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Briefly

Coin and video sale

Additional Centennial of Flight Ball coins can be purchased until today for \$6. Compact discs of the video played at the ball commemorating the centennial of flight and the Air Force's birthday are also available until today for \$2.

To order a coin or CD, call 1st Lt. Carl Cook at 572-7004.

Thanksgiving Service & Social

An Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service and dessert social will be held at the base chapel 7 p.m., Nov. 26. All are invited to attend.

AF Climate survey

There are nine days left to take the 2003 AF Climate Survey. Provide actionable feedback for leadership to use in improving their units.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Alonzo Chapman at 572-7004.

Finance closure

The 49th Comptroller Squadron will be closed Friday, Nov. 21 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., for a commander's call/Thanksgiving celebration. For emergencies, call 491-4845.

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Holloman water remains safe to drink

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

Drinking water from Holloman Air Force Base faucets piqued the interest of state water officials when two samples tested positive for coliform bacteria.

According to 2nd Lt. Jose Sinchongco, 49th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron bioenvironmental engineer, coliform bacteria are naturally present in the environment and are generally not harmful.

"Usually, coliform is a sign that there could be a problem with the treatment or distribution system," he said. "Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern are present. In this case, the resamples came back negative."

State regulations allow water systems to have no more than one positive result for coliform per month. If a positive sample is discovered, resampling is done to verify the result. In this case, the bioenvironmental engineering office took samples from two different locations Oct. 9 and Oct. 27 and, while both

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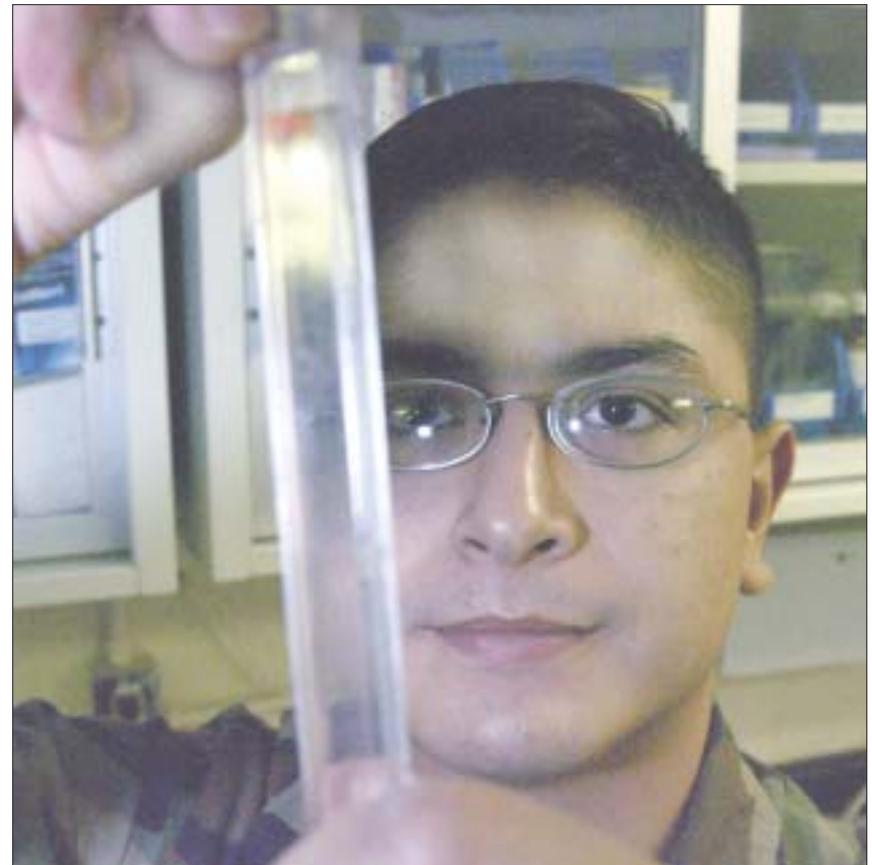


Photo by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

Senior Airman Cesar Valverde, 49th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron bioenvironmental engineer, tests chlorine levels in a water sample.

Airman convicted of aggravated assault

by 1st Lt. Heather Peavey
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

An airman from the 49th Maintenance Squadron was convicted in a general court-martial of aggravated assault and making a false official statement.

Senior Airman John Freeman entered a plea of not guilty, but was found guilty by officer members. He was sentenced to a Dishonorable Discharge,

five years confinement, reduction to airman basic, and total forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

General courts-martial are reserved for the most serious criminal offenses. In a general court-martial, the offender's punishment is limited to the maximum punishment set forth in the Manual for Courts-Martial for the given offense.

In this case, the maximum punishment allowable was a Dishonorable Discharge,

10 years confinement, reduction to E-1 and forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

The evidence against the airman revealed that he beat a civilian victim in her Alamogordo home after the two had broken up. The victim sustained injuries including several deep cuts to the back and left side of her

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	High: 64 Low: 44 TODAY		High: 68 Low: 36 SATURDAY		High: 65 Low: 38 SUNDAY		High: 62 Low: 36 MONDAY
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DUI Update

Days since last DUI:	2	Last six DUIs:	• 49 CES Nov. 12
DUIs year to date:	3		• 49 OSS Oct. 18
DUIs this time last year:	6		• 49 CES Oct. 16
			• 49 SFS Sept. 6
			• 49 OSS Aug. 29
			• 49 SFS Aug. 28

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

Calls:
Year to date: **64**
Last week: **11**

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

Holloman Chapel Services — 572-7214

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| Weekday Masses – 11:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. | • General Protestant Worship Service, 11 a.m. |
| Sunday – Catholic Mass, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. | • Protestant Contemporary Worship Service, 6:30 p.m. |
| • Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m. | • Protestant Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. at HAFB Intermediate School. |

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, 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.



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We owe them our service

by Col. William A. Chambers
11th Wing
commander
Bolling Air Force
Base, D.C.

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, the guns fell silent on Europe's muddy battle fields. World War I was over. President Woodrow Wilson ordered Armistice Day be commemorated in succeeding years as a reminder of the "war to end all wars."

In 1954, President Dwight Eisenhower re-named the holiday to honor American veterans of all wars. The list has lengthened since 1918: World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam, the Gulf War, and, now, the Global War on Terrorism.

While the name of the day was changed, the purpose remained the same: to honor American veterans for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. We owe so much to our veterans, men and women who have been separated from their families, missed the births of their children and spent holidays away from home.

Moreover, it's a debt we can never fully repay. America's veterans, current and past defenders, have helped shape the very character of America. Their stories are our country's history, because



Photo by Lanorris Askew

A mother and son look at names on the Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall Experience display. The traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., was on display in Macon, Ga. from Oct. 31 through Nov. 2.

America rose to greatness on their shoulders. We owe our way of life, our freedom to work and raise our families as we choose, to them.

There are more than 26 million veterans among us. We know them as our fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, and our next-door neighbors. They represent the finest America has to offer through their lifetime of service, and the country has been enriched by their contributions, both in and out of uniform. As President George W. Bush noted on Veterans Day last year, "The term 'veteran' conveys more than a rank held in the past ... each of us is better because of the influence of a veteran. And so is America."

Today, we are engaged in a war unlike any our country has ever known, against an enemy unlike any we've ever known.

Like the defenders before us, we've been called to meet a great challenge. And, thanks to our leadership, our training, our equipment and our commitment, we're ready.

While the battleground and enemy may be different, our cause is clearly the same: to protect our republic, to preserve our fellow citizens' freedoms and to help secure a peaceful future for our families. It is up to us to serve now like those who have gone before us — to fight for the values of liberty and justice they defended for us.

So, on this Veterans Day, the 50th year our nation has marked a day for veterans in November, let us remember the true significance of the day as we honor the millions of defenders on whose shoulders we stand and serve proudly.

WATER

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samples tested positive and violated the drinking water standard, resamples taken at the same locations on Oct. 13 and Oct. 29 were negative for coliform bacteria. Possible causes of the original positive results could have been airborne bacteria near the sampling location or unsanitized faucets.

"Because the second samples turned up clean, no further sampling is needed at those locations," said Staff Sgt. Margaret Stauffer, NCOIC of environmental protection. "Holloman's water remains safe to drink and there's no reason for anyone to be alarmed. We test the water every week to ensure the water is safe for the people who live and work here."

For more information, contact BIO at 572-7810.

COURT

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head and forehead, as well as two severely injured index fingers. Some of the victim's injuries are permanent marks from the assault, and include her left index finger, which had to be surgically amputated above the knuckle, and a cross-like scar in the center of her forehead.

This case highlights the need for all Air Force members to understand that domestic violence is inconsistent with Air Force standards. As Gen. John Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff, stated in his July 24, 2002 letter on the subject, "Leaders at all levels are responsible for protecting victims, initiating investigations, assessing criminality and holding offenders accountable."



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents Nov. 4 to Tuesday.

Tickets

Security forces issued 17 tickets from Nov. 4 through Sunday: one for expired registration, three for failure to stop, three for a parking violation, one for illegal display of a license plate and no registration, one for larceny, one for no insurance, five for speeding one to 10 mph over the posted speed limit, and two for speeding 11 to 15 mph over the posted speed limit.

Property Loss, Damage or Theft

- Nov. 4 – An airman reported an unknown individual is using checks he lost in October.
- Nov. 5 – A senior NCO reported damage to the tactical weather observing system at building 577.
- Nov. 5 – A family member reported she was involved in a privately owned vehicle accident at the softball fields.
- Nov. 7 – A family member reported she was involved in a POV accident at the Commissary parking lot.
- Nov. 7 – An NCO reported he was involved in a POV accident at building 877.
- Nov. 7 – A family member reported she found her quarters unsecured upon returning from vacation.
- Nov. 9 – A civilian reported a minor POV accident at building 583.
- Nov. 10 – An NCO reported a cracked mirror on his POV.
- Nov. 10 – An airman reported a broken window at building 342.

Patrol response

- Nov. 4 – A civilian reported a verbal dispute between two Army Air Forces Exchange Service employees at the Base Exchange.
- Nov. 4 – A senior NCO reported he was contacted by base housing residents about personnel trying to break into the back doors of their homes.
- Nov. 5 – An airman reported another airman operating his POV on base while on the drivers' revocation list.
- Nov. 9 – An NCO reported approximately eight individuals of foreign decent attempting to flag him down on the on-ramp to US 70. US Border Patrol was contacted and upon arrival on scene, the individuals were determined to be illegal aliens.
- Nov. 9 – An NCO reported he had detained a senior NCO's family member for shoplifting at the Base Exchange.
- Nov. 10 – An airman reported a civilian communicated a threat to him.
- Nov. 10 – An airman reported items had been stolen from her dorm room.

Senior NCO takes center stage

by Laura Pellegrino
Sunburst staff writer

A senior master sergeant at Holloman has spent many hours during the last six weeks pretending to be someone else.

By day, he's Senior Master Sgt. Robert Benton, 49th Maintenance Squadron Munitions Materiel Section superintendent. At night, he becomes Tom Wingfield, the lead role in New Mexico State University Alamogordo's presentation of "The Glass Menagerie," which opens tonight at the Rohovec Fine Arts Center on the NMSU-A campus.

Benton plays 22-year-old Tom and the narrator, who is an older Tom looking back on the events. Auditions for the play were in mid-September.

In a good audition, the actor is essentially selling himself, Benton said.

"The goal is to do the best audition possible," he said. "So the actor has to really want the part."

Benton really wanted the part. He knew he had a good audition, but didn't want to get his hopes up.

"Other people expected I would get the part," he said. "But directors are sometimes looking for different things."

In this case, the director was looking for someone like Benton.

"He had an understanding of the character that the others didn't have," said Liisa Rose, director. "Honestly, I knew from day one, as soon as he stepped on stage, he was going to be Tom."

Benton has plenty of experience on the stage. Since junior high school, he has been in more than 20 plays.

"I enjoy evoking a response from the audience," he said. "Like a laugh or some other emotional reaction."

In "Little Women," Benton played a professor who misunderstands a conversation between two other characters.

"I have no lines, but I step



Courtesy photo

Senior Master Sgt. Robert Benton performs his final monologue at a dress rehearsal for *The Glass Menagerie*. The play opens at 7:30 p.m., tonight.

in the background, react with a gesture and I see the audience go, 'Ohh!'" Benton said. "When they get it and I can evoke a reaction, I've done my job as an actor."

Benton was cast as the main lead in two other shows – "A Christmas Carol" at Spangdahlem Air Force Base, Germany and "The Book of Five Rings" at Holloman during his previous assignment here.

Ten days before "The Book of Five Rings" opened, Benton was deployed.

The cast had been through three months of rehearsals. A new actor was brought in who had 10 days to memorize the entire script and several lengthy monologues.

"The new person had to play the part as if he were an old fool because of the long monologues," Benton said. "There was no way to memorize them all, so he just got the idea of each monologue and the tagline so the next actor would know his cue."

This time, Benton is in a non-deployable position and said he will definitely make opening night.

NMSU-A's Theater group performs two plays a year and hosts other productions. Tickets for "The Glass Menagerie" are \$6 each at The Blue Stone, TLC portraits and Outdoor Recreation. For more information, call 439-3676 or 439-3619.

On the side . . .

The Glass Menagerie is playing at the Rohovec Fine Arts Center on the NMSU-A campus on the following days:

7:30 p.m., today, Saturday, Nov. 21 and 22
2 p.m., Nov. 23.

Tickets are \$6 each and can be purchased at Blue Stone, TLC portraits and Outdoor Recreation.

Abuse has nothing to do with love

by Laura Pellegrino
Sunburst staff writer

In the United States, 30 percent of teens who date are victims of violence in their relationships.

Because violence between men and women is starting at a younger age every year, the 49th Medical Group Family Advocacy team holds a workshop for sixth, seventh and eighth-graders called "Date Violence: Love in a Pumpkin Shell."

It's important to reach children about date violence at an early age, said Howard Hill, Family Advocacy outreach manager.

"At this age, they've recently evolved out of the 'pulling pig tails' stage," Hill said. "We want to get them out of a violent mind-set now, before their dating patterns are set."

During the sixth-grade workshop, children watched a video in which teens related their experiences with date violence.

One 17-year-old in the video said every time her boyfriend hit her, she loved him more.

Although even she admitted it didn't make sense, that kind of thinking isn't uncommon in abusive relationships, said Maggie Clark, Family Advocacy nurse.

Abusive behavior is often correlated with love.

"They may have come from a family where violence was present already and is the norm," she said. "Or, a girl may think if a boy hits her because he's jealous, it's flattering."

The video teaches children that abuse has nothing to do with love.

"What we're hoping is something will sink in," Clark said. "We want to capture them early and say 'Violence is not OK.'"

Parents sometimes need to intervene in teen date violence situations. In the case of the 17-year-old who loved her boyfriend more for hitting her, it took her mother getting a restraining order to finally end the relationship.

"Although these children are young and they're not actually dating, they consider themselves in relationships, whether their parents see it or not," Clark said. "A parent can only protect their child when they're standing there watching them. We hope parents notice our date violence handout and keep it or talk to their kids about it."

For more information about date violence or other kinds of family violence, call Family Advocacy at 572-7061.

On the side . . .

Why would a teenage woman want to stay with a boyfriend who abuses her?

• **Emotional reasons** – She remembers the "good times" and believes that he will change. She may have little to no self-esteem. She may feel she can't live without him. She may feel she deserves to be beaten.

• **Economic reasons** – He may take care of her financial needs, buy her things, give her a ride to school and take her out.

• **Fear** – He may threaten to harm her or kill her if she leaves or say that he'll find her wherever she goes. He may threaten to hurt her friends or family if she breaks off the relationship.

• **Shame** – She may feel embarrassed to have her friends and family know what's going on. She may think no one will believe her. She may be convinced that the abuse is her fault.

Holloman Salutes



These airmen reenlisted in October:

49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Lawrence Crayton
Staff Sgt. Allen Baker
Staff Sgt. Terry Broeringmeyer

49th Security Forces Squadron
Senior Master Sgt. Daniel Sands
Tech. Sgt. Patrick Burke
Staff Sgt. Leigh Baker

49th Services Squadron
Senior Airman
Andrea Ballerstein

49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron
Staff Sgt. Corey Denney

49th Mission Support Squadron
Senior Airman Jose Duenas

49th Maintenance Group
Staff Sgt. Dilphia McCollum
Senior Airman Jason Eilo

49th Maintenance Operations Squadron
Master Sgt. Corey Faust

49th Maintenance Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Cincarlton Grandy
Staff Sgt. John Hockman

49th Civil Engineer Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Daniel Holdridge

49th Contracting Squadron
Senior Airman Erin Kerr

49th Materiel Maintenance Support Squadron
Staff Sgt. Kevin Norton
Senior Airman
Terrance Theragood

49th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron
Senior Airman Kedrick Palmer

49th Medical Operations Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Lee Richards

49th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Senior Airman
Michael Taubenheim

49th Communications Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Vetter

Holloman Hero

Senior Airman Anthony Musante

49th Maintenance Squadron

Duty title: Munitions Training and Mobility Technician

Time in service: Three years

Time at Holloman: Three years

Personal and career goals:

Continue to work toward my education and work for my commission as an officer in the United States Air Force.

Why is serving in the Air Force important to you?

I believe it's important to give back to my country and help keep it a safe place for all of us to live in.

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

The accomplishment

I'm most proud of was the opportunity I had to deploy with the munitions area equipment and personnel from Holloman. I took part in the movement of over 40 munitions personnel and 54 short tons all in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Core value portrayed: "Excellence in all we do"

Musante is living proof of excellence in all we do. His leadership skills and willingness to guide others has molded many of the young airmen in his career field.

– Lt. Col. Andrew Landoch
49th Maintenance Squadron commander



Photo by Airman Stephen Collier

The Holloman Hero submission form is now online.

*It can be downloaded at:
https://wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/wing/49FW_PA/internal.html*



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Paul Coupaud

What is Veterans Day?

Uncle Sam, retired Master Sgt. Chuck Harris, explains the meaning of Veterans Day and gives a salute to all veterans during the Holloman Primary School Veterans Day assembly, Nov. 11.

AF Crossword: Happy Birthday, USMC

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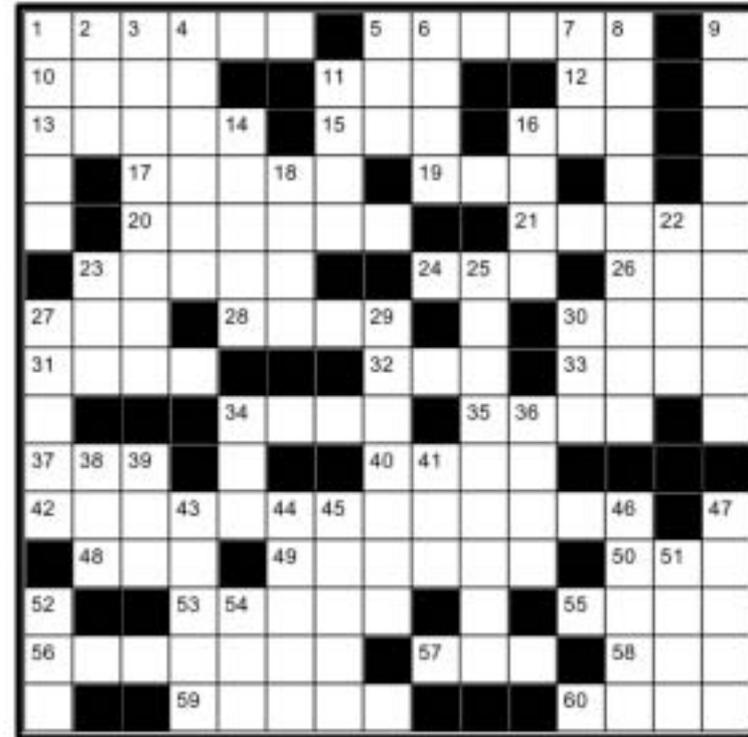
1. Part of the USMC emblem
5. Only Marine to win Navy Cross
5 times for gallantry/heroism
10. Egyptian river
11. Mongrel
12. Regarding (abbrev.)
13. Part of USMC emblem
15. USAF commissioning
source (abbrev.)
16. Punch
17. Type
19. Quik-E-Mart owner on
The Simpsons
20. Edge
21. Synthetic material
23. Former Soviet ruler
24. Mock
26. Delay
27. Even
28. Abbreviation for Elmendorf base
30. *Urban Legend* actress Alicia
31. Church altar
32. Actress ____ Margaret
33. New York district
34. Rip
35. Phoenix Coyote captain
Shane ____

37. Former TV show ____-*Haw*
40. Indonesian paradise
42. USMC motto (two words)
48. Nordic instrument
49. Chooses
50. River in SW Sahara;
Rio de ____
53. German cars
55. Canal connecting Mediterranean
and Red seas
56. Marine who raised the first
US flag over foreign soil
57. Picnic crasher
58. Observe
59. Sovereigns
60. USMC Maj. Ross L. ____;
Medal of Honor recipient for Haiti

DOWN

1. Saint
2. Zero
3. Hits
4. Palestinian city
5. Set
6. Major or Minor
7. Epoch
8. Anarchy

9. "Black Sheep" USMC flying ace
who was awarded the MOH
11. Doctrine
14. Scary
16. Calendar month
18. Krabappel of *The Simpsons*
22. Vow
23. Pass (as in running)
25. Famous USMC general;
CA base named for him
27. Trails
29. Girl toys
30. USAF bomb dump (abbrev.)
34. China chairman Mao ____ Tung
36. Baby and mineral
38. Snakelike fish
39. Flightless bird
41. USAF defense lawyers (abbrev.)
43. Joke
44. French surrealism artist
45. Toss
46. USMC famous composer/leader
of "The President's Own"
47. Seeps
51. USMC 2LT Robert D. ____;
Korean War MOH recipient
52. Cry
54. Cycle or form



See Page 15 for the solution

Vehicle maintenance reminds HAFB to Take pride in your ride

by Airman
Stephen Collier
49th Fighter Wing
Public Affairs

People open the door to their Air Force-owned vehicle, start it up and continue completing their mission everyday. But, there is much more that must go into your squadron's use of that vehicle.

The vehicle maintenance element is dedicated to keeping government vehicles in good running order. They deal with approximately 50 to 75 vehicles every week, and find that a

portion of the work they do is entirely preventable, according to Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey George, the 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle maintenance customer service NCOIC.

"Often, vehicle operators become complacent about the care and maintenance required for our vehicles until it breaks down, becomes due for maintenance or is involved in an accident. We then must turn it in to be worked on, not knowing when we will see it again," George said. "That's when we appreciate how important our vehicles are to us."

George said, after people turn their vehicles into maintenance, many ask when they will get them back.

"When a vehicle comes in for required maintenance, it is inspected from bumper to bumper for operational discrepancies, excessive wear limits, leaks and broken parts. Parts availability can sometimes be a problem in the Alamogordo area, and can take from five days to two weeks for delivery. Certain vehicles that come to us get a priority listing first, such as emergency response and flight line support vehicles. It's all about providing the vehicles necessary to protect the base, its people and perform the mission of the wing," said George.



Photo by Airman Stephen Collier

Senior Airman Seth Hubbard jump starts a GOV at the 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron's vehicle maintenance compound.

"Taking pride in your vehicle appearance and overall condition is a responsibility that every vehicle operator in the Air Force should be concerned with to ensure a safe and serviceable fleet," said George.

When turning in a GOV for maintenance, there are certain procedures that must be followed. Before servicing the vehicle, it must be clean inside and out or it will not be accepted by the customer service center.

For questions concerning vehicle maintenance and upkeep, call 572-7489 and make sure you have your vehicle registration number readily available.

Inside the story

GOV operators are liable for the operating care and responsibilities listed in Air Force Manual 24-307.

An operator needs to check and service:

- Fuel
- Engine oil
- Windshield wiper fluid

Items that need to be checked and submitted to vehicle maintenance for additional fluid or replacement are:

- Radiator coolant
- Power steering
- Brake fluid
- Batteries

Thanksgiving closures

Main Store: Closed
Furniture Store: Closed
Military clothing: Closed
Mini mall: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Anthony's Pizza: Closed
Frank's Franks: Closed
Robin Hood: Closed
Popeye's Chicken: Closed
Theater: Closed
Beauty Shop: Closed
Barber Shop: Closed
Dry Cleaners: Closed
Alterations: Closed
Optical Shop: Closed
Flower Shop: Closed
Rental Car: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (phone only)
Olive Branch: Closed
GNC: Closed
McDonald's: 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

FSC

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

- Stress management: 8 to 9 a.m., Monday.
- Spouse employment workshop: 1 to 2:30 p.m., Monday.
- Key spouse training: 6 to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday.
- Three-day transition assistance: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- Disability transition assistance program: 8:30 a.m., Thursday.

The FSC closes at 3 p.m., Mondays in November. For more information, contact the FSC at 572-7754 or visit the website at www.mil.holloman.af.mil/sptg/mss/fsc.

Red Cross

The Red Cross schedule of events is as follows:

- Infant and child cardio pulmonary resuscitation: 9 a.m. to noon, Tuesday in Alamogordo.
- Babysitters training: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nov. 22 in Alamogordo.
- Community first aid and safety: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Dec. 6 in Alamogordo.

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



Courtesy photo

Thank you

Children from the Nuevo Vision School raise their new blankets in the air during the 2003 Make a Difference Day, Oct. 24. Ten volunteers from Holloman and White Sands Missile Range visited the school in Juarez, Mexico to help the Army, Navy and civilian workforce pass out the blankets, which were sewn by members of the WSMR Protestant Chapel.

Christmas parade

This year's Christmas parade is 6 p.m., Dec. 6. Volunteers are still needed for traffic and crowd control the night of the parade. To volunteer, e-mail lisa.gallegos@holloman.af.mil or john.graves@holloman.af.mil.

Individuals interested in entering the parade can pick up an entry and information form at the Chamber of Commerce or call 437-6120. For more information, call Alana Stillwell at 434-0285 or e-mail her at alanastillwell@holloman.af.mil.

HOSC

All Holloman Officers' Spouses' Club members are invited to attend "A Heavenly Night: Astronomy in New Mexico," 6:30 p.m., Tuesday at the officers' club. All Reservations and cancellations must be made by Monday at noon. For last names beginning with A-M call Christine Juedeman at 479-2222; last names beginning with N-Z call 434-5291

CE outing

The 49th Civil Engineer Squadron spouses and children are invited to an informal outing. Everyone should meet for lunch at McDonald's on White Sands Boulevard at 11 a.m., Wednesday. After lunch, there will be a tour of the Eagle Ranch Pistachio Farm at 1:30 p.m.

For more information, call 479-1125.

Security Forces spouses

The Lady Defenders have their monthly meeting 6 p.m., Wednesday in the Community Center. They will plan the annual Kids' Christmas Party, so bring a friend!

For more information, call 491-8948.

MOPS

The Alamogordo Mothers of Preschoolers has a meeting from 9 to 11:30 a.m., Tuesday at First Assembly Worship Center. Childcare is provided. The guest speaker will discuss "Rooted in Tradition" and the craft is Christmas countdown chalkboard. The group is open to all mothers with children 5 and under.

For more information, call 921-0939 or 437-2593

Red Cross volunteers

The Holloman Dental Clinic and the American Red Cross are looking for volunteers to work in the dental field. Volunteers work six months, 40 hours a week, for a total of 800 hours. In return, volunteers get comprehensive training in dental assisting, six months experience and a certificate of completed training. Class starts Nov. 24. Applications are available at the American Red Cross Office, building 222.

For more information, call the Holloman Red Cross Office at 572-7066 or Master Sgt. Daniel Amic at 572-3742.

Comptroller closure

The 49th Comptroller Squadron is closed Nov. 21 from 1 to 4 p.m. for a Commander's Call and Thanksgiving Celebration. For emergencies, please call 491-4845.

Office closures

The Housing Management, Housing Maintenance, Furnishings Management, Dormitory Management and Self-Help offices are closed from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 21 for an office function. Housing Maintenance will be taking emergency only calls during this time.

B On the BIG SCREEN

Out of Time (PG-13)

7 p.m., today

School of Rock (PG-13)

7 and 10 p.m., Saturday

Duplex

7 p.m., Sunday and Thursday



Mandatory new form key to guiding officers' careers

by Maj. John J. Thomas
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Public Affairs

Force Development becomes tangible for all officers, lieutenant colonel and below, facing assignments next year as they must complete an online Officer Development Plan, replacing the old 'preference worksheet'.

The 'transitional ODP' hits the streets this week, officials say. Under the Officer Development Plan those up for permanent changes of station in calendar year 2004 will have to fill out the form by logging on to the personnel center's assignment management system.

It marks the launch of the revamped online assignment preference portion of the new Force Development concept. Filling out the ODP starts the force development review for each officer.

"It's their way into the process," said Col. Kathleen Grabowski, chief of assignments programs and procedures here. The ODP is then reviewed by the appropriate people in the chain of command and in that officer's career field, the colonel said. "Ultimately, it's what the Development Teams will use to validate career goals and recommend the best next type of assignment for each officer."

And that recommendation will then be used by assignment

teams at the personnel center to best match Air Force requirements with each officer's expressed career goals.

"The bottom line is still Air Force needs," she said. "That hasn't changed." Filling out the form is similar to accomplishing the old 'preference worksheet,' officials say. But there are different blanks to fill in and some new questions to answer that will give career field leaders more of the information they need to put the right person in the right job at the right time, officials say.

Officers will be asked questions about career plans, goals and duty preferences. There is also room for airmen to enter comments they think it's important for reviewers to know.

Reviewers of the form will also have an area where they can record additional recommendations to the development teams. Officers will be able to update the form as often as they and their reviewer think is needed, officials say.

"The more information we can get up front on the ODP about an officer's plans and the needs of his or her career field, the better the Development Team can guide an officer's career," said Col. Christopher Miller, director of assignments here.

Unlike with the preference worksheet, officers will get feedback -or a 'development

team vector'-recorded on the form itself once their development team reviews it, officials said.

"The development team will evaluate an officer's preferences and reviewer recommendations, and then give feedback to the individual and the reviewer about a reasonable development path," he said. "We also hope to realize an overall time-savings for both officers and their commanders by bringing the factors that affect these decisions into finer focus right off the bat."

"These are big changes everyone should take note of because this form will be very important to their careers," said Grabowski. "Development teams need to know as much about an officer as possible to guide careers-and the ODP will be the repository for a lot of that information," she said.

"We're using this 'transitional' form because Force Development is moving ahead and we're not going to slow the process to wait for the 100-percent solution on this form. The transitional ODP will do the job for us until the full-fledged ODP is ready to go," said Miller.

The format of the development plan's online form will be honed further when it drops its 'transitional' label and a final ODP is fielded sometime next year, officials said.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Brian Davids

Honoring America's veterans

(Left to right) Airman 1st Class William Jannisch, Staff Sgt. Cassie Letendre, Airman 1st Class Jason Ventura and Senior Airman James Butler conduct a retreat ceremony honoring American veterans at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan Nov. 11., Jannisch and Letendre are deployed from the 49th Security Forces Squadron.

Program offers business opportunities to vets

by Army Sgt. 1st Class
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American Forces Press Service

The Veterans Affairs loan program, long known for helping veterans get their own home, is now helping them obtain their own business.

Veterans can now go from "defending the American dream to owning it," said Don DeBolt, president of the International Franchise Association, which sponsors the Veterans Transition Franchise Initiative program.

"It's the one way we can focus attention to our veterans who are leaving the military and would like to have their own slice of the American dream and would like to have their own business to operate," he said. "And the beautiful thing about franchising is that there are no glass ceilings, there are no barriers to success."

The VA "is very high on finding business opportunities for former military (members), and franchising is one of the areas (identified) to look at," DeBolt said.

Businesses participating in VetFran

have agreed to help veterans acquire franchises by providing "best-deal" programs and financial incentives not otherwise available to other investors, DeBolt said. Veterans can acquire business franchises with down payments of 10 percent or less of the initial franchise cost, which can range from \$45,000 to \$150,000.

"There is a large menu in franchising. We'd like to think that there is something for everybody," he said, "not only in terms of their skill sets, their interest and their passions, but also from their pocketbook standpoint."

Veterans can find franchises for a few thousand dollars in initial investment to a few million dollars, "if you're interested in a Ritz Hotel," DeBolt said.

Veterans must realize that owning their own business is a real possibility — that "where there is a will, there is a way," he said. But he also suggested that before making a decision to own a business, veterans must take a personal inventory of their business interests.

To learn more about franchise opportunities, visit the VA's Center for Veterans Enterprise Web site at www.vetbiz.gov.

Air Force crushes Army

by John Van Winkle

U.S. Air Force Academy
Public Affairs



Photo by John Van Winkle

Three Marchello Graddy fumble recoveries and three Joey Ashcroft field goals helped lead the Air Force Academy Falcons to their seventh victory of the season, beating the Army team 31-3.

“It’s a win we desperately needed.

We hadn’t won a game in 28 days,” said Fisher DeBerry, Falcons head coach. “The last 28 days have stunk. We’re not used to going this long without a win.”

Yet the Falcons were their own worst enemy during the Nov. 8 game, DeBerry said. The Falcons stifled their 446-yard performance on offense with four fumbles, 11 penalties and were unable to get into the end zone on several possessions.

“I’m a little irked and disappointed that we were trying to kick field goals instead of finishing off drives with touchdowns,” DeBerry said. “Over the course of a game, that will catch up with you.”

While the Air Force defense was able to keep Army at bay, senior placekicker Ashcroft converted stalled drives into points with field goals from 59, 31 and 22 yards. That gave the Falcons time to get their fullback running game into gear, and then work the middle routes underneath Army’s soft pass defense for the victory.

For Graddy, Ashcroft and the other seniors, it also meant that they have never lost to Army, during their tenure at the academy.

The win increases the Falcons’ season record to 7-3. For Army, the loss drops them to 0-10 and ties a school record for losses dating back to 1973. The Army loss also extends the nation’s longest losing streak to 12 games.

Army was in a position to win each of their last three games, so the potential to reverse their fortunes is within the team’s grasp, DeBerry said.

“It can be done,” he said. “I’d like to see them win eight or nine

Falcons quarterback Chance Harridge plunges forward for a first down at midfield.

games a year. I’ve got a deep place in my heart for them. Certainly we root for our other two service academies, except when we play them.”

The Commander in Chief’s trophy is the top goal in Falcon football, and goes to the service academy football team that bests its military rivals. After a six-year chokehold on the title, the Falcons are in danger of losing the trophy after an uncharacteristic 28-25 loss to Navy earlier this season. So only a three-way tie forged by a Dec. 6 Army win over Navy can keep the trophy in Air Force hands.

“Anything can happen in service academy football,” DeBerry said. “If Army could beat Navy later this year, we would retain the Commander in Chief’s Trophy.”

The Falcons’ schedule has only two games remaining, both against conference teams. Air Force plays New Mexico Nov. 15 and San Diego State Nov. 22.

“You ought to be playing your best football of the year in November,” DeBerry said, “and that’s what it’s going to take.”

Crossword solution, from Page 12



NCO bulks up for bodybuilding

by Airman
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49th Fighter Wing
Public Affairs

To some, the goal of having rock-hard abs, a perfectly-shaped chest and a lean, muscular figure can be seen as either unreachable or unhealthy. But for one non-commissioned officer at Holloman, it's more than just a goal; it's a reality.

Staff Sgt. Arthur Barrett, a space systems operator at the 4th Space Control Squadron, began bodybuilding with a little help.

"I was researching bodybuilding when I saw retired Chief Master Sgt. Edwin Rodriquez's picture in the *Sunburst*," said Barrett. "I got in contact with him and within two hours I was put on the right diet and exercise plan."

Barrett competed in his first competition Nov. 1 at the Rocky Mountain Bodybuilding Classic in Denver, where he placed second in the novice light-weight category. He then went on to participate in the open middle weight division where he placed fifth overall. This is no easy feat for a beginner said Rodriquez, an avid bodybuilder and certified personal trainer.

"He started out at 200 pounds and was able to transform his body into a 161-pound muscle-machine," said Rodriquez. "For someone just starting out in their first contest, placing fifth in open middle weights is not easy."

To ensure he is able to cope with the stress of bodybuilding, Barrett sticks to a strict diet and workout schedule.

"During the week, our squadron has physical conditioning," he said. "Before that, I get up at three o'clock in the

morning to cook all my meals and workout at the fitness center from 5 to 7 a.m. During the day, I take in six different meals to replenish my nutrients."

In preparation for a bodybuilding event being held in July 2004 in Albuquerque, Barrett is forming a Holloman bodybuilding team open to anyone interested in the sport.

"We have six members go-



Photo by Jennifer Barrett

Barrett practices his posing technique for his Nov. 1 bodybuilding competition.

ing to the July competition already," said Barrett. "With our members already in shape, it should take eight solid weeks to get ready."

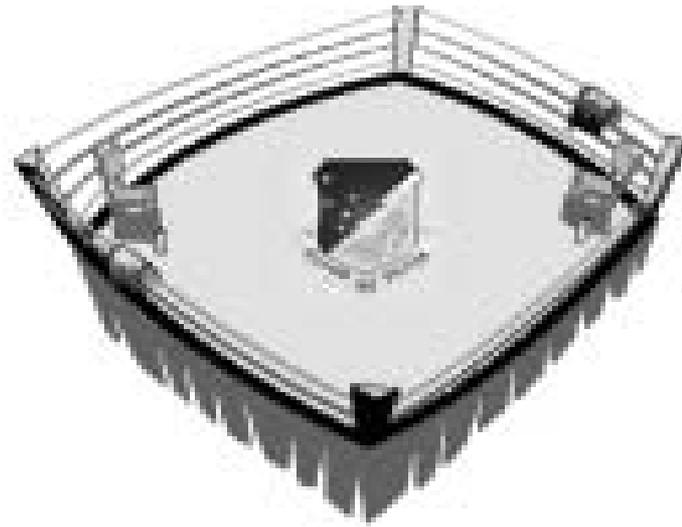
With professional bodybuilding an option in the future, Barrett wants potential bodybuilders to know some of the dangers of the sport.

"Many professional builders use illegal steroids on a routine basis," said Barrett. "Enthusists need to know that the drug can make you sterile, destroy internal organs and erode the body."

"To make it in this sport, you need support," said Barrett. "If it wasn't for my wife, Chief Rodriquez and my supervisors, I never would have made it this far."

Let's get it on!

Team Holloman dukes it out Nov. 8 at the fitness center



Graphic and photos by Airman Stephen Collier

Clockwise from left: Justin Silva, 49th MXS, delivers a knockdown punch to 49th MMSS opponent Julio Huaman. (Above left) Bear Base's Huaman swings back at Silva. (Top left) Adam Closson of the 49th MMSS throws a low blow to opponent George Lee of the 49th MXS. (Above) 49th CS contender Phillip Chardez locks arms with Mauris Cailean of the 49th Medical Support Squadron.

Boxing contest results

Light weight

Fight 1

David Thompson defeats Eduardo Matta

Fight 2

Adam Closson defeats George Lee

Fight 3

Geraldo Garofalo defeats Chris Remie

Middle weight

Fight 1

Justin Silva defeats Julio Huaman

Fight 2

Melvin Davis defeats Jeremy Smeithop

Heavy weight

Fight 1

Phillip Chardez defeats Mauris Cailean

Fight 2

Dustin Wright defeats James Gargano

And then there was one...

Maintainers take 2003 intramural championship title

by Airman Stephen Collier
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Two teams undefeated in their leagues fought for the title of 2003 Intramural Football champions Nov. 6 as the 2002 second-place winners, the 49th Maintenance Squadron, overtook the 49th Communications Squadron 14-8.

The final game of the season began with COMM on the offensive, gaining 35 yards with a turnover to MXS. Quarterback Richard Pintoja gained 37 yards for MXS with a run up the middle.

After four downs, MXS turned over the ball.

Tough defenses continued to hold back any score in the first half until COMM wide receiver Jessie Morales

rushed a short pitch into the end zone, giving his team a 6-0 lead. Center John Sisson upped the score to 8-0 with a successful two-point conversion.

MXS took the return back as COMM defensive end Eric Somppi blocked a pass by MXS's Pintoja to wide receiver Ermen Barnett, helping to take back the ball.



MXS quarterback Richard Pintoja breaks through the COMM defense for a 15-yard gain Nov. 6.

Maintenance took control of the ball once more and found themselves in scoring range with a short pass to tight end Michael Bates, bringing the score to 8-7 after a one-point conversion.

COMM began the second half with a flea flicker to wide receiver Phillip

Chaidez. COMM lost the ball after four downs, setting MXS up for another score. Pintoja lined up on the 13-yard line and tossed a floater to Barnett for MXS's second touchdown of the night making the score 14-8, but lost the conversion.

Halftime ended and MXS defense stepped up with a big interception by Pintoja as COMM lost the ball in the end zone.

Twenty-two seconds remained and COMM took back the ball for the final time. Quarterback Frank Walsh pulled back and threw the ball to wide receiver Brian Fitzgerald for 12 yards. Eight seconds remained, and Walsh threw to Fitzgerald again as MXS cornerback Lateef Anderson leaped in front of him, intercepting the ball and ending the season.

"This season was our best," said COMM coach Walsh. "We played together as one team and one family...we're all family."



Photos by Airman Stephen Collier

COMM wide receiver Brian Fitzgerald (right) battles for the ball against MXS cornerback Dennis Ludwig on COMM's 35-yard line.

"COMM was a hard team from the beginning," said MXS assistant coach Martin Fox. "But we had dedicated airmen. We couldn't have done it without Pintoja. He was our star out there."

Fitness and Sports Center schedule

Monday

11 a.m. - Step Aerobics
4:30 p.m. - Yoga
5 p.m. - Step Aerobics

Tuesday

5 p.m. - Step Aerobics
6 p.m. - Hap-Ki Do

Wednesday

11 a.m. - Step Aerobics
5:30 p.m. - Latin Cardio
8:30 p.m. - Arnis Martial Arts

Thursday

11 a.m. - Step Aerobics
5 p.m. - Aquarobics
6:30 p.m. - Hap-Ki Do/Kuk Sool Won

Friday

5:30 p.m. - Cardio intervals
6:30 p.m. - Kuk Sool Wan



Photo by Airman Stephen Collier

Eight down, five to go

Airman 1st Class James Bell, 49th Fighter Wing, and Senior Airman John Sablotny, 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, joined 22 other runners Saturday for the annual Half Marathon. German Air Force 1st Lt. Tim Eusemann and GAF Staff Sgt. Rene Urbaniak placed first and second.

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 Staff Sgt. Tracy Fields with nine correct picks last week..



This week's games:

NFL

- Cardinals at Browns
- Ravens at Dolphins
- Giants at Eagles
- Packers at Bucs
- Cowboys at Patriots
- Texans at Bills

NCAA

- Virginia at Maryland
- Kansas St. at Nebraska
- Mich. at Northwestern
- N. Carolina St. at Florida St.
- Syracuse at Miami
- Air Force at N.M.

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**Emil
Brupbacher**

NFL: Browns, Dolphins, Eagles, Packers, Patriots and Bills
NCAA: Maryland, Nebraska, Mich., Florida St., Miami and AF

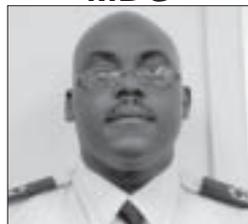
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**Airman
Ryan Arrigo**

NFL: Browns, Ravens, Eagles, Packers, Patriots and Bills
NCAA: Maryland, Nebraska, Mich., Florida St., Miami and AF

MDG



**Master Sgt.
Thomas Cole**

NFL: Cardinals, Dolphins, Bucs, Cowboys and Texans
NCAA: Virginia, Nebraska, Mich., Florida St., Miami and AF

MXG



**Airman 1st Class
Michael Gillespie**

NFL: Cardinals, Dolphins, Eagles, Bucs, Patriots and Bills
NCAA: Md., Kansas St., N. Western, N. Carolina St., Miami and NM

MMG



**Airman 1st Class
Simon Fish**

NFL: Browns, Dolphins, Eagles, Packers, Cowboys and Bills
NCAA: Virginia, Nebraska Mich., Florida St. Miami and AF

MSG



**Senior Airman
Alfonte Thomas**

NFL: Cardinals, Dolphins, Eagles, Bucs, Cowboys and Bills
NCAA: Virginia, Nebraska, Mich., Florida St., Miami and AF

4th SPCS



**Tech. Sgt.
Gary Perrin**

NFL: Browns, Ravens, Eagles, Packers, Cowboys and Bills
NCAA: Virginia, Nebraska, Mich., Florida St., Miami and AF