaluated for one minute, instead of two minutes,” Schmidt said.

The instruction also specifies how to conduct the aerobic portion of the test. Airmen will run on an outdoor course approved by the wing commander. During inclement weather, an indoor running track may be used. Treadmills will not be authorized for fitness evaluations.

The new fitness instruction takes effect Jan. 1, and will make obsolete the current fitness and weight-management instructions, Air Force Instruction 40-501 and AFI 40-502.

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# Three teams faceoff in Tucson

*Nighthawks take flight against Davis-Monthan and Ft. Bliss in regular season*

by Airman Stephen Collier  
49th Fighter Wing  
Public Affairs

The Holloman Nighthawks traveled last weekend to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., for a showdown against the Ft. Bliss and the DM Mustangs. The Nighthawks came up short both times.

The contest began with Bliss making the first goal early on, setting the tone for the rest of the game, landing the score at 6-4. Bliss pushed on with a strong lead of 21-12 as Holloman mounted a tougher defense.

As the half drew near, the fouls began as guard Shane Fisher took to the foul line for a successful shot after his two-point lay-up, placing Team Holloman at 26-21. Even with two consecutive three-pointers by forward Ron "Slim" Denson, the Nighthawks finished the half 11 points behind, 45-34.

"Our defense is looking great," Nighthawk coach Clarence Mitchell said. "We plan on more screening to get our guys open for the jump shots. Bliss is trapping the ball, so this should help us get back into the game."

"All we need to do is play hard defense," Bliss coach Todd Stevenson said. "We'll also need to execute our offense a little better. It's the same thing we do every time we play."

Holloman's screening tactics failed early on to hold back an Army onslaught as the first three minutes of the second half was owned by Ft. Bliss. Three-point contributions and dominating rebounds left Bliss owning the court, pushing the score to a wide gap of 87-67 with five minutes to go.

Holloman's defense rallied toward the end to get the ball back and added several jump

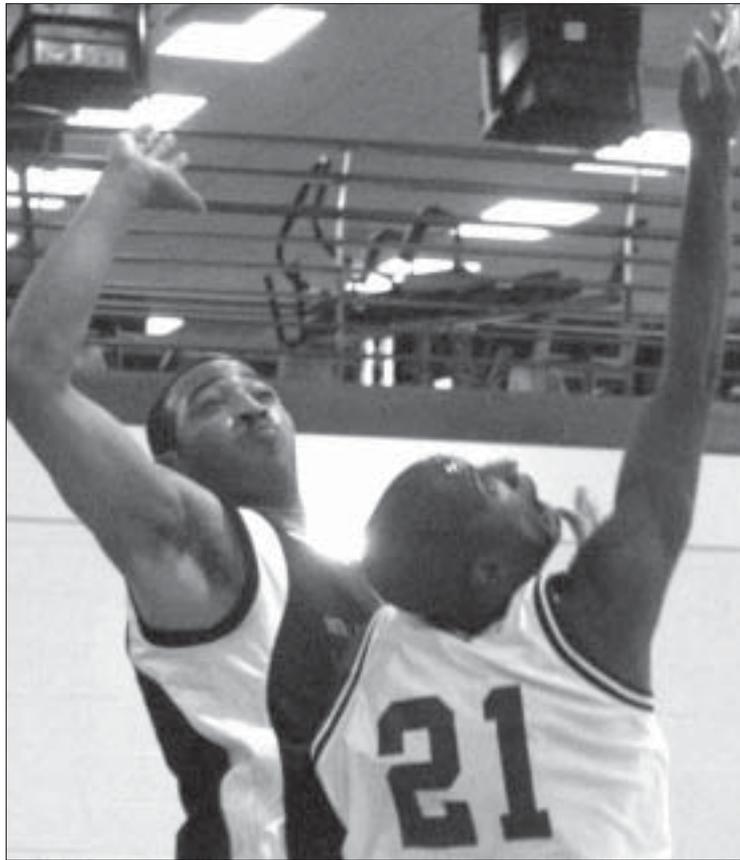


Photo by Airman Stephen Collier

**Nighthawk forward Larry Morrow (left) reaches for a rebound over Mustang guard Adrian Watson Saturday during Holloman's loss of 85-75. Holloman fell short to DM Sunday as they lost 78-68.**

shots to score, but even with a last-second buzzer three pointer, the Hawks came up short 100-80.

Coach Mitchell, in preparation for a Mustang-Nighthawk match up half an hour later, said Holloman planned to play tough ball like they always do.

"We played a good game against the Army," Mitchell said. "It was just a really tough game. Ft. Bliss is really good with a great coach. But, we are going to change our starting line up, especially with our "sixth man" point guard Phillip Jones. He's our spark plug."

30 minutes later, Davis-Monthan took to the court. A fresh team, DM took off flying from the start with an 11-point run. Shots by star guard Adrian Watson added to the score but big threes from downtown by Denson turned the board over to Holloman as they ratcheted the score to 34-31 at the half.

Mustang coach George McCauley said it was his team's defense that would put them back in the game.

"We need to cut down our

team's turnovers and just go in low," he said.

DM jumped back into the game with a 9-point lead brought on by a long shot by forward Ed Marshall for 40-34 lead.

The Nighthawks finally entered the fray with a few lay-ups and a three pointer by point guard Stacey Horton.

Both teams remained aggressive and evenly-matched, making for an action-packed game. After five straight fouls committed by Holloman, the Mustangs came out on top 85-75.

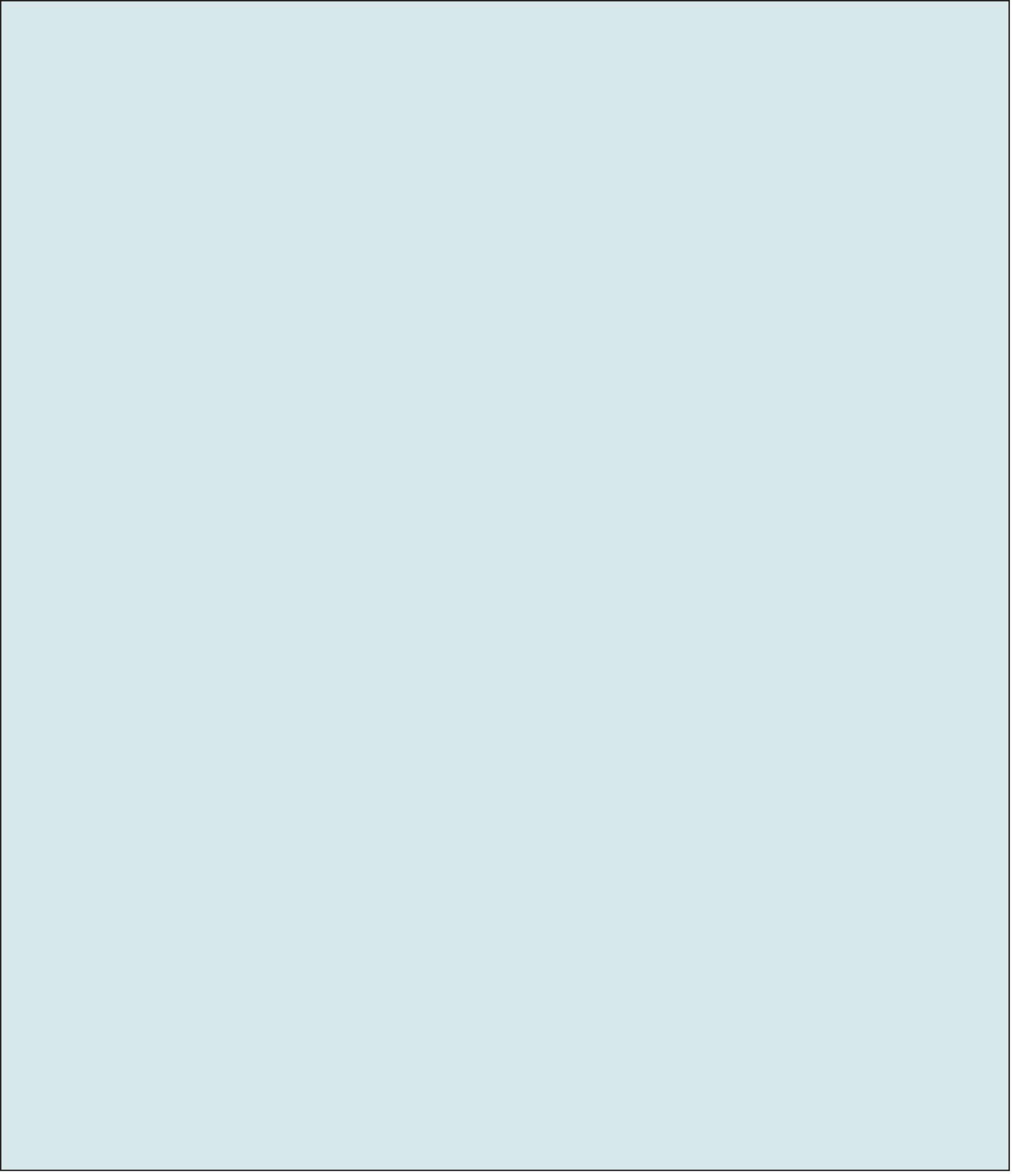
"It was all about defense," McCauley said. "Anyone can put a ball in the basket; defense won this one."

Jones wrapped up the Nighthawks feelings.

"We have play hard; we're tired of losing," Jones said. "I play to win."

The Nighthawks went up against Ft. Bliss and Davis-Monthan in double rematches Sunday that ended with two more losses. Ft. Bliss won 94-68 and the Mustangs took their second game 78-68.

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# Holloman volleyball action heats up



Will Coburn (right), "Don't Bother" team, smacks the ball into the net as team "Drop It Like It's Hot" member, Carl Bortz attempts a block.



Team Asuncion's Chad Ohelo hits the ball to awaiting Will Coburn, "Don't Bother" team.



Chad Ohelo, Team Asuncion member, jumps to spikes the ball over the net to Team Becker's Dirk Becker.



Travis Henderson (right), "Drop It Like It's Hot" team member, reaches high to block a set by team "Don't Bother" member, Eddie Henry.

 <b>4x4 volleyball playoff standings</b> 			
<b>Team Don't Bother</b> Wins - 3 Losses-1	<b>Team Drop It Like It's Hot</b> Wins - 0 Losses-4	<b>Team Becker</b> Wins - 1 Losses-3	<b>Team Asuncion</b> Wins - 4 Losses-0

# TOUCHDOWN CHALLENGE

The Touchdown Challenge is a weekly competition between the 49th Fighter Wing, its groups and Holloman tenant units. A different person from each unit makes the picks each week. The winner each week gets a free meal from the Oasis Enlisted Club. Congratulations to Hartmut Wiegmann with nine correct picks last week..



## This week's games:

### NFL

- Vikings at Bears
- Seahawks at Rams
- Cowboys at Redskins
- Lions at Chiefs
- Texans at Bucs
- Falcons at Colts
- Bills at Titans
- Steelers at Jets
- 49ers at Bengals
- Browns at Broncos
- Giants at Saints
- Eagles at Dolphins

### FW



**Airman 1st Class  
Yavine Brewer**

**NFL:** Vikings, Rams, Cowboys, Chiefs, Bucs, Falcons, Titans, Jets, Bengals, Broncos, Saints, Eagles

### OG



**Staff Sgt.  
Fernando Valdez**

**NFL:** Vikings, Rams, Cowboys, Chiefs, Bucs, Colts, Titans, Jets, 49ers, Broncos, Saints, Eagles

### MDG



**Airman 1st Class  
Kaesean Fiol**

**NFL:** Vikings, Rams, Cowboys, Chiefs, Bucs, Colts, Titans, Jets, 49ers, Broncos, Saints, Dolphins

### MXG



**Staff Sgt.  
David Gutierrez**

**NFL:** Vikings, Rams, Cowboys, Chiefs, Bucs, Colts, Titans, Jets, Bengals, Broncos, Giants, Eagles

### MMG



**Tech. Sgt.  
James Kreitner**

**NFL:** Vikings, Rams, Cowboys, Chiefs, Bucs, Colts, Titans, Jets, 49ers, Broncos, Saints, Dolphins

### MSG



**Senior Airman  
Jason Smith**

**NFL:** Vikings, Seahawks, Cowboys, Chiefs, Bucs, Colts, Bills, Jets, 49ers, Broncos, Giants, Dolphins

### 46th TG



**Staff Sgt.  
Michael Knight**

**NFL:** Vikings, Rams, Cowboys, Chiefs, Bucs, Colts, Titans, Jets, 49ers, Broncos, Giants, Eagles

# What's going on in the Tularosa Basin and beyond ...

## **The Nutcracker**

The Las Cruces Chamber Ballet performs "The Nutcracker Ballet" at 7 p.m., Dec. 19 and 20, and 2 p.m., Dec. 21 at the New Mexico State University Music Center Recital Hall. Tickets are \$12, \$15 and \$18 at the Pan American Ticket Office at (505) 646-1420.

For more information, call Michele's Dance Academy at (505) 527-1893.

## **Festival of carols**

The Academy of Ballet performs "A Festival of Carols" at 7:30 p.m., today and Saturday at the Flickinger Center. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children.

For more information, call 437-2202.

## **IMAX**

The New Mexico Museum of Space History's Tombaugh IMAX Dome Theater is now showing "Australia: Land Beyond Time." The film takes viewers back in time to witness the birth and evolution of this intriguing land. The theater is also currently showing "Jane Goodall's Wild Chimpanzees," "Grand Canyon: The Hidden Secrets," and "Space Station."

For more information, call 437-2840, (877) 333-6589 or visit the Web site <http://www.spacefame.org>.

## **Concert**

The 31st Annual Christmas Voz Vaqueros, The Singing Men of Las Cruces Concert is 7 p.m., Saturday, and 8 p.m., Sunday at the Trinity Lutheran Church.

For more information, call (505) 524-3004 or (505) 526-6307 for free tickets.

## **Elephant Butte luminaries**

The fifth annual "Beach Walk Luminaria" is 6 to 9 p.m., Saturday at Elephant Butte Lake State Park. As many as 3,000 luminarias cover the beaches and festively lighted boats cruise the shorelines of the park. Park fees are waived for the event, and donations are accepted for the Elephant Butte Chamber of Commerce and Make-A-Wish foundation.

For more information, call Elephant Butte Lake State Park at (505) 744-5923.

## **Holiday run and walk**

The holiday classic fun run and walk is 8 a.m., Saturday at the Family Recreation Center.

For more information, call 439-4142.

## **Christmas play**

The No Strings Theater Company performs "A Child's Christmas in Wales" at 8 p.m., today and Saturday, and 2:30 and 7 p.m., Sunday at the Black Box Theater.

For more information, call (505) 523-1223.

## **A Mariachi Christmas**

"A Mariachi Christmas" is playing at 7:30 p.m., Monday at the Flickinger Center. Cost is \$20 for adults and \$15 for children.

For more information, call 437-2202.

## **Luminaria tour**

The Sixth Annual Luminaria Tour is from 5 to 8:30 p.m., Saturday at Fort Selden State Monument, 13 miles north of Las Cruces.

For more information, call (505) 526-8911.

## **Sky safari**

There is a sky safari at 8 p.m., Saturday at La Llorona Park, West Picacho Avenue and Rio Grande River. High-powered telescopes and expert guidance is provided. For more information, call (505) 522-3120.

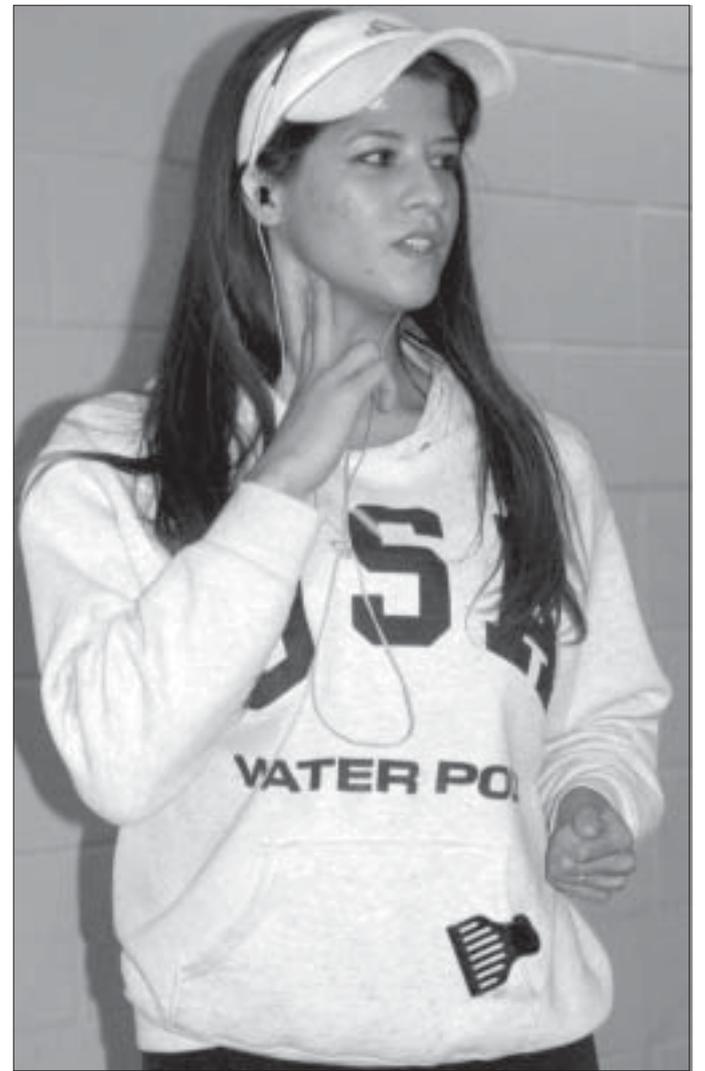


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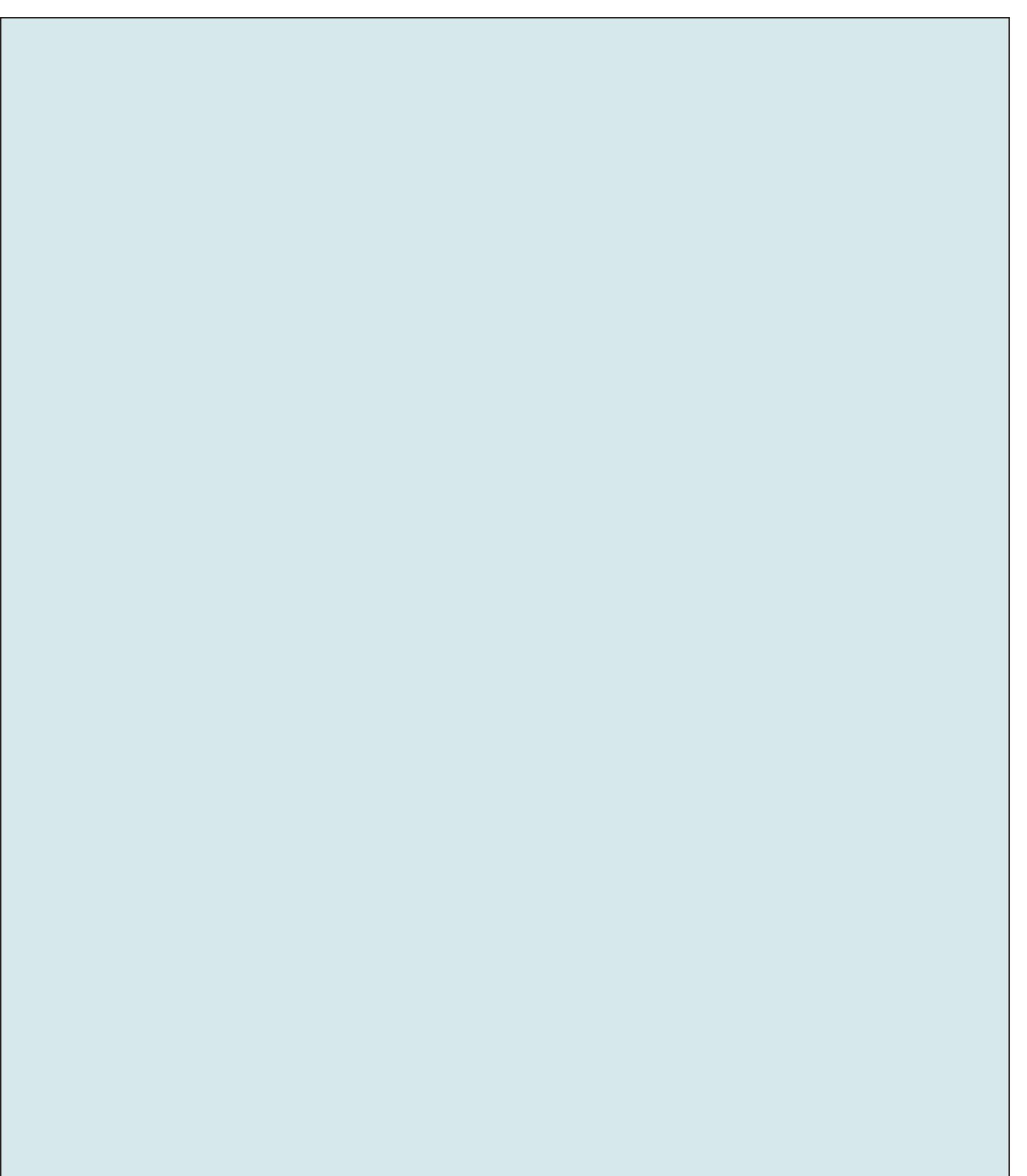
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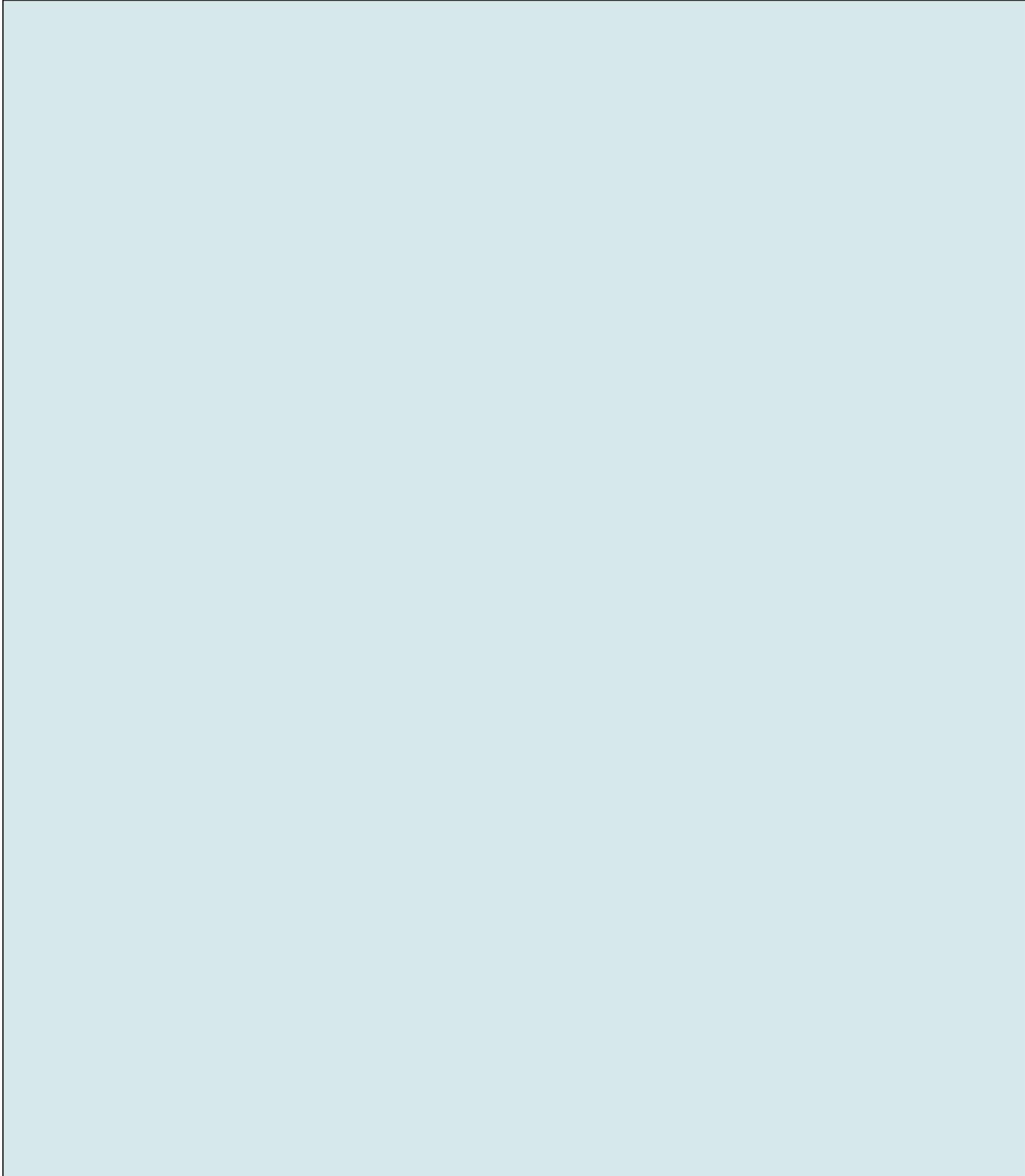
Nina Regan checks her heart rate after running at the Fitness and Sports Center.

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