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Towering above



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This week's mission feature takes a closer look at the 49th Operations Support Squadron Control Tower and Air Combat Command's busiest airfield

Briefly

Pool party

The Airman's Advisory Council hosts a pool party from 8 p.m. to midnight today at the Base Pool.

Change of command

The 20th Fighter Squadron change of command ceremony is at 8:30 a.m., today at Hangar 301.

Airmen's call

All airmen are required to attend 49th Fighter Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Jim Hunt's Airmen's call at 3 p.m., today at the gym.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Martha Whipple

I can see my house from here

Adam Curtis shows off his back dive at the Base Pool Tuesday. More than 400 people visit the Base Pool everyday. The pool is open noon to 8 p.m., Tuesday to Sunday.

H2O report released

by Tech. Sgt. Paul Coupaud
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Holloman residents can raise their water glasses in celebration as drinking water tests from calendar year 2002 show base water remains well within Environmental Protection Agency standards.

From April to September, the base gets its water from 14 Holloman-owned groundwater wells located at the foot of the Sacramento Mountains. During the remaining months, the base uses city water supplies from Alamogordo. City water supplies come from surface water sources such as Fresnal Canyon, La Luz Canyon, Alamo Canyon and Bonito Lake.

Water from both sources is piped into two ground-level storage tanks on base where a pumping station then distributes it throughout the base.

Water treatment at Holloman, according to base bioenvironmental engineers, consists of disinfection with chlorine gas. City water is filtered and disinfected at the city plant and then disinfected again at the base.

According to the report, water coming from both surface and underground sources dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, naturally occurring radioactive substances, and can pick

TRICARE now on Web

by Airman 1st Class
Martha Whipple
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 49th Medical Group and TRICARE at Holloman are now online at www.tricareonline.com.

TRICARE Prime and Plus benefi-

ciaries have a new tool that makes getting doctor's appointments and health care information easy.

"It's accessible anytime, anywhere from any personal computer with Internet capabilities," said 2nd

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High: 94
Low: 62
TODAY



High: 96
Low: 64
SATURDAY



High: 95
Low: 64
SUNDAY



High: 96
Low: 65
MONDAY



Photo by Laura Pellegrino

Left to right: Airman Joshua Greer, Scott Mondragon, Col. Hal Tinsley and Dr. Hildy Reiser move an owl habitat at the 49th Materiel Maintenance Group.

Hoot, hoot for the home team

by **Laura Pellegrino**
Sunburst *staff writer*

Barn owls have been at home in human structures for hundreds of years.

Currently, one of those structures is a storage facility ceiling at Holloman's Basic Expeditionary Airfield Resource Base.

The owls don't present any health issues, but their living habits are a problem for the materials stored at BEAR base, which need to stay properly sanitized.

"Owls can be pretty messy," said Dr. Hildy Reiser, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight natural resources manager. "They regurgitate a pellet made of bones, fur, feathers and insect remains, which fall on the materials and equipment. They were also leaving prey remains hanging from the rafters."

Members of the 49th Materiel Maintenance Group and the 49th CES have come together to protect both the birds and the storage facility from harm by designing and building barn owl houses.

Removing the birds was not an option. Besides being very difficult to catch, all birds of prey are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, a federal law that prohibits the transfer, sale or handling of any migratory bird, Reiser said. A permit is needed to handle a barn owl and their nests, feathers, or carcasses.

The teams also wanted the birds to stay because of the benefit they provide the base.

"They're doing a service to BEAR base by eating hundreds of rodents each

season," she said. "Rodents can get into equipment and carry diseases."

Creating homes for the barn owls was the perfect solution, Reiser said. The owls will continue to eat rodents in the area while the mess is kept outside.

Reiser created blueprints for the barn owl house based on a combination of plans she found on the Internet. Tech. Sgt. Virgil McGee and Airman Joshua Greer, members of the 49th MMG structure shop, used the plans to build two houses approximately two feet high and three feet long.

The houses will be placed outside the storage building close to the roof, said Scott Mondragon 49th Materiel Maintenance Support Squadron hazardous materials manager and environmental coordinator. The team will install a web ceiling to keep the owls from nesting inside the ceiling structure again.

The owls first came to the storage building a few years ago, Mondragon said. They'd nest in a hollow area behind the walls, lay eggs, and raise their young. They weren't a real problem until the recent conflicts created an increase in activity at BEAR base.

"Once birds find a good habitat, they come back every year," Reiser said. "These birds have found what they think is a good habitat."

The nest boxes will be installed in the next few months, before the owls return and nest again, Reiser said.



Space-A flights open

by **Laura Pellegrino**
Sunburst *staff writer*

An Air Force-wide program gives Holloman members, their dependents and retirees a chance to hitch a ride on cargo planes for free.

Space-available flights have always been available at Holloman, but Senior Airman Marc D. Long, 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron Air Terminal Operations mobility instructor, made it a structured program within the last six months.

“For example, if there’s a military plane departing for Hawaii, and there’s room for space-available passengers, we’ll do everything possible to get them on that flight,” Long said.

Members can sign up for the program at the Visitor’s Center by filling out a travel request form.

When completing the form, each member must choose a category numbered one through six. Passengers are chosen based on which category they fall into and what time they submitted the request, with category one getting first choice.

“The flights are based on where the aircraft is going, not where the person is going,” Long said. “All flights are subject to change.”

Because Holloman only has two or three space-available

flights a month, passengers may need to take two or more flights to reach their final destination, Long said. Bases with more cargo planes, such as Travis Air Force Base, Calif., McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey, have hundreds of flights each month.

“Previously, dependents could not fly within the Continental United States, even while accompanied by their sponsor,” Long said. “Starting this past Spring, the United States Transportation Command implemented a test phase for CONUS dependent space available travel. The test phase ends April 1, 2004.”

The government wants to get as much usage out of the aircraft as possible,” said Tech. Sgt. David Henley, 49th LRS Air Terminal Operations NCOIC. “An empty seat on the aircraft is money.”

Henley described a time when he used space available flight.

“It would have cost me about \$800 to fly,” he said. “But I signed up for space available flight, took two weeks leave, and it didn’t cost me a dime.”

The 49th LRS team is in the process of creating a website for the space-available travel program, Long said. People can go to see the categories, regulations and see if they qualify.

For flight schedule information call 572-3150.

TRICARE

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Lt. Maria Gilliam, TRICARE Flight Chief. “The website improves access to care by providing 18 million pages of health and wellness information and providing online appointment scheduling capability.

It allows patients to schedule same-day appointments at primary care clinics.

Patients can still use the appointment line at 572-2778. TRICARE Online adds another method of accessing care here.

Before accessing care from a computer, beneficiaries must register first and be enrolled to the 49th MDG as a Prime or Plus beneficiary.

To register, log on to the website and follow the on-screen instructions for Site Registration. Each family member will have his or her own account with a username and password. Each account user’s information is sent through Secure Internet Access and only authorized Department of Defense personnel has access to the information. If a member changes duty stations, the account is deactivated and reactivated after enrollment in a new region.

For help, call the help line at (866) 363-3932. For more information, call 572-7913 or 3585.

OPSEC: If a deal is too good to be true ...

by 1st Lt. Antonio Salazar
Seymour-Johnson
Air Force Base, N.C.

Dear Military Member,

We at Criminals, Inc. are offering an all-expense-paid trip to the Bahamas to show our appreciation for the sacrifice military members and their families have made.

To reserve your hotel and air reservations, a photocopy of you and your family members' military identification cards and a credit card number must be sent to the address listed below. Please respond immediately.

Do not let this once in a lifetime opportunity pass you by.

As Americans we have a tendency to trust others and take their word at face value. Add into the mix a huge discount on a dream vacation or cheap airline tickets and operational security concerns can easily fall to the wayside.

Due to recent military actions, such as Operation Iraqi Freedom, many companies are finding ways to thank servicemembers for all they have done for our country.

In order to validate a person's claim to be a military member, companies are requesting members provide photocopies of their military ID cards or activation and deployment orders.

Many companies have made such items mandatory to be considered for these military appreciation promotional items.

Taking advantage of what appears to be an innocent and lucrative offer could be inadvertently providing tidbits of information to a criminal or terrorist that can be used to hurt you or even the mission.

This is where OPSEC and force protection enter into the picture.

Identity theft is a growing threat to servicemembers and civilians alike and although these promotions may appear

legitimate, it does not change the threat and the degeneration of OPSEC and force protection by the release of information contained in activation and deployment orders.

Last year, an al Qaida training handbook was discovered. One of the things it discussed was how important information about government personnel and all matters related to them, such as residence and work place locations, daily schedule, places visited and number and location of children, was to their operation.

It's not known how many of these promotional offers are part of a criminal or terrorist plot, but it is known that 80 to 90 percent of intelligence that is used to attack us comes from us giving away information through open sources such as e-mail, web sites, telephone calls, the media and publicly discussing sensitive information.

It's also important for servicemembers and their families to understand photocopying military ID cards is unauthorized except for the following reasons as listed in AFI 36-3026, paragraph 1.8.1.1:

The cardholder may photocopy DD Form 2 (Active), DD Form 2 (Retired), DD Form 2 (Reserve), DD Form 1173, DD Form 2764, DD Form 2765, or DD Form 1173-1 to facilitate medical care processing, check cashing, or to administer other military-related benefits to eligible beneficiaries.

No one wants their Social Security number, credit card number or other personal information used to exploit and hurt them or their family.

Keep in mind that this information can do more than help a thief steal your identity; it can help terrorists damage our mission.

Practice good OPSEC at all times: at work, at home and in the community.

DWI Update

Days since
last DWI
DWIs year
to date
DWIs this time
last year

8
14
14

Last six DWIs:
• 49 LRS June 12
• 49 MMS June 7
• 49 MXS* May 31
• 49 LRS* March 2
• 49 MMS* March 1
• 49 CES* Jan. 17

572-RIDE works!

*Calls MADE are
lives SAVED.*

Calls:
Year to date: 269
Last week: 5

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

Holloman Chapel Services

- Weekday Masses** – 11:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
Sunday – Catholic Mass, 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.
• Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m.
- General Protestant Worship Service, 11 a.m.
 - Protestant Contemporary Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.
 - Protestant and Catholic Religious Education resumes Sept. 14

Call 572-7214 for more information.

49th Fighter Wing Commander's Access Channel

The commander's access channel, cable channel 3, offers up-to-date information about current security conditions, closures on base, hours of various programs on base and community information about what programs and events are available at Holloman and in the local area. The commander's access channel also features the following videos today through Thursday:

- Air Force Television News: 6 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Return Reunion: 7 a.m., noon, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.



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AF authorizes PCS short tour credit for deployments

A temporary exception to policy will award permanent change of station short tour credit to many airmen deployed overseas for recent contingency operations.

Eligible members must have been on temporary duty starting on or after Sept. 11, 2001, for a minimum of 181 consecutive days at an overseas location designated as a hostile fire/imminent danger pay area.

This credit is intended to reduce the chances of those airmen being sent as non-volunteers to an unaccompanied PCS short tour soon after a prolonged contingency deployment.

The change is an exception to the current policy, which only authorizes short tour credit for members accumulating 300 or more days TDY overseas

during a consecutive 18-month period.

This exception is not without precedent. During Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, an exception to policy was approved to authorize PCS short tour credit to members who served TDY in the area of responsibility for at least 181 consecutive days from Aug. 1, 1990 to June 10, 1991.

It's the members' responsibility to request PCS short tour credit through the MPF, Personnel Employment Element at their permanent duty station. The request must be initiated after completion of the TDY voucher. The paid voucher will be the source document used to verify the dates of TDY and if the location qualified for payment of hostile fire or imminent danger pay. (AFPN)

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.

Housing Office
572-3981

**Housing
Maintenance**
572-7901

Finance
572-5107

Services
572-3528

Base Exchange
479-6164

**Fraud, Waste
and Abuse**
572-3713

Medical Clinic
572-5991

Commissary
572-5127

up substances from the presence of animals or human activity. These substances are generally referred to as contaminants, as they aren't part of "pure" water and may be undesirable in any significant quantity.

Contaminants fall into categories of inorganic (such as barium, copper, fluoride and lead), microbiological, synthetic and radioactive. The amount of each contaminant, if present, is listed in the table below.

According to Capt. Wilfredo Cortez, 49th Medical Group Bioenvironmental Engineering Element deputy chief, drinking water may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants.

However, such trace amounts don't indicate the water poses a health risk.

In 2002, the base populace used over 561 million gallons of well water and more than 227 million gallons of city water for a total consumption of

Table of detected contaminants								
Contaminant	Units	MCL	MCLG	Range of detection	Highest level detected	Typical source	Date of sample	Exceeded standard
<u>Microbial</u>								
Total Coliform	positive sample per month	0	0	N/A	0	Naturally present	2001	No
<u>Inorganic contaminants</u>								
Barium*	ppb	2,000	2,000	N/A	33	Decay of natural deposits	2000	No
Chromium*	ppb	100	100	N/A	1.7	Decay of natural deposits	2000	No
Copper	ppm	AL=1.3	1.3	.017-.15	.15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems	2000	No
Fluoride	ppm	4	4	.53-1.4	1.2	Naturally occurring	2001	No
Lead	ppb	AL=15	0	<1.0-9.0	9.0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems	2000	No
Nitrate	ppm	10	10	N/A	.6	Run-off from fertilizer use, sewage leakage	2001	No
Nitrite	ppm	1	1	N/A	<.01	and decay of natural deposits	2001	No
<u>Synthetic organic contaminants</u>								
Chlordane	ppb	2	0	N/A	.1	Residue of banned termiticide	2000	No
<u>Radiological</u>								
Gross Alpha*	pCi/L	15	0	N/A	5.8	Erosion of natural deposits	1999	No
Radium 226*	pCi/L	5	0	N/A	.4	Erosion of natural deposits	1999	No

more than 789 million gallons. The consumer confidence report on the base water only addresses the well water, as the city of Alamogordo is responsible for testing its water.

The city also publishes an EPA report, copies of which are available through the base Bioenvironmental Engineering office in building 57 or the City of Alamogordo Public Works

Department at 2600 N. Florida Ave. People can learn more about water contaminants and their potential health effects through the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents June 10 to June 16.

Tickets

Security Forces issued a total of 39 citations this week: one for careless driving resulting in an accident, two for criminal damages to property, two for exhibition of power/breaking traction, three for failure to stop, two for failure to wear a safety belt, one for inattentive backing, two for inattentive driving, two for inoperable tail lights, three for limitations on backing, one for no insurance/no registration and no license, three for a seatbelt violation, one for no vehicle insurance, four for speeding 11 to 15 mph over the posted speed limit, 10 for speeding one to 10 mph over the posted speed limit, one for unattended vehicle, and one for underage drinking.

Loss, theft or damage to government and private property

- June 10: A civilian reported a government computer projector missing from building 224.
- June 10: An airman driving a government-owned vehicle struck a wall when he misjudged

the clearance between his vehicle and the wall.

- June 11: A cadet driving a GOV struck the video return box at the Mini Mall.
- June 11: An airman reported his son's bike stolen from the Youth Center.
- June 11: An airman driving a private-owned vehicle hit a curb after taking his eyes off the road.
- June 13: A civilian driving a POV backed into a German air force family member driving another POV.
- June 13: An NCO reported his POV had been struck by another POV, but the other driver left the scene.
- June 13: An airman was involved in a motorcycle accident off base.
- June 15: An NCO reported damage to a water hose at building 192.
- June 15: An airman driving a POV was issued a citation for careless driving after he hit another airman driving a POV.
- June 15: An airman reported criminal damage to two POVs.

Patrol Response

- June 12: An airman was advised of his rights under Article 111, Driving Under the Influence of an Alcoholic Beverage, after he was stopped for breaking traction in his POV.
- June 13: A family member reported a verbal altercation within base housing.
- June 13: An airman reported an unknown individual had made unwanted advances toward her.
- June 14: An airman was taken into custody and advised of his rights under Article 121, Larceny, after an NCO witnessed him take items from the Base Exchange without paying for them.
- June 15: An airman was advised of his rights

under Article 92, Failure to Obey, after it was discovered a female was living in his dorm room.

- June 15: Three airmen were apprehended for underage drinking in the dorms. Two were charged with Article 92, underage drinking; one was charged with Article 92, underage drinking, Article 92, contributing to a minor, and Article 134, False or unauthorized pass offense.

Civil Arrest

- June 13: An airman was taken into custody by the Otero County Sheriff's Department after it was discovered there was a warrant for his arrest from the Clay County Sheriff's Department for traffic tickets.

Missing ID cards, vehicle decals and restricted area badges

There were four reports of missing identification cards this week. Three were active duty IDs and one was a retired ID, which was confiscated because of expiration.

These incidents can become breaches of security. If personnel have a military issued ID card stolen or lost, or a DD Form 2220 stolen from a vehicle or missing from the squadron's inventory, report it to security forces immediately.

Security forces can be alerted to look for the missing item, given the information and serial numbers placed on each accountable item.

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".

Lifeguard on duty saves life

by Airman 1st Class

Vanessa LaBoy

49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

More than 400 people visit the base pool every day. Fortunately for two children, the amount of noise and people didn't hinder two lifeguards from noticing distress.

Jennifer Sanborn and Aubrey Bachman, both summer lifeguards, and both saved lives the second week of the pools opening.

Bachman rescued a 6-year-old boy, and Sanborn saved a 10-year-old girl.

The 10-year old girl jumped off the diving board and had trouble swimming to the side. Sanborn jumped in and pulled the girl to safety.

"Because of my training, I already knew what signs to look for to determine whether a person is having trouble," Sanborn said. "As soon as I saw the little girl going under, my training just kicked in. I didn't even really think about it."

Even with this being Jennifer's and Aubrey's first year as lifeguards at the base pool, both are very professional and are excellent assets, said Katherine Peel, 49th Services Squadron recreation assistant.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Martha Whipple

Lifeguard Jennifer Sanborn saved a life when a 10-year girl was having trouble swimming.



Above: Ethan Bustos slides down the big slide. Right: Xavier Sanchez goes feet first off the high dive.

Commander's Corner

The 49th Fighter Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Jim Hunt hosted a town hall meeting Wednesday at the Base Theater. He addressed current and upcoming important issues and answered questions ranging from yard maintenance to vehicle safety. Below is a summary of his points and some of the questions:

- Construction of a new Base Exchange will start January 2004. The new BX will be twice the size of our present facility. The new BX will be built in the current Heritage Park, and the POW/MIA Memorial and our static display aircraft will be moved to the soccer field near the Wing Headquarters building.

- Expect to see us start demolition of 138 vacant housing units in July. The contractor will start construction of 101 new houses in August and is scheduled to complete that construction in December.

- One of our previous residents has filed a claim with the Air Force stating that mold in their quarters has caused medical problems and even a death. In the past year, we've had only three reports of mold out of 1,400 housing units. The AF attorneys will work through the claim, but our job here is to educate our residents on how mold forms and how to stop it if it does.

Mold likes high humidity. So if you have a swamp cooler, try to ventilate your quarters by leaving a window open slightly so that you reduce humidity in your home.

If you find any type of mold, clean with a diluted bleach solution to kill the mold. Our medical experts tell me that there is no known "toxic" mold; however, people can be allergic to mold, just like they can be allergic to dogs, cats, or pollen. If you find mold in your quarters, call the Base Housing Office so that we can help you get rid of the problem.

- The Base Pool is the only free pool in Air Combat Command—I think it is important to invest in our families, so I've paid for lifeguards and pool maintenance from the wing's management account to provide free service to all ID card holders. Non-ID card guests must pay \$2.00 per visit.

- The Enlisted Club has a "dollar per stripe" membership program. In other words, an A1C pays only \$2.00 per month to be a member. Take advantage of Club membership!

- Alamogordo's July 4 parade will honor our returnees from Operation Iraqi Freedom and their families. The city has invited active duty members who have returned from deployment since our last parade and their families to march in the parade. More details will follow.

Holloman celebrates Independence Day July 5 with a fireworks show and a festival at the Fitness and Sports Center. The festival will have two live bands, free food, games, face painting, and a host of other family activities. Come out and have fun!

- TRICARE will go online the end of June. After you log in and get a password, you can access medical information and even make appointments on line.

- If you're thinking about a vacation this summer, stop by Tickets and Tours in the Outdoor Recreation Center. Cruise lines, amusement parks, and other vacation spots are offering some great deals for military people.

- The Base Theater has new surround sound and popcorn machine. In the future, plans are to continue to enhance the theater with new seats and better acoustics.

- We have just allocated funding to build a skateboard park. Ramps, half-pipes, and other skateboard equipment will be installed soon.

For Team Holloman members who couldn't attend, here are some of the questions and answers from the town hall meeting:

Why are the yard restrictions and standards so harsh?

All we expect you to do is to make an effort to take care of the lawn. In order to help the base look better, we provide warnings and notices to our residents.

Warnings help you prioritize your efforts in order to meet the minimum standard. You will not be removed from base housing for warnings! Notices are for those rare cases when a resident DOES NOTHING to keep up their yards.

Three notices can result in removal from base housing. The yards on base look much better than they did a year ago—I see people and neighborhoods really taking pride in their yards. I think we're just about where we need to be—we have only a handful of people who haven't gotten the message, and we may have to ask them to move off base. But for 95 percent of you, things look very good. Thank you for your efforts.

If you think you don't deserve a warning or notice, talk to your first sergeant. Take him or her over to look at your quarters. If they agree with you, they can help you present your case to the 49th Mission Support Group commander.

I reported three incidents of suspicious people to 49th Security Forces Squadron, but each time, I was told there was nothing that could be done. For three consecutive days a person walked through my front yard, across my back yard, to my neighbor's house and left several hours later the same way he came in.

Three different people on three separate days this happened. After asking the neighbor, she replied with 'the gentleman was a friend.' What's your policy?

I don't know any of the details of your calls, but please continue to report suspicious activity. Our Security Forces personnel will do everything in their power follow up on your reports.

Last year we requested tree trimming, but the contracted had been cancelled. This year again, the trees need trimming. What is the plan for trimming trees?

We had a problem with our contractor last year and it has taken awhile to resolve the issues. The contract is back in effect now, so we will start trimming some of the trees in base housing. We don't have funds to do them all, but we will work to get to all of them over time.

I have a corner lot that is mostly weeds. I've tried seeding, but it's still weeds and dirt. I received a warning for not watering my yard, but I don't want to use valuable water resources on weeds. What can I do with my weeds?

Some of our corner lots have suffered from years of neglect. I'll ask Family Housing to see if we can't fix some of these bad areas so that we don't have to waste water on those areas.

My grass is green. I'm frustrated after receiving a warning and a notice that my yard didn't meet standards. Who does the burden of proof fall on?

There really isn't a "burden of proof." Remember that a warning should help you fix a problem before it gets serious. If you have a special circumstance, take it to your first sergeant or commander. They can help resolve the problem.

I have a couple of large shrubs in my yard that's infested with bees. Housing can't cut them down because they've been there so long and the roots are deep. What can I do about my bee-infested shrubs?

Civil Engineering has agreed to remove the infested shrubs.

Where can I off-road with an all-terrain vehicle?

Unfortunately, we have no off-road driving areas on base at this time. We're working a solution to that, so expect an area for ATV and maybe motorcycle riding in the future.

My child plays at the playground near our house, but I've seen some older kids ages 14 and older damaging the property. Is there an age limit for this equipment?

No, there's no age limit for using playground equipment. I frankly don't know how we could enforce an age limit. However, if you see someone acting suspiciously or damaging the property report it to security forces immediately.

Why does it feel like walking on syrup at the Base Theater?

You are correct! The floor is dirty and sticky. AAFES manages the custodian contract and is aware of the problem. I expect we'll see improvement soon.

Driving through the front gate in the morning can be frustrating. People on motorcycles and some in cars are darting in and out of traffic to get a closer place in line. What can we do?

Try to get a description or a license number and report it to Security Forces. I ask that you call them once you get to work, rather than reporting it as you come through the gate. While we may not be successful every time, we'll do what we can to identify those driving recklessly.

Can the traffic light at the main intersection be programmed better?

I hope so. That's on my list to look at. We'll also look at some other signal so that pedestrians can see the lights better.

Sertoma Speedway

Outdoor Recreation offers transportation to Sertoma Speedway at 6 p.m., every Friday. Cost is \$6.50 per person for transportation and general admission. Sign up each Wednesday through Outdoor Recreation at 572-5369.

FSC

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

*Spouse Employment Workshop, 12:30 p.m., Monday.

*Coping with Crisis, 9 a.m. to noon, Tuesday.

*Stress Management, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., Wednesday.

For more information, contact the FSC at 572-7754 or visit the website at www.mil.holloman.af.mil/sptg/mss/fsc.

Air Force News

Team Holloman members who live on or off base can tune into Air Force news at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., every day on channels one and 97.

Cosmic Bowling

Cosmic Bowling is from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., every Friday and Saturday at Desert Lanes Bowling Center. Cost is \$7 for up to four games and shoe rentals are 75 cents. Open bowling is 1 a.m. to 3 a.m., for \$1.75 per game.

The Desert Lanes Bowling Center offers bowling from \$1 per game, 10 a.m. to noon, Monday to Thursday and \$1.50 per game 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. This special runs all summer.

For more information, call Desert Lanes Bowling Center at 572-7378.

Watering schedule

The watering schedule is as follows:

• Odd numbered houses water Sundays and Wednesdays between 5 a.m. and 9 a.m. or between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.

• Even numbered houses water Saturdays and Tuesdays between 5 a.m. and 9 a.m. or between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.

• Water newly seeded areas daily (kept moist) until the first mowing.

• Water flowers in beds, pots, or other containers by hand as needed.

Red Cross

The Youth and Teen Center is up-

On the BIG SCREEN

X2: X-Men United

7 and 10 p.m., Today and Saturday

Identity

7 p.m., Sunday and Thursday

Movies are subject to change.

For more information, call 572-3286.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Martha Whipple

In transit

Staff Sgt. Alicia Czubernat, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron NCO, surveys the area between Rhode Island Avenue and Idaho Avenue. The empty lot will be paved to increase the dorm parking area.

dating the referral list for Red Cross trained babysitters. Youth ages 12 to 18 who have taken the course and wish to be placed on the referral list should contact Phyllis Gary or Dan Salinas at 572-3753.

July 4, parade

Alamogordo is hosting an Independence Day Parade on July 4. Families are encouraged to walk with their Team Holloman member in the parade. The town would like all airmen who have returned from deployment after May 3 to walk in the event. The uniform is DCUs and all participants should be at City Hall at 9 a.m. If you would like to participate please RSVP by June 25 to Lt. Nora Eyle at 572-5406.

Summer of the Airman

The Airman's Advisory Council will be hosting the following events:

• Airman's barbecue from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., July 19, at Steinhoff Park behind the Officer's Club. Free food and non-alcoholic drinks will be served.

• Jazz night from 7 p.m. to midnight, Aug 16, at the Enlisted Club. Alcoholic beverages will be available to of age members and a Cajun-style buffet served. Organized designated driver

program will be available for the night.

HESO

The Holloman Enlisted Spouses Organization meets at 6 p.m., the second Tuesday of the month, in the Community Center.

Grand Canyon Trip

Outdoor Recreation has a trip leaving July 11 for the Grand Canyon. Participants will camp Friday, hike down the canyon Saturday, spend the night and head back on Sunday. Cost is \$120 for adults and \$60 for children. Price includes transportation, park fees and guided tour. Call 572-5369 to sign up by July 1.

Skydiving

Outdoor Recreation is organizing a skydiving trip for July 5. Cost is \$210 for transportation, equipment, lesson and jump. Participants must be 18 years or older.

Call 572-5369 to sign up.

Kid's Camp

Skills Development Center is having a Kid's Camp 10 a.m. to noon, July 24 to 27. Cost is \$7 a day. Call 572-3760 to register.

Kids' Play Zone

The Kidsports Zone at the Whispering Sands Community Center is open from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

This play zone is for children one to ten-years-old with parental supervision at all times.

Cost is \$20 for a 30-visit pass, \$10 for a 13-visit pass, \$5 for a six-visit pass, and \$1 for a two-hour visit.

Change of command

There is a 49th Civil Engineer Squadron Change of Command at 9 a.m., July 16 in the building 55 parking lot.

Red Cross

The Red Cross schedule of events is as follows:

• First Aid, CPR, and Automated External Defibrillation training class, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday in Alamogordo.

• Community First Aid and Safety, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., June 28 in Alamogordo.

• Adult, Child, and Infant CPR, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., June 30 in Alamogordo.

• Adult CPR, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., July 2 in Alamogordo.

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



Photo by Laura Pellegrino

The Holloman Hero submission form is now online.

It can be downloaded at: [https://](https://wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/wing/49FW_PA/internal.html)

wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/wing/49FW_PA/internal.html

Holloman Hero

Senior Airman Jerimiah Beshears

49th Maintenance Squadron

Duty title: Aerospace Ground Equipment Apprentice

Time in service: One year and ten months

Time at Holloman: One year and two months

Hometown: Turlock, Calif.

Personal and career goals:

My personal and career goals are to obtain an associate's degree through the Community College of the Air Force and to achieve the rank of staff sergeant within three to four years.

Why is serving in the Air Force important to you?

Serving in the Air Force not only gives me a chance to serve my country, but also gives me the opportunity to personally have something to do with the safety and future of my family and friends.

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

Some of the accomplishments I'm most proud of include, being a distinguished graduate in technical school with a 95 percent average, scoring a 92 percent on my career development course examination and winning AGE flight Maintenance Professional of the year.

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

Beshears has proven to be an exceptional member of the AGE flight and Team Holloman. He is responsible for servicing and dispatching AGE to the 9th Fighter Squadron F-117A Stealth Fighter flightline technicians. Additionally, Beshears helps maintain over 260 pieces of AGE assigned to the 9th AGE Team by performing routine maintenance and overhaul. Beshears has compiled an outstanding 100 percent Quality Assurance pass rate on over 80 inspections, which has directly contributed to the AGE Flight maintaining an unprecedented 99.6 percent equipment reliability rating. He was handpicked by the AGE flight chief to represent Team Holloman for President Bush's reception line. Beshears has actively sought every training course on AGE and is pursuing his associate's degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

– Major Andrew Landoch

49th Maintenance Squadron Commander

49th MXS wins camel drive

by **Nikollas Ordway**
49th Services Squadron

The 49th Maintenance Squadron won \$1,000 by being the top recruiting squadron in the Oasis Enlisted Club Camel Drive.

The Camel Drive, was a base-wide Holloman event to encourage participation in the 49th Fighter Wing's commander's new Dollar a Stripe club membership program.

"Membership is the basis for the club's success," said Ed Fitzhenry, 49th Services Squadron business activities flight chief. "Without membership support, programs can't survive. Increase in support will increase the quality of life and the morale of our airmen."

Points were awarded to each squadron for each new member based on rank. The Camel Drive started in March, and came to a close May 31.

"The increase in membership was phenomenal, and the contest was very close," Fitzhenry said.

The 49th Maintenance Squadron earned top honors with 121 points, earning them \$600. Second place went to the 49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron with

112 points and also took home \$300. Third place tie went to both the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron and the 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron, both with 111 points. Both received \$50.

Although the membership drive is over, fees are still a dollar a stripe and people are still encouraged to join the club and take advantage of discounts on upcoming events.

Schedule of events is as follow:

- Today: 8:30 p.m., Karaoke Night featuring DJ Hale
- July 16: Members First Dollar Breakfast
- July 11 and 18: 8:30 p.m., Karaoke Night featuring DJ Hale
- July 25: 8 p.m., Rock and Roll DJ
- July 27: WWE pay per view "Vengeance" - Free to Members

"We have many new and exciting programs available to all our members," Fitzhenry said. "Once you join you are entitled to discounts on events that non-members do not receive such as Comedy shows and Pay-Per View events."

For more information on how to become a member and upcoming events sponsored by the enlisted club call 572-3226.

Nail safety home

by **Airman 1st Class Martha Whipple**
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Every year preventable accidents happen at home. Home accidents claim thousands of lives and injure millions.

These numbers increase in the summer because Spring cleaning is at the top of chore lists.

The 49th Fighter Wing Safety team encourages Team Holloman members to put safety at the top of their lists to help reduce the number of mishaps during Holloman's 101+ Critical Days of Summer campaign.

"Most accidents are preventable," said Master Sgt. Mark Sprayberry, 49th FW Ground Safety NCOIC. "Preventing accidents can be as simple as slowing down and paying close attention to safety. Prevention is the key to a safe summer."

Some of the injuries in the past have been falls,

"Prevention is the key to a safe summer."

Master Sgt. Mark Sprayberry
49th Fighter Wing Ground Safety NCOIC

barbecue grill mishaps and lawnmower incidents.

To prevent falls, clean up debris and keep the kids' toys off the walkway and out of the way.

Barbecue grills should be lit and supervised by adults only. Keep grills away from building overhangs and at a reasonable distance from all combustible structures. Be extremely careful disposing of hot ash.

According to the U.S. Consumer of Product Safety Commission, every year about 75 people are killed and 20,000 are injured on or near riding lawnmowers and garden tractors.

"To keep from losing a toe in the lawn mower or slightly cutting a finger with a garden tool, slow down and think safety first," Sprayberry said. "Doing the little things right will help prevent major accidents."

To help improve home safety and reduce possible risks at home, the Home Safety Council offers a checklist that addresses the leading causes of home safety measures to meet any needs.

The home safety checklist can be viewed at www.homesafetycouncil.org.

The Home Safety Council reported nonfatal injuries at home prompted more than 20 million medical visits in 2001.

"With that alarming statistic, it should be the priority of Team Holloman members to take action to make sure their homes are safe," Sprayberry said. "Every person is important to the mission. One loss can be detrimental, so continue to strive to be safe."

Sprayberry said it takes everyone working together and focusing on the safety of Team Holloman members to accomplish this year's goal of zero deaths.

"We're one family, one goal and one summer," he said. "Taking care of ourselves and our families will make a big difference in this year's 101+ Critical Days of Summer statistics."



Photo by Airman 1st Class David Jones

I don't know, but I've been told ...

More than 45 members of 49th Materiel Maintenance Support Squadron Basic Expeditionary Airfield Resource Base ran a 2.2-mile farewell run for the squadron's commander Maj. Michael Hinz. Hinz passes the command flag to Maj. Malcolm Blair during a change of command ceremony at 8:30 a.m., July 1 at the BEAR Base compound, building 953.

Players paint base



Courtesy photo

A paintball player aims his gun during a recent paintball tournament. The Nighthawks won out of ten teams in Holloman's paintball tournament May 31.

by Nikollas Ordway
49th Services Squadron

The Oasis Enlisted Club has ushered in the summer months with many new events and changes to better serve the enlisted member.

One notable event took place May 31. The enlisted club sponsored a paintball tournament and barbecue for members and non-members. Ten teams took to the field in an attempt to capture the coveted Percy trophy, and the ensuing competition was a sight to be seen.

In the end, after the dust finally settled, it was the Nighthawks who took the victory, and fittingly so, considering it was the team and their family members who petitioned and helped build the Holloman Paintball Field where the tournament took place.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

Tag ... You're out

MXS/AVIONICS third baseman Manuel Martinez stretches to tag out SPCS catcher Matthew Lusson during MXS/AVIONICS 23-18 win Tuesday at Johnson Field.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Martha Whipple

Fore!

Carl Jones sets up to drive a ball at the Apache Mesa Golf Course.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Martha Whipple

Pumping Iron

Alex Zybert, 49th Operations Support Squadron, performs a butterfly exercise with 15-pound weights at the Fitness and Sports Center.

