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Heart Link

Brig. Gen. Jim Hunt hosts Heart Link at 8:30 a.m., Thursday at the Officers' Club. The program is designed to help spouses who have married in the last five years to an Air Force member.

Dorm Council

Holloman's Dorm Council meets 1 p.m., Thursday at the Top Three room at the enlisted club.

Blood drive

There is a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., today at the community center. No appointment is needed.

Sortie Goals

as of Monday, April 28

7th Combat Training Squadron: T-38

Goal	Flown	Delta
271	236	-35

7th CTS: F-117

Goal	Flown	Delta
93	84	-9

9th Fighter Squadron

Goal	Flown	Delta
260	189	-71

20th Fighter Squadron

Goal	Flown	Delta
188	223	+35

TG sets world land speed record

by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

After about five years of work, Holloman set the world land speed record for a railed vehicle of 6,453 mph Wednesday.

The 846th Test Squadron broke their own record by sending a 192-pound, bullet shaped payload, accelerated by a four-stage, rocket-propelled sled, a total distance of 16,120 feet at Mach 8.5.

"Everyone in the squadron contributed to this success, and we're ecstatic about the results," said Lt. Col James Jolliffe, 846th Squadron commander. "I'm really proud to lead an outstanding team of people."

The 846th TS is the world's premier rocket sled test facility, and the Holloman High-Speed Test Track is the only hypersonic ground test facility in the world capable of achieving the speeds required for these simulations. They're constantly working to achieve higher velocities to help the Department of Defense get into the heart of the engagement envelope for missile defense systems.

The test squadron's last attempt at Mach 8.7 in 1994 got within 200 feet per second of the world land speed record set in 1982, Mach 8.1. The sled came off the rail 1,500-feet-early due to failure of the

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Courtesy photo

The 846th Test Squadron set the world land speed record for a railed vehicle of 6,453 mph, Mach 8.5 Wednesday. The six-second event created a flash as the rocket-propelled sled traveled 16,120 feet.

Propulsion Flight breaks base record

by Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Propulsion Flight here recently reached a milestone by setting a new record for the number of spare engines on hand.

The Air Combat Command requirement for War Readiness Equipment is to have six spare engines for the F-117A. The previous record was 19; now the propulsion flight has 25 spare engines.

"It's like a spare tire to a car," said 2nd Lt. Gregory Nisula, Propulsion Flight OIC. "If something happens to an engine on an aircraft, we have a spare to replace it."

The Propulsion Flight's mission is to provide the wing with operational engines for the F-117A when needed.

"Not only has the flight maintained an exceptional spare status, but it has also exceeded quality assurance standards of both ACC and the 49th Maintenance Squadron in the last quarter," Nisula said. "The Propulsion Flight has maintained a steady 95 percent or better pass rate from January to March 2003."

The Propulsion Flight consists of 40 people, working in three main sections: jet engine intermediate maintenance, support and the test cell.

JEIM receives the engines from depot

or the flightline and inspects them; this is where the assembly and disassembly of the engines take place.

They also have support personnel to make sure that parts are ordered correctly through the supply system.

Engines then go to the test cell, also known as the Hush House, where they are ran and if needed, follow-up maintenance is performed to ensure the engines are running properly prior to installing the engine on the aircraft.

"We've achieved something we didn't think was possible," said Senior Airman Edwin Huertas. "We couldn't have done this if it wasn't for teamwork."

	High: 85 Low: 36		High: 86 Low: 45		High: 80 Low: 33		High: 80 Low: 29
TODAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY		MONDAY	

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



Courtesy photo

Maj. James Knight, 49th Contracting Squadron commander, and Master Sgt. Nanci Pigeon review contractor plans. Pigeon recently won an Air Force outstanding contracting award.

Senior NCO stands out across Air Force

by Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A master sergeant from the 49th Contracting Squadron won an Air Force-level award recently.

Master Sgt. Nanci Pigeon won the 2002 Outstanding Contracting Enlisted Member, Senior NCO Category award.

"I always try to get the job done right," said Pigeon, superintendent. "I feel honored to be recognized."

The contracting squadron doesn't only work for the base, but also for Air Combat Command and is overseen by Congress.

"We have several different regulations to abide by," Pigeon said. "We have to utilize a certain number of small businesses, women-owned businesses, small disadvantaged businesses, historically under-utilized businesses and veteran-owned businesses."

There are three different flights in the 49th CONS: one that handles civil engineer squadron requirements to include construction and services. The second flight handles all other base agency requirements. The third flight maintains

the squadron's computer systems and manages the Government Purchase Card Program.

"I owe it all to the people in the squadron, if it wasn't for us all working together, I wouldn't have won this award," Pigeon said. "I consider it a win for all of us at the contracting squadron."

Pigeon stays busy on and off the clock, participating in her son's Cub Scout pack and working on her master's degree through the University of Maryland's online program.

"You need to make sure that you're doing your job exceptionally well," she said. "Always seek out new opportunities in your job, have base and community involvement that you enjoy. Education is also important and an asset to help capture awards."

"Master Sgt. Pigeon is phenomenal," said Maj. James Knight, 49th CONS commander. "She is truly deserving of this award. Her professionalism and positive attitude lead the way in our contracting squadron, across the base and throughout the Air Force. We're proud to have her on our team."

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sled's slippers. Slippers hold the sled to the rail.

"We were very anxious about this run because we're doing something that's never been done before," said David Minto, technical director. "We've never been over 9,000 feet per second. We tried to simulate every aspect to make sure we knew what was going to happen, but models and simulations are only as good as the physics we know, so there was an element of the unknown."

To make this attempt a reality, the 846th TS improved the design, manufacturing and testing capabilities. Improvements include a two-track rail system, which replaced the single rail used to set previous records. The two-track system allows the sled to have four slippers, which reduces vibration and creates more stability for the run. Also, new rail coating lessened rail gouging, which in turn lessened the damages to the slippers. The test squadron used three new sled designs and developed a high performance rocket motor, the Super Roadrunner rocket motor which produces over 228,000 pounds of thrust.

Along with the improvements to the sled and rail, the squadron constructed a helium atmosphere for the last 12,000 feet to reduce air drag and aero thermal effects.

"At high velocities the density of air will actually burn up steel," Minto said. "Helium is 1/7 the density of air, so the atmosphere drastically reduces the aero thermal effects, which include thermal heating and shock waves that can melt away the slippers. A sled going Mach 9 in an oxygen atmosphere is only traveling Mach 3 in helium because it is so thin. Anytime we go over 6,000 feet per second, we use helium."

The sled traveled the first 1.4 miles in 4.65 seconds and the remaining 1.8 miles in 1.3 seconds causing the payload to hit the target at about 900 feet per second.

"The payload had as much kinetic energy as a car hitting a brick wall at about 2,000 miles per hour," he said.

To capture the 6-second historic event, the test squadron had over 30 high-speed film and digital video cameras that filmed at speeds up to 10,000 frames per second. The sled velocity was determined from three different systems: the cameras, breakwires spaced along the track, and magnetic sensors.

Although the squadron set a new world record, the team of PhD scientists, engineers and technicians have a vision to achieve Mach 10 with a rocket sled.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

Let there be light

Austin Munoz, 7th grader, flips a switch on an energy apparatus to demonstrate the transformation of chemical energy in a battery to radiant and heat energy in a light bulb. This demonstration held at Holloman Middle School Monday was part of the Up and Atom Mobile, which is an outreach program that promotes Math and Science from the National Atomic Museum.

Air Force NCO retraining programs begin

The Air Force recently began the voluntary phase of its fiscal 2003 and 2004 noncommissioned officer retraining programs.

The program is designed to help the Air Force balance its enlisted force by moving NCOs in specialties with surpluses to those with shortages, personnel officials said. It consists of two phases — voluntary and involuntary.

"We begin this program with the clear recognition that people are our most valuable resource," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray. "Retraining will allow us to alleviate stress from those airmen in undermanned specialties, while still giving our people options and choices in the process."

The voluntary phase of the program is scheduled to run through June 6. The involuntary phase, if needed, is scheduled to run June 20 through Aug. 15.

While every effort is made to attract volunteers, some airmen may be selected for involuntary retraining if the number of volunteers falls short, officials said.

"Airmen in eligible career fields should look to their supervisors and leadership to help them make informed choices," Murray said.

This year, officials seek to move approximately 1,400 midlevel NCOs into shortage specialties. The fiscal 2004 program will target approximately 2,000 to 2,500.

The imbalances in the midlevel NCO grades have occurred because of personnel force structure changes, differing retention trends among specialties and the equality of promotions across all skills, officials said.

The retraining program seeks to carefully balance member expectations with

the needs of the Air Force, officials said.

"Ultimately, we need to balance our enlisted force to better meet today's mission requirements and those in the future," Murray said. "The retraining program will help us do that."

Several new features have been added to the program this year to make implementation smoother.

The selection criterion is no longer based solely upon seniority. Selections are now made across all eligible year groups mirroring assignment eligibility.

For example, once all ineligible NCOs have been removed from consideration, everyone left will be sorted by the date they arrived on station. Those with the most time will appear at the top of the list for involuntary retraining.

Wing commanders may recommend

assignment curtailments of up to six months, except at remote tour locations or those requiring 100-percent manning.

The total active federal military service date requirement was extended by six months to increase the pool of eligible NCOs. In addition, military personnel flights will provide local commanders, first sergeants, career assistance advisors and supervisors with a comprehensive briefing regarding the program, officials said.

Vulnerability listings by grade and Air Force specialty code will be updated weekly.

Airmen "at risk" for involuntary retraining may access their relative standing on the Air Force Personnel Center's Web site at <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlskills/Retraining/retraining.htm>.

For more information, contact the MPF at 572-7277. (AFPN)



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from April 22 to 28.

Tickets

Security forces issued a total of 30 citations this week: Two for careless driving, two for larceny/shoplifting, one for no insurance, one for braking traction, one for expired registration, one for operating without proper class plus no insurance and no safety equipment used, one for speeding one to 10 mph over the posted speed limit plus failure to stop, one for speeding 11 to 15 mph over the posted speed limit, 10 for failure to stop, and 10 for speeding one to 10 mph over the posted speed limit.

Theft or damage to government and private property

- April 22: A retiree hit a bollard at the main gate with his private-owned vehicle.

- April 23: An NCO reported damage to the gas pumps.

- April 23: A family member reported damage to her POV.

- April 23: A family member reported her son's bike stolen from the Youth and Teen Center.

- April 23: An airman reported his cell phone lost.

- April 24: An officer reported his wedding band had been taken from Vandenburg Field while he was playing softball.

- April 25: A civilian driving a POV hit a bollard at the Main Gate as he turned into the Visitors' Center.

- April 25: An airman driving a motorcycle was advised of rights under Article 92, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order, after he was involved in an accident. The airman was not wearing proper safety gear, had no proof of insurance and did not complete the motorcycle safety course as required.

- April 28: An airman reported her purse missing. The purse and its contents are valued at \$350.

Patrol Response

- April 22: Two family members had their Army Air Force Exchange Services and Commissary privileges suspended after shoplifting at the Base Exchange. Both family members were released to their sponsor.

- April 23: A civilian reported an airman had left the shoppette without paying for gas. The airman was

located and returned to the shoppette to pay for the gas.

- April 24: An officer had a verbal altercation with an airman during a basketball game at the Fitness and Sports Center. The officer made a verbal apology to the airman and both were released on their own recognizance.

Civil arrest

Alamogordo Department of Public Safety arrested an airman for battery on a household member and interference with communication.

Missing ID cards, vehicle decals and restricted area badges

There was one report of a missing active duty identification card this week.

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".

ADC protects active-duty members' rights

Holloman's Area Defense Counsel observed Law Day Thursday to draw attention to the principles of justice and the practice of law

**By Maj. Rachel VanLandingham and
Tech. Sgt. Bradley Ellison**

Area Defense Counsel, Defense Paralegal

The Area Defense Counsel provides free, confidential legal defense services to military members accused of a crime, under investigation or facing adverse administrative actions.

ADCs represent officer and enlisted military members in a variety of actions including courts-martial, administrative discharges, demotions, accident investigations, flying evaluation

boards, letters of reprimand, reports of survey and promotion propriety actions.

Part of the ADC role includes advancing the Air Force mission by promoting justice and strengthening confidence in discipline by vigorously providing the best possible legal defense services for military members.

The counsels help ensure the integrity of the military justice system is maintained.

ADCs are independent. ADCs don't work for the wing commander or the base legal office.

They work for a separate chain of command, the Air Force Legal Services Agency, headquartered at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C.

The separate chain of command ensures ADCs are not pressured by any commander to do anything against the client's best interest.

ADCs provide confidential services. Everything you say to your ADC is confidential.

Only the chaplain and the ADC possess this privilege. This confidentiality applies to the defense paralegal as well.

Under Air Force rules of professional conduct, an Area Defense Counsel's primary obligation and loyalty is to the client.

Aggressive and zealous representation by the ADC inspires confidence in the military justice system and enhances credibility in the defense function.

The Holloman ADC office is located in the Military Personnel Flight building 222, Suite 205. For more information about Holloman's Area Defense Counsel, call 572-3474.

The children we swore to protect, defend

(Editor's note: From April 8 to 21, the 49th Security Forces Squadron issued 52 speeding citations. The following is by Tech. Sgt. Marty Haynes, 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, to give drivers a reason to slow down.)

There are two speed limits within family housing areas: 25 mph on the main streets, such as Santa Fe and Mesquite and 15 mph on the residential streets, where the houses actually are located. Signs are posted when entering the housing areas.

What disturbs me is the disregard of speed limits and careless speeding in housing. There is a reason for the 15-mph speed limit on the residential streets: the children.

So why does this bug me so much? Because I'm a father of eight children and I give care, even for other people's children. But also my family has already lived through the experience of a child being hit by a speeding car.

January 17, 1998, I was doing a remote tour at Kunsan Air Base, South Korea; my family was waiting for me in Arizona. That day I'd been in country for over two months when I got a phone call from my wife, Tami, telling me Amber had been hit by a car. She was in a coma in a Phoenix hospital and there

was no idea what would happen next. I was on emergency leave and a plane two days later. It was three weeks to Amber's 11th birthday.

She was crossing the street when a car coming out of a grocery store parking lot hit her. The driver, going about 25 mph, was looking the other way when he hit Amber, according to the police reports. Amber received two blows to the head: the first from the impact with the hood of the car and the second when she hit the street. She was airlifted to the closest pediatric trauma unit in Phoenix, and spent two weeks in a coma. After she came out of the coma, she was moved to pediatric intensive care, and then to a trauma recovery hospital for intensive physical therapy.

For the next three months, I was back at Kunsan and Tami lived at the hospital with Amber. From the day of the accident she never left her, sleeping on cots or fold out beds and eating hospital food.

Amber spent her 11th birthday in a wheelchair. When she was finally able to talk, there was no inflection, no emotion at all. And there was no change of expression in her face. Amber had to be taught to eat and drink.

Amber received an injury referred to as traumatic brain injury. She won't recover. If

you pass her in the BX or Shoppette, you'd think that she is a normal 16 year old. She isn't. While her intellect is fairly intact, her emotional level is that of a 5-to-7-year old child. We have to keep watch on her when she is home, and she has her own aid in special education at school to help teach and watch her there. She is a high school sophomore, but only capable of second and third grade level schoolwork. Her 7-year-old sister often helps her spell words.

She has had screaming outbursts lasting hours, claiming that no one loves her and that she wants to die. She will probably never be able to live on her own and she knows she isn't the way she used to be. But she can't remember what she was like before the accident. Tami and I feel more like jailers instead of parents at times.

Before the accident, Amber was small for her age. She was super active, being our little "squirrel" that would climb up and down me as if I were a tree, and she loved cheerleading. Because of the brain injury, Amber's body chemistry was drastically altered. She is now heavy set with a pudgy face, while her brother and sisters are all very slight of build.

There are 1,444 family housing units on base with about 1,200 of these occupied.

There are no "Airman" or "NCO" specific housing areas. This means that on a given street there may be five-year olds learning to ride a bike or teenagers skateboarding.

I look out my windows, watching kids playing. One is my 7 year old, sometimes on her bicycle, playing with her friends. And I'm looking out for people speeding. Do I have my own personal radar gun? No, but I can tell when someone's obviously speeding.

You think that 15 mph is too slow? The limits aren't posted for your inconvenience; they're here to protect others from you. Are you in that much of a hurry? Get up sooner. Leave earlier. Can't stand the fact that you have to follow rules when you live in family housing? Leave. That's why you get basic allowance for housing.

Every January, my wife cries, remembering the little girl we lost that day on the street. Yes, Amber lived, but she isn't the same little girl we had raised to that day. I don't want another child to be hurt by someone else's carelessness.

What makes it so important to blow through housing at 25 or 30 mph instead of caring about that little kid, the one that has the right to feel safe when they're at home and playing?

DWI Update

Days since last DWI	60	<u>Last six DWIs:</u>	<u>572-RIDE works!</u>
DWIs year to date	12	• 49 LRS* March 2	<i>Calls MADE are lives SAVED.</i>
DWIs this time last year	13	• 49 MMS March 1	Calls:
		• 49 CES* Jan. 17	Year to date: 222
		• 49 OSS Jan. 11	Last week: 9
		• 49 LRS Jan. 4	
		• 49 GAF Nov. 22	

(The DWI update and 572-RIDE reflect FY 2003. The * denotes the DWI is a 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.
 • Protestant Religious Education, 9:30 a.m.

• General Protestant Worship Service, 11 a.m.
 • Catholic Religious Education, 11 a.m.
 • Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m.
 • Protestant Contemporary Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.

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: noon, 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.



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Resident Assistant program to begin July

Holloman's Dorm Council initiates RA program to improve quality of life for dorm residents

by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy
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A new college-like program is scheduled to start in July. The program is designed to improve the quality of life for dorm residents.

The Dorm Council has initiated a Residents Advisory program to help connect dorm residents to wing leadership.

Dorm RAs will serve as a liaison to the first shirts, civil engineer dorm managers and dorm residents.

"We are looking for responsible airmen who are willing to take initiative," said Dorm Council president Senior Airman Marlene Johnson. "Dorm residents will relate better to someone that's their peer as opposed to someone that is in a supervisory position."

Essentially the RA will fulfill one of the basic Air Force principles which is resolving issues at the lowest level, she said.

"We are looking for people to serve as RAs who are motivated and want to have a say in how they live," said Dorm Council public relations officer Airman Jake Wynans. "Being an RA means representing your dorm to the dorm council and wing leadership."

Duties of an RA include assisting airman with lockouts, reporting maintenance needed in the dorm, ensuring the cleanliness and determining the need for GI parties.

Five possible resident advisors will be chosen for each dorm during the application review process.

Applicants must be senior airmen or airmen first class, have six months time on station, have no Unfavorable Information Files or Articles 15. Most importantly applicants must be available.

The Dorm Council will interview each applicant. The squadron's commander and first sergeant will then review the applicants and make the final decision.

"RA's are not hall monitors; they are people there to promote dorm life," said Dorm Council secretary Airman 1st Class Kimberly Giesen. "If airmen want something for their dorm, their RA is the person to see."

When the program takes effect, RA's contact information will be posted on message boards in all dorms.

If airmen have a problem to report in the dorm and the assigned RA is not available, they can go to any RA in any building for assistance.

Squadron integrity is another goal for residents this summer.

Squadron integrity will group members from the same squadron into the same dorm.

"Squadron integrity isn't intended to separate airman, but it's designed promote camaraderie," Johnson said.

The Dorm Council is accepting applications for RA positions. The deadline for RA applications is May 15.

Airmen interested in applying should contact Johnson at 572-6161.

The Dorm Council meets at 1 p.m., on the second Thursday of every month at the Oasis Enlisted Club.

The next meeting is 1 p.m., Thursday at the enlisted club.

Inside the story ...

The requirements to become a dorm Resident Assistant are as follows:

- Applicants must be a senior airmen or airmen first class
 - Applicants must have six months time on station
 - Applicants will have no Unfavorable Information Files or control roster or Article 15s
 - Applicants must be available
- RA duties include:
- Lockouts
 - Report dorm maintenance needed
 - Ensure cleanliness
 - Determine need for GI parties

Estate Claims

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Thank you, Holloman troops

Top left, clockwise: Britney Risner, Robin Oppie, Sarah Auer and Cora Deal, Middle School student council members, packed care packages for Holloman troops recently. Students collected five boxes of items in one week.

Volunteers relay for life

by Lorna Schuster
Sunburst staff writer

As luminaries with messages and pictures of loved ones light up Griggs Field in Alamogordo, Team Holloman members will walk laps tonight for the 4th annual Otero County Relay For Life.

The relay fundraiser supports those at Holloman and in the Alamogordo community who have lost loved ones to or are continuing the fight against cancer. Participants stay up all night, passing a baton between team members.

"We walk all night for the battle against cancer because cancer never sleeps," said Peggy Beauvais, captain of Holloman's Staying Alive team.

This year, six teams consisting of Holloman military and civilian employees will participate in the event. The relay is a gathering rather than an athletic event, so anyone can participate.

The goals are to raise funds for cancer treatment in Otero County and American Cancer Society research and to create awareness about types of cancer.

"Each team will have an information booth that provides information about

cancer," Beauvais said. "Our team will talk about skin cancer."

Many of the Staying Alive team members are motivated by the battles family and friends have fought against the disease.

"My sister has skin cancer, but hers is internal" said Jennifer Holdridge, Staying Alive team co-captain. "Though she's not from here, it's important to me to help others understand more about the disease."

For others, it's the community support that inspires their involvement.

"Today is not promised to me, nor is tomorrow," said Master Sgt. Susan Hunter, Airman Leadership School flight chief. "If I go out there and walk then it's time well spent."

For Beauvais, the opening ceremony is a stirring reminder there is hope for those affected. Cancer survivors are the first to take the walk in recognition of their victory.

"Usually you don't know when someone has or had cancer unless they've had chemotherapy," Beauvais said. "The disease is silent and we're trying to break the silence."

The local Relay For Life event is 6 p.m. at Griggs Field on N. Florida and Hobby Drive in Alamogordo. More information on Relay for Life is available on the American Cancer Society's website at www.cancer.org.



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Keep your eye on the ball

Trey McCallon, 49th Medical Group, drives the first pitch down the middle during the 49th MDG 14-11, come-from-behind win over the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron. 49th MDG scored 11 runs in the last inning.

Inside Intramurals

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49th LRS (A)	6	1
49th MMG	5	2
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49th MXS/AGE (A)	2	2
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49th AMXS	3	3
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For more information about current or upcoming Intramural leagues, contact the sports director at the Fitness and Sports Center at 572-3256.

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