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Briefly

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for the Mountain View Middle School track meet which is re-scheduled for Tuesday.

Anyone interested can contact Ms. Stacey Yates at syates@aps4kids.org at 434-1888 after 6:30p.m., or during the day at 491-4495.

Holloman Middle School also seeks volunteers to help with a track meet March 26.

For more information, call Mr. Dennis Fry at 479-2282 or Coach Cherrilee Sederburg at 479-4455.

DDR

The Drug Demand Reduction numbers as of Monday are:
Number tested this year: 1,804
Positives: 7

911 emergencies

The Ambulance Response Element responds to emergencies on base. For emergencies, call 911, report the emergency and location, and an ambulance crew will be dispatched.

The ARE only provides medical care at the scene, and enroute to the hospital. There is no emergency room on base. Don't go to the ARE to seek care.

If an off-base resident has an injury that threatens life, limb or eyesight, call 911 or proceed to the ER.

To speak with a doctor for medical advice, and it's not an emergency, contact a Primary Care Manager or the TRICARE line for care at 888-887-4111.



Courtesy photo

Master Sgt. Joel Samuelson, 49th Contracting Squadron, deployed to Baghdad where he earned an Army Bronze Star for his work in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

49 CONS Airman earns Bronze Star in Baghdad

A 49th Contracting Squadron Airman earned the Bronze Star for his support of Operation Iraqi Freedom during ground combat in Iraq.

Master Sgt. Joel Samuelson, contingency contracting officer, received the award for his actions while deployed to the Baghdad Contracting Office as a member of Headquarters, Combined Joint Task Force Seven.

He volunteered to remain forward deployed to Baghdad for an

additional three months after serving 90 days at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar.

"I am profoundly humbled by this award and honored to have served with the Army," Sergeant Samuelson said. "The accomplishments of the Bronze Star are not mine alone. We all worked as one to get the job done in the busiest contracting office in Baghdad."

The BCO supports over 40,000

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Wing tracks ADPS tickets

by Senior Airman Martha Whipple
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 49th Fighter Wing is now tracking off-base citations through the Alamogordo Department of Public Safety.

The ADPS sends weekly tallies of citations involving military members to the 49th

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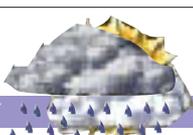
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Low: 43
TODAY



High: 85
Low: 44
SATURDAY



High: 74
Low: 46
SUNDAY



High: 75
Low: 44
MONDAY

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

From Africa to the Academy, women provide perspective

by 2nd Lt. Ashley Gee

319th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

“Never be in a position where you have to rely on someone else to take care of you,” she always told me.

Being just a child romping in the jungles of Nigeria, I never really understood what she was talking about or where she was coming from, I just knew I had to try hard and give 100 percent at everything I did. Eventually that mentality got me through the Air Force Academy.

A few weeks ago, I saw an e-mail about Women’s History Month. I had never heard of such a thing. Was there really a month that celebrated women and their achievements? Well just about everything has a month, or a day at least, so it was entirely possible.

The idea sparked thoughts of my life as a young girl in Africa to now being a second lieutenant in the Air Force stationed at Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D.

Nigeria, where I once lived, in itself is an amazing place with a people and culture unlike anywhere else in the world.

That being said, the life of a woman in Nigeria is vastly different than anything you could imagine here.

Nigerian women were expected to bear the children, plant the cassava fields and take care of their family with very little recognition for how much they did.

Education for children was not the primary concern for most families and, if you were a girl, that might mean you didn’t get one at all.

Most privileges were given to the boys first and then the girls. There were many lessons about life and freedom to be learned through the Nigerians. Among those lessons, I was taught kindness and humility. I learned to respect those women in the fields and never take life for granted. Most of all, I learned how to appreciate what I had and to work hard for what I wanted.

When my family moved back to the United States, I faced a complete culture shock. My world had been turned upside down, but two things would remain constant: work hard and give my all.

There were so many opportunities and none were limiting because I was a female, not even the academy. With my acceptance to the academy, I thought the sky was the limit, and I was right. There were many challenges to be faced. Everywhere I looked, there were equal opportunities for anyone who was willing

to work hard. I saw the ground work that had been laid beforehand, some 22 years earlier by the first graduating class of women in 1980. It showed the perseverance, dedication and character of all the women who had come before me, not just at the Academy but throughout the U.S.

Nigeria, and many countries like it, may seem backwards to us, but they are making advancements toward the improvement of women’s rights. In comparison, the U.S. and Nigeria are centuries apart and a world of difference.

It is amazing to think that our great nation was at one time not so different from Nigeria. It lends a whole new appreciation for those who came before us and opened the doors for limitless opportunities, not just for women, but for anyone who is will to work hard and give 100 percent.

During Women’s History Month, we get to see how much progress the United States and much of the world has made in the advancement of rights and opportunities for women. I’m glad to say I’ve seen what happens from one end of the spectrum to the other.

Army soldier now serves Holloman’s FSC

by Mr. Donald Larsen

49th Maintenance Group

A former Army soldier is now a Team Holloman Family Support Center member.

In 1984, Ms. Lenn Furrow, volunteered to work with the Family Advocacy Program in Germany.

Because of her volunteer work, she became aware of opportunities to advocate for military families. She began working with Army Community service which led to her job at Holloman in 1992.

The biggest career challenge for Ms. Furrow has been adjusting to change.

“It’s always been a very fluid environment and it’s challenging to constantly adjust to change,” she said.

She believes that’s true for all associ-

ated with the Air Force. It’s part of what makes the job interesting and rewarding.

When asked what accomplishments made her proud she mentioned, “Heroes at Home,” a book about help and hope for America’s military families written by Air Force spouse, Mrs. Ellie Kay.

“When she dedicated that book to me I was overwhelmed,” Ms. Furrow said.

Ms. Furrow said she cares deeply about the people she works with and for.

“It’s remarkable what the military members and their families do for their country every day,” she said. “It’s inspiring and yet it’s not widely understood outside of the military.”

Many people have set a path for the women of today, Ms. Furrow is inspired by all the unsung, unknown women who

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Ms. Lenn Furrow

Family Support Center director

struggled, achieved and excelled without praise, recognition or respect. Every generation of women made life a little better for the next.

“Don’t lose respect and understanding for who led the way to where women are today,” she said. “Don’t take anything for granted and be proud of yourself.”

DUI Update

Days since last DUI	32
DUIs this year	15
This week last year	12

Last six DUIs

• 8 AMU	Feb. 16
• 49 MMS	Feb. 13
• 49 LRS	Feb. 8
• 49 CS	Feb. 7
• 49 CS	Feb. 2
• 49 MMS	Feb. 1

572-RIDE works!

Calls made are lives saved

305 Saves this year
11 Saves this week



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Photo by Airman Larry Reid

The 49th Fighter Wing vice commander, Col. Rich Treadway, pins a Bronze Star on 49th Contracting Squadron contract specialist Master Sgt. Joel Samuelson, March 3 during a ceremony at the Bong Theater. Sergeant Samuelson earned a Bronze Star for his actions while deployed to the Baghdad Contracting Office in 2003 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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service members on the front lines with force protection equipment, construction and service requirements needed for survival.

When he arrived in Baghdad, the contracting office had hundreds of urgent requirements that needed to be purchased. After evaluating them, teams of Army soldiers were taught how to expedite and process requirements to assist contracting officers.

“This was the key to our success in Iraq,” Sergeant Samuelson said, “Know the resources available to you and empower people around you to make it happen. As a team, we put the numbers on the board, spending more than \$50 million from building guard towers, armored plating for HUMVEES, armored buses, concrete barriers, satellite phones, surgical equipment to printing the Stars and Stripes newspaper.”

During his three-month deployment, Sergeant Samuelson would commute with fellow soldiers past minefields and improvised explosive devices. Despite the danger, he did what any Airman would do in the same situation, they watched out for each other.

Sergeant Samuelson found a war zone with no easily definable front lines and no easily identifiable enemy. In a way, Iraq is the ultimate proving ground.

“It’s the real thing over there,” he said. “We were there to re-establish their society. You had to trust the local Iraqi contractors. We found some very good contractors, others not so good. Most Iraqis are relieved at the fall of Saddam’s regime. There is a small percentage of people in Iraq that don’t want us there, but the rest really want to help out.”

Sergeant Samuelson shielded his family back home by not talking about what was going on – in November alone 82 soldiers were killed. In phone calls and e-mails, he relayed all was fine, weather temperatures and keeping busy with Army requirements.

“I found it was much better not to tell them of the daily attacks,” he said. “I can’t tell you how much I appreciate the contracting squadron for keeping my family informed of my status while in Iraq, I am deeply moved by how the commander, Maj. James Knight and deputy com-

mander, Capt. Cheryl Gittens, went out of their way to write and call my folks and family to reassure them that all was fine when the news reports of more deaths and turbulence in Iraq were on the rise. For this, I am forever grateful. The 49th Contracting Squadron truly defines Mission First – People Always.”

Sergeant Samuelson’s family has a long history of Service in the Armed Forces including the Civil War, WWI, WWII and the Vietnam conflict. Sergeant Samuelson started his AF career as a firefighter and has deployed in support of the Persian Gulf War, Operation Enduring Freedom-Philippines and Qatar. Sergeant Samuelson looks back to his Iraqi expedition with pride and is ready to go back at a moments notice.

“Enlisting in the Air Force is the best decision I’ve made. I don’t think I’ll ever find a profession that is more satisfying or makes me more proud to be an American,” he said. “I just ask that everyone keep the Marines, Soldiers and Airmen deployed all over the world in defense of our freedom and their families in their thoughts and prayers.”

Team Holloman student wins second place in essay contest

What freedom means to me ...

Ms. Ashley Pierce
Mountain View Middle School

FREEDOM. What a wonderful word that is. Freedom is not just being able to drive a car or being able to live on your own. Freedom is being able to speak your mind without being punished. Did you know that places like China will not even let anyone speak their minds freely about their government? In the past, people living in Iraq could not even vote for their own leaders. Do you realize how lucky you are to be a citizen living in the United States of America?

Many years ago, most African-Americans did not even have the right to vote. They had no say about what went on with the government. Now, everyone, every race and both genders can vote. That is what I consider to be real freedom. This country has grown so much and I am very proud to be an American.

FREEDOM. The quality or state of being free. Independence. To me, that is what freedom means. Freedom is also being able to pursue your dreams no matter what race or gender you are. Just a few short years ago, women, especially African-American woman, had a hard time finding their dream jobs either because of their gender or race or even both. Now, we have women doctors, lawyers and even pilots.

One thing that I like the most about freedom is individual expression. In other countries, some women do not have the freedom to wear the clothes that they want to. They have to cover their bodies from head to toe. They do not have much freedom at all. I like to have the freedom to choose which church or religion to worship. A lot of people in places such as Iraq do not



Courtesy photo

Ms. Ashley Pierce, daughter of Staff Sgt. Gary and Mrs. Francine Pierce, captured second place in a “What Freedom Means to Me” essay contest at the Sertoma Club’s 44th Annual Banquet Feb. 21. She was one of three students honored at the banquet. Ashley is an eighth grader at Mountain View Middle School.

have much of a choice. All countries around the world, big or small, strong or weak, should have the freedoms that the United States has.

FREEDOM. What a wonderful word that is. The quality or state of being free. Independent. Freedom is very important to me. Freedom means everything to me. I can not imagine my life without freedom today. I now realize how fortunate I am to be a citizen of the United States of America. That is what freedom really means to me.

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Security Forces Squadron, which forwards the information to unit first sergeants.

“The intent of the program is two fold,” said. Lt. Col. Christopher Thelen, 49th Mission Support Group commander. “First, we want to give unit commanders better visibility of their members’ off-duty offenses, which might help identify and assist people who are at high-risk for acci-

dents. Secondly, we want to help our Alamogordo hosts maintain a safe environment downtown by encouraging Holloman members to always function within the law.”

Last year about 64 percent of traffic fatalities in Air Combat Command involved speeding, according to 49th SFS Commander Maj. Steve Weaver.

“I’m certain each of the 41

airmen who lost their lives thought they could speed without getting hurt,” Major Weaver said. “We can learn from their mistakes, or we can repeat their mistakes.”

Tracking off-base offenses is another way the wing holds airmen to a higher standard and promotes safety in all ranks.

“Whether we’re downtown or on base,” Major Weaver said, “we’re airmen 24/7.”

Space A extended

by Ms. Laura Pellegrino
Sunburst staff writer

Defense transportation officials have extended the continental United States Space-Available travel program.

A one-year test for the Space-A travel began April 1, 2003.

The extension will allow the test to continue past the one year mark, March 31, 2004, so evaluations and policy changes can be completed.

Space-A is an Air Force wide program which gives Holloman members, their dependents and retirees a chance to hitch a ride on half-filled

cargo planes for free.

Members can sign up for the program at the visitor's center. They fill out a travel request form and stamp it with the time and date.

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.

Bases with more cargo planes, such as Travis Air Force Base, Calif., or McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., have hundreds of flights each month.

For now, members can call (505) 572-3150 for flight schedule information.



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from March 9 to Sunday.

Tickets

Security Forces issued 26 tickets: three for no driver's license, two for parking violations, two for careless driving, one for no insurance, three for no registration, two for expired registration, one for disorderly conduct, two for failure to stop, one for no license plate light, two for no tail lights, one for improper passing, one for a driver responsible for an accident, four for speeding one to 10 mph over the speed limit and one for speeding 10 to 15 mph over the speed limit.

Property loss, damage or theft

- March 10 – There was a minor accident involving two privately-owned vehicles at the intersection of First Street and New Mexico Avenue.

- March 10 – An airman reported finding a four-inch scratch on his motorcycle. The bike was parked at building 333.

- March 12 – An NCO's POV rear-ended a civilian's POV on Delaware Avenue.

- March 14 – A family member struck an airman's vehicle while parking.

Patrol response

- March 13 – An NCO's family member reported finding a dog on Catron Loop.

- March 13 – A civilian verbally threatened another civilian in the Base Exchange.

- March 13 – An NCO's family member reported a civilian drove by her house and screamed profanities at her.

- March 14 – An NCO's family member reported that someone stole the roots to two of the rose bushes in her garden and then replaced the bushes in their original holes.

Civil arrest

- March 12 – An NCO was arrested in Dona Ana County for multiple bench warrants.

- March 14 – A specialist was arrested in Alamogordo for multiple warrants.

Women of merit recognized

I'd like to have my wife, Mrs. Heather Burrows, recognized as a woman of merit. In addition to the rigors of maintaining a household and home-schooling four kids she has devoted countless hours to the Holloman and Alamogordo communities through the Girl Scouts. She invests in the future of our young people by teaching valuable skills for life to several young girls in her two Girl Scout troops. Her leadership skills constantly shine as she provides mentorship to other women leaders in the Girl Scouts.

She often takes the lead in organizing council-wide events. Her willingness to accept responsibility and take the lead and her caring attitude for

all girls has led to her being chosen as service unit manager for Otero County. She is also a loving mother who selflessly and tirelessly ensures the safety, well-being, and development of her kids. Finally, she is a devoted wife who is the joy of her husband. — *Tech. Sgt. Merrill Burrows, 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron.*

I would like to recognize my wife of five years. Her name is Mrs. MaryBeth Nassef. She is the mother of our two children. I have to work long hours and she is at home with these two. She takes care of the house along with the kids. She runs our oldest girl to girl scouts, ballet and also to rainbows at our

church. She also takes them to any appointments they have. She is an active member in the Holloman Enlisted Spouses Organization and also the women's group at church. She is a great mother and wife and we just want her to know how much we love her. *Staff Sgt. Jason Nassef, 9th Fighter Squadron Life Support.*

The woman I would like to recognize is my wife, Mrs. Valerie Sears. She is special to me in so many ways. We met in October 1998. She was suffering through an ugly divorce, and at the time, it seemed I was giving her moral support. But over the last six years she has made me a better person. I have come to grow as a father figure to her two boys, Billy and Morgan. Thankfully she straightened up the way I present myself in both dress and speech! She stuck with me through tough financial times, the six or so months I was away from home while at Basic Military Training and technical school.

She endured the long trip to Holloman, even though it took her away from our families on the east coast.

Like any other man in the world, I have made mistakes in the past, but she has remained at my side. For that, I love her with all my heart.

If that was not enough, she is pregnant with my first child, my first instance in 25 years to be a true father. Our child is due in early September, and she already has endured much during the first trimester. But I know when our child is born, the baby will be the most beautiful thing in the world to me, all because it came from her.

For that, I will always love her and am eternally grateful. *Airman 1st Class Michael Sears, 49 LRS.*



Photo by Airman 1st Class Steve Collier

Mrs. Heather Burrows home schools her child Hanya. Tech. Sgt. Merrill Burrows recognized his wife as a woman of merit.

If there is a special woman in your life, submit an article to the Sunburst through e-mail at 49fw.pa.sunburst@holloman.af.mil.

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ACROSS

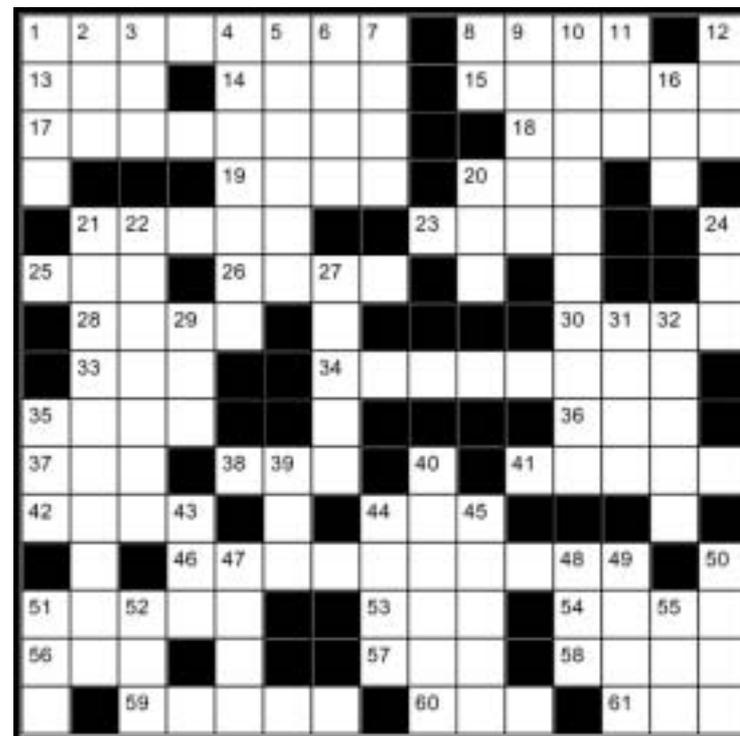
- 1. Texas AFB home to 80th FTW; a/c tail marking of EN
- 8. Omen
- 13. Allow
- 14. San Francisco Giants manager Felipe
- 15. Location of Lajes Field; home to 65th ABW
- 17. Turkey AB home to 39th ABG
- 18. Castle protectors
- 19. Part
- 20. Cap
- 21. North Dakota AFB home to 5th BW; a/c tail marking of MT
- 23. Squeezeable sport toys?
- 25. TV dog ___ Tin Tin
- 26. Former Russian ruler
- 28. Glass
- 30. Gone
- 33. Healers
- 34. Texas AFB home to 12th FTW; a/c tail markings of RA
- 35. Greek mountain
- 36. Army equivalent to USAF OPR

- 37. Cycle or tard
- 38. SECSTATE 1898-1905
- 41. Person who possesses
- 42. Type of Oriental food
- 44. Halloween mon.
- 46. RAF home to 48th FW; a/c tail markings of LN
- 51. Hits
- 53. Runner Sebastian ___
- 54. Food time
- 56. Model Carol ___
- 57. Era
- 58. Musical entertainment between the acts of a burlesque show
- 59. Maryland Army fort
- 60. Narcotic (abbrev.)
- 61. Sphere

DOWN

- 1. Thin
- 2. Chicken
- 3. Continuation (abbrev.)
- 4. Mocks
- 5. Assign portions
- 6. Irritate

- 7. NC school
- 8. Tail markings for a/c assigned to 149th FW
- 9. Turkey air station
- 10. Texas AFB home to 17th TRW
- 11. Gun lobby
- 12. Beginning of titles for American naval ships
- 16. Greek letter
- 20. Meadow
- 21. RAF home to 100th ARW
- 22. Law of motion
- 24. Egyptian boy king
- 27. Military order to arrange troops
- 29. CIA, FBI counterpart
- 31. Ajar
- 32. Tear up
- 35. Away from home
- 39. 1981 movie *Raiders of the Lost* ___
- 40. Educational place
- 43. George Lucas' company (abbrev.)
- 44. A single time



- 45. Youths
- 47. Movie dog
- 48. Military org. concerned with property movement
- 49. Military slang for a
- “chopper”
- 50. Pig
- 51. Pine product
- 52. Cash machine
- 55. Oxygen

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

Shooting match

The Otero Practical Shooting Association has an Action Shooting Match Saturday at the Sydney Paul Gordon Shooting Range in La Luz. Sign up is at 8:30 a.m. and a safety briefing and the match are at 9 a.m. The match is open to the public.

For more information, call Mr. Butch Rials, 437-3663.

Relay for life

Relay for Life meetings are 1 to 2 p.m., March 31 and April 7, 14, 21 and 28 at the community center. The Relay for Life event starts April 30. Register for a team for \$10 (each team member) and receive a free T-shirt as a gift.

For more information, call Ms. Beth Markle at 479-6026 or e-mail eam@zianet.com.

Library friends

Friends of the Library meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the multi-purpose room in the Alamogordo Public Library, 920 Oregon Ave. Anyone interested in helping with projects for the library is

encouraged to attend.

For more information call the library at 439-4140.

Volunteers

The Aristocrat Assistant living home is asking for volunteers to spend time with its residents. They're mainly looking for groups of people to visit residents and offer some form of entertainment, singing, plays or bands. She also welcomes any group of people who would like to take one night out of the week and play games and talk with the residents. There are about 20 to 40 residents in the home, including a couple veterans.

If any groups are interested in going to the home for an evening call 437-3020.

Poetry group

The Poetry Group, an informal group of traditional style poets, meets at 1 p.m., the third Thursday of each month at the Alamogordo Senior Center.

Writers' Corner

The Writers' Corner is a friendly, informal group of as-

piring writers of fiction, non-fiction and poetry. Meetings are 4 p.m., the third Friday of each month in the NMSU-A Writing Center, 2400 N. Scenic Dr.

For more information call Ms. Sandra Riordan at 439-3712 or e-mail riordan@nmsu.edu.

Speech group

Toastmaster's, a group that helps people polish up on speaking and speech making skills, meets at 6 p.m., every Tuesday at the CAPPED center, 907 New York Ave.

Petting zoo

Hedrick's Educational Petting Zoo will be in Alamogordo from 10 a.m. to dark, May 6 to 9 outside of K-Mart. Cost is \$1 or one K-Mart receipt.

German event

German Helping Hands Group from Alamogordo hosts an Easter event 2 to 5 p.m. March 27 at the German Community Center. There will be kid's crafts and Ger-

man coffee, cakes and waffles.

For more information, call 437-8328.

Jazz show

Orange Kellin will present an evening of New Orleans-style jazz, accompanied by a

trio of musicians, an actor, singer and Dancer Vernel Bagneris at 7:30 p.m., Thursday at the Flickinger Center, 1110 New York Ave., courtesy of the Otero Concert Association Program. Tickets are \$15.

For more information, call 437-2202.



BRIEFS

Rose sale

The Keystone Club offers a dozen roses for \$15 for their "Just Because" rose sale. Place orders at the Youth and Teen Center by March 30. Payment is due when the order is placed. The roses can be picked up after 3 p.m., April 15.

For more information, call 572-3753.

Special duty

People who missed the Air Education and Training command visit don't have to wait for the next visit to apply for a special duty.

For more information go to www.rs.af.mil/RST.htm or call DSN 487-3511. For military training instructor information, go to www.lackland.af.mil/373web/main.cfm or call DSN 487-1018. For information regarding military training, go to <http://hq2af.keesler.af.mil/MTL>. If interested in an assignment as Professional Military Training instructor, call the military personnel flight at 572-5047.

MOAA

The Tularosa Basin Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its monthly meeting March 26 at the officers' club. Cocktails are at 6 p.m. and a no-host dinner is at 7 p.m. Guest speaker Col. Joe Zeis, 46th Test Group commander will speak on activities of the test group. Officers and their spouses are invited to attend.

To R.S.V.P., call Mr. Ray Von Husen at 437-6456.

FSC

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

- Spouse employment workshop: 1 to 2:30 p.m., Monday.
- Resume roundup: 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Wednesday.

For more information, call the FSC at



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

All in the family

Second Lt. Cheryl Collins, 311th Human Systems Wing contract manager, administers the oath of enlistment to Tech Sgts. Anthony Mula, 8th Aircraft Maintenance Unit Specialist Flight chief and Felicia Mula, 49th Fighter Wing Ground Safety NCO in charge, in front of the F-117A gray Dragon in Hangar 16 March 5. Lieutenant Collins traveled from Brooks Air Force Base, Texas, to reenlist Sergeant Mula, her sister.

572-7754 or visit the Web site at www.mil.holloman.af.mil/sptg/mss/fsc.

Women's History Month

The 2004 National Women's History Month theme is "Women Inspiring Hope and Possibility."

A NWHM Planning Committee has been formed to plan and organize Wing observance events and celebration. The following events are scheduled:

- NWHM luncheon: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., April 15 in the officers' club. The guest speaker will be Amy Haddad.

- Fashion show, "How to dress for success": April 8 in the community center. Exact time will be announced.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Shelia Davis at 572-5574 or 572-5575 or e-mail shelia.davis@holloman.af.mil, or Mr. Donald Larsen at 572-3439 or e-mail donald.larsen@holloman.af.mil.

Accreditation survey

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations con-

ducts an accreditation survey of the 49th Medical Group April 14 and 15.

The results will be used to determine whether accreditation should be awarded.

Anyone who has information about organization quality and safety-of-care issues may request a public information interview with the field representatives at the time of the survey. Interview requests must be sent in writing no later than April 7 and must indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview.

Requests should be addressed to: Division of Accreditation Operations, Office of Quality Monitoring, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, One Renaissance Boulevard, Oakbrook Terrace, IL, 60181 or faxed to (630) 792-5636 or e-mailed to complaint@jcaho.org.

An Account Representative will acknowledge in writing or by telephone requests received 10 days before the survey begins and contact the indi-

vidual requesting the public information interview prior to survey, indicating the location, date and time of the interview and the name of the surveyor who will conduct the interview.

Chapel Services

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

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

- Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m.
- General Protestant Worship Service, 11 a.m.

- Protestant Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. at Holloman Intermediate School and Catholic Religious Education, 10:45 a.m.

Special events

- Stations of the Cross and meatless potluck: 6 p.m., today.

For more information about chapel services, call 572-7211.

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Win a Date with Hamilton (PG-13)

7 p.m., today

Barbershop 2 (PG-13)

7 and 10 p.m., Saturday

You Got Served (PG-13)

7 p.m., Sunday and Thursday

For a limited time, tickets are 99 cents.

Child Care providers offer quality service

by Ms. Laura Pellegrino
Sunburst staff writer

While the parents of a young child are at work, he is busy learning social skills, motor skills and new songs. He's not doing all of this at school or daycare, but at the home of a well-trained Family Child Care provider.

A referral list of providers is maintained by Family Child Care. Provider names, addresses and telephone numbers are listed along with information about what age group each provider accepts and their hours of operation.

The Family Child Care referral list was created to help parents who want a smaller, home-like environment for their child. The list also provides options for parents waiting for a slot in the Child Development Center to open, said Ms. Mary Boswell, Family Child Care outreach assistant.

Everyone on the list is a trained and licensed child care provider, Ms. Boswell said.

"New providers must take our five-day class and go through one day of mentoring and hands on training," she said. "We give them everything they need to start their

business, like toys and books."

Providers are provisional for the first three months after completing the class. During this period they are only allowed to take care of four children, including their own if they're under the age of 8.

They then have three training modules to complete before they can be considered a standard provider. Standard providers can care for six children at once, including their own under the age of 8.

Once a provider has completed all 15 training modules and has passed three developmental inspections, they are considered by the panel for a developmental license.

Ms. Julie Neilson, a developmental child care provider who cares for six children between the ages of 11 months and four years, said she attends training classes at least once a month. Some of the training modules she's completed include health, safety, teaching methods and nutrition. Because being a child care provider means she owns her own business, Ms. Neilson is also trained in business, professionalism and recordkeeping.

During the day, Ms. Neilson teaches large and small motor activities, language enrichment, sensory play and dramatic play. She also teaches skills like brushing teeth, tying shoes and cleaning up after a meal.

"As a developmental provider you have to have a lesson plan," Ms. Neilson said. "You're a pre-school teacher to these children."

Providers are inspected at least once a month, Ms. Boswell said. Inspectors look for problems like health and safety issues, how providers are interacting with children and sanitation.

"Our family child care providers fill a critical need," said Col. Rich Treadway, 49th Fighter Wing vice commander. "We sim-



Photo by Ms. Laura Pellegrino

Developmental child care provider Ms. Julie Neilson uses a game to teach color recognition to Alex Buff, 1, Nathan McIntosh, 2, and Garrett Jennings, 2. Ms. Neilson runs a Family Child Care service out of on-base home.



Photo by Ms. Laura Pellegrino

Abigail Stille, 2, dusts the sand from her hands after filling her bucket.



Photo by Ms. Laura Pellegrino

Wyatt Jennings, 3, watches as sand from a sandbox trickles through a funnel.



Photo by Senior Airman Martha Whipple

Wyatt Jennings, 3, Ms. Julie Neilson and Nathan McIntosh, 2, play in a sandbox.

ply don't have enough room in our Child Development Centers for all the families who need

child care. Family child care provides high quality, personalized child care to many of our base's

children. I'd like to thank them for their dedication and service to Holloman families."

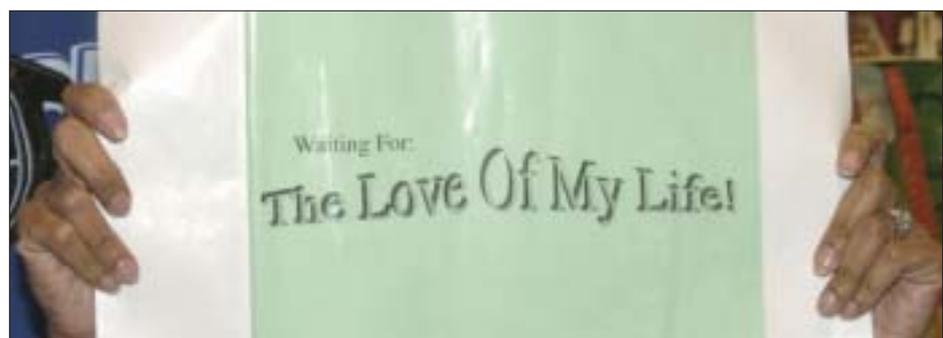


Photos by Senior Airman Martha Whipple

(Above) Tech. Sgt. Timothy Ross and his wife Yvette are re-united Wednesday at the El Paso airport after a 120-day deployment. Sergeant Ross deployed with the 49th Services Squadron personnel to Jacobabad, Pakistan. (Right) Mrs. Ross holds a sign that said “waiting for the love of my life.”



The 49th Services Squadron first sergeant, Master Sgt. Vanessa Williams (left) and other members of the squadron meet with other members of the squadron Wednesday at the El Paso airport.



Home sweet home

by Senior Airman Martha Whipple
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Sixteen Team Holloman members were reunited with their families Wednesday after supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom at Jacobabad, Pakistan.

The 49th Services Squadron members provided food service, recreation and lodging support during the 120-day deployment.

“Our unit mission is to provide morale enhancing activities and a touch of home wherever we serve and our personnel excelled in this task at numerous locations in Germany, Kuwait and Pakistan during this deployment,” said Lt. Col. Terri Toppin, 49th SVS commander. “We’re excited to have them back and are proud of their contributions in the continuing war on terrorism and as usual the 49th Services personnel ‘are everywhere!’”

Nighthawks pounce Panthers

Hirsch brothers secure 24-19 win over cats

by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A breakaway by the Hirsch brothers in the final minutes of their team's game against the Panthers gave the Nighthawks a 24-19 win during youth basketball league action at the Alamogordo Recreation Center March 12.

The action heated up from the beginning as Nighthawk forward Oliver Hirsch sank a three pointer to put his team on the board first.

Strong defense put up by Panther guard Lauren Cates held back two missed shots by Nighthawk guard Steffen Hirsch.

Nighthawk guard Hunter Kalin jumped into the game with a pick off to layup the ball for 9-3 lead.

Panthers forward Gary Newell finished the first half with a jump shot to bring the score to 9-7.

The Panthers within two at the half, gave it their all in the second half, but fell five points short of the win.

The Panthers came out of the half scoring first to tie the game with a layup by Newell.

A tight game continued. The score board seesawed up with scores by both teams.

The Nighthawk's Steffen swished a jump shot from the outside.

The Panthers followed suit with a fast break layup by guard Alex Bratton.

Down by one, the Nighthawks began to make their push with four minutes left. Oliver hit a jump shot, putting his team in the lead by one.

The Panthers went to the line, sinking a technical foul shot called on the Nighthawk



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Panther forward Keegan Olson-Pehap leaps in front of Nighthawk guard Hunter Kalin to block his shot. Kalin finished the game with two points. The Nighthawks beat the Panthers 24-19 in youth basketball league action at the Alamogordo Recreation Center March 12.

bench. The Hawks regained control of the ball and wouldn't look back as the Hirsch brothers cranked out three more jump shots to secure their team's 24-19 victory.

For the Nighthawks, Stefan Hirsch ended the night as his team's top scorer with eight points.

Gary Newell pitched in six points for the Panthers.

Holloman Middle School hosts a youth basketball league tournament March 27.



(Left) Nighthawk guard Jarrod Wooden releases a jump shot as Panther guard Alex Bratton defends his goal. The Nighthawks beat the Panthers 24-19 in youth basketball league action at the Alamogordo Recreation Center March 12. Holloman Middle School hosts a youth basketball league tournament March 27.

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Intramural Standings - Basketball

Large Unit

Team	Win	Loss
49 MXS	12	3
49 CES A	11	3
49 OSS A	12	4
49 SFS	9	6
49 MMG	7	8
9 AMU	6	9
49 MDG	5	11
49 LRS	0	0
8 AMU	0	0

(Current as of March 4)

Small Unit

Team	Win	Loss
46 TG	12	1
4 SPCS	11	3
49 MSS/FW	10	4
49 CES B	7	5
49 CS	8	8
746 TS	6	6
49 CONS	3	10
49 MXS B	2	11
49 OSS B	0	0

(Current as of March 4)

Over 30

Team	Win	Loss
49 CES	12	0
49 MDG	9	3
49 LRS	6	5
49 MXS	6	5
49 SFS	4	8
46 TG	4	8
4 SPCS	0	0

(Current as of March 3)

World of Sports

The Wing Run is today. Team Holloman members are encouraged to meet at the fitness center no later than 2:45 p.m. in unit formation.

The Alamogordo Adult Baseball League spring season begins April 24. Registration is through the end of March. Contact Tech. Sgt. Nathan Knox at 439-5669.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Getting fit to fight

Airmen from the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron run during unit physical fitness training Wed. All 49th Fighter Wing units will run together today during the monthly wing run, beginning at the astroturf field.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Let er' fly!

Dirk Hoffman smacks a softball down the left field line Wednesday. Unit teams are beginning to practice at Bong and Vanderburg fields in preparation for the start of the 2004 softball season April 26.



Photo by Master Sgt. John Lasky

Big guns

Combat Arms Trainer Staff Sgt. Wayne Morcum, from the 49th Security Forces Squadron, reinforces what was taught in the classroom at the firing range at Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany. Sergeant Morcum returns from the 120-day deployment at Rhein-Mein Saturday. He deployed to assist with the security forces there.

SEPM helps women land jobs

by Ms. Laura Pellegrino
Sunburst staff writer

One Team Holloman member is actively involved with the Federal Women's Employment Special Emphasis Program.

Ms. Adriane Felix accepted the Federal Women's Special Emphasis Program manager position as an extra duty four years ago.

"I took the duty to gain knowledge of the employment and organizational policies and practices that result in discrimination, how they are identified, their causes and their possible solu-

tions," she said.

Ms. Felix provides advice and assistance on the Federal Women's Program to management officials and develops special program initiatives directed toward enhancing the employment and advancement of female and minority employees, she said.

"Adriane has demonstrated the desire to improve the Federal Women's Program by making numerous contacts on base," said Mr. James Rodgers, Special Emphasis Employment Programs manager. "She has been open to

all suggestions offered by the base and is looking to expand the program."

According to Ms. Felix, the Special Emphasis Program is important because of the equality it brings to women, minorities and the disabled.

"My goal is to encourage qualified women and minorities to compete for professional jobs and participate in training programs," she said. "Women, as well as minorities, have the right to choose what they would like to do with their lives and should have the opportunity to try."

Civilians to see pay increase soon

Air Force civilian employees will soon see extra money in their paychecks after an executive order was signed by the President March 3 authorizing a pay adjustment retroactive to Jan. 11.

Officials here will begin loading new pay tables into the system beginning March 11. But as in 2003, not all employees will receive the retroactive pay at the same time. Most general schedule employees will see the increase plus a retroactive lumpsum in their paychecks by May, said personnel officials. It may take longer for employees who have personnel actions — like a promotion or step-grade

increase — since Jan. 11 to see the money.

Medical Special Rate employees records will be updated beginning March 19.

Federal Wage System and Nonappropriated Fund schedules are not yet published. Those updates will be processed as soon as pay schedules are available, said personnel officials.

The increase averages .9 percent in locality pay, plus a 1.2 percent increase in base pay. To view locality pay increases by location for general schedule employees, visit www.opm.gov/oca/compmemo/2004/ATT2-04.asp. (AFPC)

Guidelines for jacket released

The symbol below is shown in the actual size as it is to be used on the LTWT Jacket. The Air Force logo is to be embroidered in a polyester thread conforming to DoD Heraldic Yarn for Embroidery and Ribbon, Cable # HA White 67101 with a stiff tear-off backing.

The total stitch count of the logo and lettering shall be 4,631 stitches minimum.

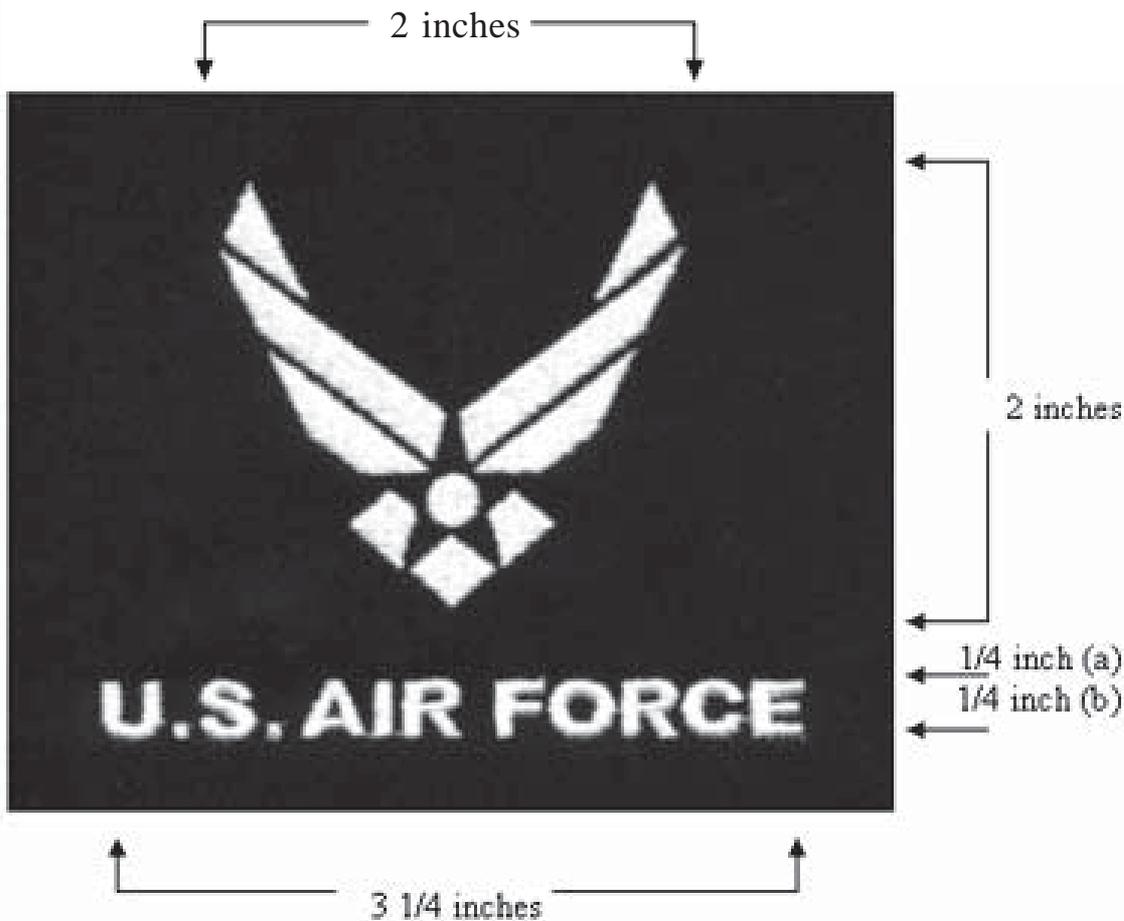
The Wing symbol is to fit within a two-inch square. There is a 1/4 inch space between the symbol's lowest point and the top of the U.S. AIR FORCE type.

The U.S. AIR FORCE type is to be 1/4 inch high, 3 1/4 inches long is Berthord Aklindenz Grotesk bold extended. If Berthord Aklindenz Grotesk is not available use all capital Arial bold font, 24 point.

The symbol is to be embroidered on the upper left chest.



The dot in the center of the symbol shall be centered vertically between the shoulder seam and where the underarm side seam joins the armhole sleeve and centered horizontally between the center zipper and the sleeve armhole seam. (AFP)





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(Current as of Feb. 12)

World of Sports

**The Fitness and
Sports Center is
sponsoring the St.
Patrick's Day Fun
Run and Walk**

**Thursday. The first 50
people to sign-up will
receive free T-Shirts.**

**The Alamogordo Adult
Baseball League
spring season begins
Apr. 24. Registration is
going on now through
the end of the month.
Contact Tech. Sgt.
Nathan Knox at 439-**