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Briefly

Pool party

The base pool opens at noon May 31. The pool is open from noon to 8 p.m., Tuesday to Sunday and is free for Team Holloman members. Outdoor Recreation offers swimming lessons beginning June 8.

For more information, call Mr. Mike Eberdt at 572-5369.

On the right track

The 49th Civil Engineer Squadron begins construction on the track by the gym Monday. The new track will have a shock-absorbing surface made from shredded tires. The track is closed during construction.

MDG

The 49th Medical Group closes at 3 p.m., today for a group safety day function.

CPTS

The 49th Comptroller Squadron is closed from noon to 4 p.m., Thursday for a squadron picnic.

Wear it or Walk

Holloman is at 98 percent for seatbelt compliance. The Air Combat Command goal is 99 percent. Security forces will continue with random checks, so buckle up.

Yard of the Month

Col. Raymond Dinsmore, 49th Mission Support Group commander, will present winners with a yard sign and prizes.

Criteria include the neatness, landscaping and water conservation efforts.

9th AMU, FS set new sortie record

by Ms. Laura Pellegrino
Sunburst staff writer



Courtesy photo

Airman 1st Class Carey Brasel, 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron Fuels Flight, drags the gas hose during a fillup May 11. The 9th Fighter and Aircraft Maintenance squadron set a new sortie record with the help of fuels who filled up the last tank at 11:30 p.m.

Members of the 9th Aircraft Maintenance Unit and the 9th Fighter Squadron set a new single-day F-117A sortie flying record May 11.

With the help of crew chiefs, weapons avionics, electro-environmental specialists, engine specialists, de-brief and sortie support, 63 sorties were flown, said Capt. Brian Moore, 9th Aircraft Maintenance Unit OIC.

The previous record, set by the 8th Fighter Squadron in 1994, was 57 sorties.

"The 9th AMU team of professionals came through in typical fashion, with an exceptional performance generating sorties and keeping the jets flying in pursuit of the sortie goal, pilot training requirements, and flying hour program accomplishment," said Lt. Col. Ward Juedeman, 9th Fighter Squadron operations officer. "The strong sense of teamwork and cooperation fostered between the 9th maintenance and operations units paid huge dividends not only today, but also in the ongoing daily successful execution of F-117 flying operations."

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EOD responds to pipe bomb incident

by Senior Airman Martha Whipple
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 49th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team assisted the Otero County

Sheriff's Department Monday when two pipe bombs were found at Boles Acres, south of Alamogordo.

Two Alamogordo teenagers produced two homemade bombs and left one under a vehicle and buried one

near his house.

The five-person EOD team responded and remotely opened both bombs to safely dispose of the con-

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High: 93
Low: 62
TODAY



High: 91
Low: 63
SATURDAY



High: 89
Low: 62
SUNDAY



High: 89
Low: 60
MONDAY

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

An Airman by any other name ...

by Erin Zagursky

1st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

“Public affairs, Erin Zagursky” is my standard phone-answering line, but the reply I get is never standard.

Many people call me “ma’am” and some call me “Ms. Zagursky” (or some creative variant of my last name). However, people most often respond to my telephone greeting by saying, “Hi, Airman Zagursky.”

The first few times this happened, I was quick to correct the callers, realizing it is easy to mistake my first name for “Airman.”

Eventually, I stopped correcting callers, because hearing what people would say after they called me “Airman” gave me a unique insight into what it must feel like to have a few stripes on my sleeves.

Most callers treat me with the same respect as they would if they knew I was actually a civilian. They are polite and patient, kind and respectful.

Other callers treat me better than I would be treated if they knew I was a civilian. As an Airman, I’m part of the club. A sister in arms. A fellow bluesuiter.

But there are those callers who treat me, sadly, in the same way I imagine they treat all Airmen.

They talk slowly and with very small words to make sure I understand exactly what they say. They make me repeat messages to ensure I don’t mess anything up. Or, they immediately dismiss any help I may offer and ask for someone who knows what’s going on.

Just recently, one caller slowly and clearly gave me examples of aircraft that the Air Force has just in case I wasn’t aware of what service I was in.

I am always amazed by these people. The Airmen I work with are amazing professionals. One of them won Air Combat Command’s new writer of the year, and the other taught me almost everything I need to know about media operations at the wing.

I know my situation isn’t unique. There are out-

standing Airmen all over the base, and all over our Air Force.

To assume an Airman is young or uneducated is absurd. Not only do they perform incredibly complex, life-or-death jobs every day, many of them are working toward degrees, if they have not already received them.

Many of them are mothers and fathers, wives and husbands, all working hard to balance school, career and a family.

Every chief, and even some colonels, started off as an Airman. Some of the best officers I know started off as Airmen. They now use their one- or two-stripe experience to make them better leaders and mentors to the Airmen under their command.

Now when people mistake my first name for “Airman,” I don’t usually correct them, not only because I like to hear what they say next, but also because I’m proud to be associated with these outstanding professionals.



Photo by Mrs. Nicholle Coupaud

What’s cookin’

Members of the 49th Materiel Maintenance Group booster club, 1st Lt. Ryan Anderson (left) and Master Sgt. Doug Delashmit cook burgers and hot dogs during Saturday in the Park. The Alamogordo Parks and Recreation reported more than 1,100 people attended and more than 50 booths were on display.

DUI Update

Days since last DUI	5
DUIs this year	22
This week last year	12

Last six DUIs

- 49 LRS May 16
- 49 MDG May 16
- 49 LRS* May 15
- 49 AMXS May 7
- 49 CS April 11
- 49 CES March 27

572-RIDE works!

Calls made are lives saved

465 Saves this year

21 Saves this week



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MDG chief retires after 24 years

by Senior Airman
Martha Whipple
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A small-town Florida boy made it big in the Air Force, but after more than 24 years of service, this chief will say goodbye to the blue during his retirement ceremony at 10 a.m., Wednesday at the enlisted club.

Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Wright, 49th Medical Group Superintendent, was a small-town track star who left his family in Quincy, Fla., after signing a track scholarship to the University of South Alabama in Mobile.

After he graduated, he decided he wasn't prepared to be a teacher, so he walked around Mobile doing odds and ends jobs trying to figure out what he wanted to do. Sept. 12, 1979, Hurricane Frederick slammed Mobile, and that night, Chief Wright decided he was getting out of town. Two months later he was at Air Force basic military training.

"I joined the Air Force mainly to travel," he said, "but my primary goal was to get out of Mobile. The quickest way for me to get out and see the world was to join the military."

Four brothers before him joined the military, and Chief Wright's dad always wanted him to follow suit, but the chief rebelled until he was 23, then finally made his father proud by joining the service.

"I loved the Air Force," he said. "I've always been part of a team. I was born being part of a team; the 12th of 14 kids. I played high school and college sports, so I like the feeling of being part of a team. The Air Force is just that ... it's a team. It was that attraction that kept me in the Air Force."

One person, also kept him in the force, and jump started his career. His NCO in charge at Norton Air Force Base, Calif., then Master Sgt. Fergus Dowling defined a mentor, he



said. From 1983 to 1986 he really believed this young man. He took chances that would instill a will in Chief Wright.

"He reached out, grabbed me, pointed me in the right direction and told me I could do better," Chief Wright said. "This motivated me."

The Air Force changed his life, he said. It's been good to his family and taken them places they'd never be able to go, he said.

"We've been to places that you learn about in school," Chief Wright said. "We were in Italy, and one day we were looking at the Leaning Tower. We went to Venice, France and traveled Europe. The Air Force has done so much for us. I've always been a positive motivated person, and the Air Force brought it out even more."

Throughout his career he said his motivation was his family. His wife Diane and son Cedric have supported the chief's career 100 percent.

"My goal was their goal," he said. "They sacrificed for me. When it came time to study for promotion, they'd turn the TV down and tiptoe in the house. No matter what, they supported me and made my career easy."

The best moment in his Air Force career was the day he was notified he made chief.

"The day was filled with mixed emotions," he said. "It was exciting, but wrapped up in all that excitement was sad-

ness. I set a goal as an Airman to make chief; this is all I've ever wanted to do in the military. Something about reaching that goal was sad. As exciting as the moment was, I thought 'what now?' That leads to today – it's hard to explain. People have asked me why I don't do 30 years, but I'm not a person to sit around and wait. It's time to do something else."

Chief Wright said his family has given everything to him, and now it's time to do something for them. With his son Cedric, a Navy ROTC cadet at Southern University in Baton Rouge, La., Chief Wright plans to move back to Alabama to be closer to his family, including eight grandchildren.

"My goal now is to support Cedric and help him reach his goals," he said. "My wife and I have always supported his education, and now we can be even more active."

Chief Wright said he's a believer in education.

"Education ... if you don't have it, you are wasting your time," he said. "I truly believe my education got me through the ranks at the pace I made it. The Air Force offers great education opportunities. It's crazy if you don't take advantage of it."

Chief Wright also believes in pursuing dreams.

"The best advice I can give is chase your dreams," he said. "If your dream isn't the military ... then chase your dreams. Don't allow yourself to grow old then say 'What if?' because that's the worst thing that can happen to anyone. If the military is not for you ... get out. Whatever your dream is chase it. Give it a 100-percent effort and if worst-case scenario, you don't make it, and then you can say 'I tried my best.' And move on."

Chief Wright said he loves what he does and the people he works with, but everyone will know when it's time to go.

Out of the garage, into the spotlight

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

Most people agree there is a definite wisdom in almost everything. Shampoo bottles, for instance, urge you to lather, rinse and repeat. While some think those kind of instructions are a ploy to get people to use more shampoo, others say the pointed repetition can make the results – whether they be a hairstyle or a musical journey – decidedly more exciting.

A new band on the Holloman scene, Dissention in the Ranks, has taken the “rinse and repeat” advice to heart for the past several months. Practicing during lunch breaks and often late into the evening, the four bandsmen from the 4th Space Control Squadron have worked hard to rinse away the dirt and debris typical of any new group. As they’ve polished their musical performance, they’ve worked to put a shine on their stage presence as well.

“Playing music is about the music,” said Staff Sgt. Barrett Williams, lead guitarist for the group. “But playing rock and roll



Tech. Sgt. Gary Thomsen auto-graphs a CD after a concert.

music is about the music, the show, the audience – the whole package. Many bands lose that perspective, but that’s something we’ve really tried to focus on. Rock should be fun.”

At Williams’ side are Staff Sgt. Shawn Wellborn on drums, Tech. Sgt. Travis Buhl on bass and Tech. Sgt. Gary Thomsen providing vocals. The idea of a band came as Sergeants Williams and Wellborn hung out on the weekend playing guitar and drums. They heard their co-worker, Sgt. Buhl, received a bass guitar for father’s day and was looking for someone to help him improve.

“It started over casual conversation at work first,” said Sgt. Buhl. “Then around late September, we were working on music fundamentals – Barrett really

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Without the help of other members of the 49th Fighter Wing, the mission couldn’t have been accomplished, Captain Moore said.

“The mission isn’t just getting a pilot into an aircraft and flying a sortie,” Captain Moore said. “The mission takes planning and teamwork from various organizations.”

The 9th FS worked to ensure there were enough aircrews with the proper amount of rest, he said.

The 49th Maintenance Squadron ensured the exterior of the aircraft and the various sub-systems were prepared for flight, while the 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels, supply and transportation flight

supplied parts and fuel to maintain the mission, Captain Moore said.

Because the first sortie was scheduled to take off at 10 a.m., crew chiefs inspected and serviced the aircraft with the assistance of specialists and weapons, allowing all of the sorties to take off on schedule, Captain Moore said.

The 49th LRS Fuels Flight refueled each of the aircraft four times until the last sortie was flown at 11:30 p.m.

“With hard work, dedication to the mission and teamwork, this challenging goal was successfully accomplished by all that put forth effort within the 49th Fighter Wing,” Captain Moore said.

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tents, according to EOD Flight Commander, Capt. David Emerson.

“We put our training to work to safely dispose of the explosives,” Captain Emerson said. “The team worked cohesively to ensure the bombs were discarded and the neighborhood remained safe. Alamogordo and the local communities are our neighbors, and it’s good to know we work together in situations like this to keep the people out of harm’s way.”

According to the Otero County Sheriff’s Department, Under sheriff David Henley, the teens acquired the gun powder used in the bombs from one of the boys’ father who used it to reload used shells for ammunition.

The teens began talking about the bombs at school, and the campus officer picked up on the story. After one boy was questioned, the story began to unfold.

Pipe bombs are very dangerous, Captain Emerson said. They can cause minor damage and injuries from cuts and scrapes, or they can cause serious injuries or kill someone.

Legal action is pending.



The 49th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal flight safely discarded this homemade pipe bomb.



Courtesy photos

Staff Sgt. Heath Mooney, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal flight, was part of the five-person team that disposed of two homemade pipe bombs at Boles Acres. One bomb was found under the vehicle above.



Senior Airman Chris Stoup, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal flight, locks up after safely disposing of two pipe bombs at Boles Acres.



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from May 10 to Monday.

Tickets

Security Forces issued 30 tickets: one for failure to stop, one for loud music emitting from vehicle, one for child neglect, two for an open container, two for no insurance, six for no drivers license, one for inattentive backing, one for inattentive driving, one for failure to show registration, five for failure to show license, one for expired registration, one for failure to yield, one for concealing identity, one for simple possession of a controlled subject, one for obedience to police officers, one for driving under the influence, one for additional lighting equipment and two for speeding one to 10 mph over the speed limit.

Property loss, damage or theft

- May 12 – There was a minor accident between two privately owned vehicles in the parking lot of building 864.
- May 12 – An Airman reported a window was damaged in building 457.
- May 13 – An NCO reported damage to a wall in building 342.
- May 14 – There was a minor accident between two personally owned vehicles in the parking lot of

the commissary.

- May 14 – There was a minor accident when an Airman backed a government-owned vehicle into a loading dock.
- May 14 – An NCO reported a tractor was damaged in the parking lot of building 1239.
- May 15 – An Airman reported someone egged his house on base.
- May 16 – There was a minor accident at the shopette when an officer hit a cement pillar.
- May 17 – A civilian reported three doors were damaged at a vacant house on base.

Patrol response

- May 11 – An NCO reported a child was left in a car at the commissary without adult supervision.
- May 13 – A controlled substance was found in an Airman's vehicle during a search.
- May 14 – An NCO's family member was apprehended for driving under the influence.
- May 16 – An Airman was apprehended at the front gate for driving under the influence.
- May 17 – An Airman reported receiving a suspicious phone call.

Civil arrest

- May 16 – An Airman was apprehended by the Department of Public Safety for driving under the influence.

Olympian swings into the blue

by Ms. Laura Pellegrino
Sunburst staff writer

Many people play sports during childhood as a way to make friends, learn a new skill and have fun.

One Team Holloman member who started playing baseball in Puerto Rico as a child also got a chance to participate in the Olympics.

In 1991, at age 18, Staff Sergeant Orlando Lopez, 4th Space Control Squadron evaluator, was asked to pitch for the island's national baseball team during the 1992 summer Olympics.

"When I was 11 or 12, my dad realized that I had the talent to become a good player," Sergeant Lopez said. "He started considering that I could become a professional."

Sergeant Lopez said from then on, his life was different.

"All the benefits you have when you're a teen went away," he said. "Whenever you start thinking of baseball as 'this is your life,' it takes away the fun of things like going to the beach and skateboards and bikes."

After graduating high school, Sergeant Lopez was working part-time jobs and playing amateur baseball. Once he joined the national team, he was training four to five hours a day.

Because he was a pitcher, most of his training consisted of running, situational plays and pitching techniques, he said.

"The hardest part is staying healthy and showing that you've earned that spot on the team," the sergeant said. "You have to work hard to do that."

Sergeant Lopez had to work especially hard because at 18, he was the youngest and least experienced person on the 24-man team. However, that didn't stop him from pitching against the United States, China and Japan during the games.

"I didn't even realize I was in the Olympics until four years after the fact," Sergeant Lopez said. "When I was watching the next Olympic game in Atlanta, I thought 'wait a minute, I was in the '92 Olympics.'"



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Orlando Lopez pitches for the Chicago Cubs against the New York Mets during minor league game in 1994.

After the Olympics, life returned to normal with one exception; instead of playing amateur baseball, Sergeant Lopez signed a contract with the Chicago Cubs National League Baseball Club.

He was drafted by the club in the 26th round before the Olympics, but waited to sign the contract until after the games.

"You can't play on the Olympic team as a professional," he said. "The Cubs gave me an extension not to show up to spring training or the farm leagues until after the Olympics."

After the games, the Cubs renegotiated Sergeant Lopez's contract and gave him a better deal, he said.

After a few years of playing for the Cubs minor league team, he had worked up to becoming a starter for the team. But in 1996, Sergeant Lopez threw out his elbow. The injury ended his baseball career.

His father had been in the Army and Sergeant Lopez decided to follow in his footsteps and join the military.

"It was a difficult decision because I love the game and I love to play," he said. "The only thing I can say is baseball is about business. It's not so much a love of the game, it's what kind of numbers you put on the board and how many fans you bring to the game. I realized that and I kind of got discouraged."

He joined the Air Force in 1997. "Staff Sergeant Lopez is an ex-

traordinary NCO," said Master Sgt. Robert Orris, 4th SPCS Standardization and Evaluation NCOIC. "He exemplifies what every NCO should strive to become."

According to Sergeant Orris, Sergeant Lopez epitomizes all three of the Air Force's Core Values.

"He worked 21 straight days last year before deploying for 82 days in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Even though he knew he was sacrificing time with his wife, who was expecting at the time, and young daughter, he volunteered to ensure that every last piece of equipment was function checked, packed and ready to go.

"Due to his integrity and technical competence, he is often sought out by peers and leadership alike for his opinion. When it comes to the quality and quantity of the products he turns out, 'excellence' is the adjective that comes to mind."

Currently, Sergeant Lopez is completing a degree in criminal justice. He hopes to cross train into the Office of Special Investigations and use the skills he's learned so far in life to enhance his career.

"Discipline is the most important thing that you must have in baseball if you want to succeed," Sergeant Lopez said. "So coming into the Air Force that's one thing I apply day to day. Discipline and dedication."

Airman serving in Iraq asks for toys to spread a little joy

by Ms. Monica M. Brown
Alamogordo Daily News

Those serving in Iraq face plenty of hardships of their own, but there are many soldiers, sailors, Airmen and Marines who have put their own troubles and worries on the back burner and are trying to help the individual people of Iraq as best they can. And a local man has asked for help in bringing a little joy to Iraqi children.

Staff Sgt. Jeremy L. Garcia, an Alamogordo boy, born and raised in the city, is serving in Iraq and has been in the country since January as part of the 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Though his family has asked that his location be withheld for his safety, one thing Sergeant Garcia and his mother-in-law, who wishes to keep her own name out of the papers, hope to do is get the word out about the needs of Iraqi children, no matter where they're located.

In an e-mail sent home to his family, Sergeant Garcia recently mentioned that in the location in which he is currently serving, children often come to the fences surrounding his area, some looking for food. In the past, Sergeant Garcia has given these children apples and oranges, but Sergeant Garcia would like to give them a little bit more. In his e-mail, Sergeant Garcia asked his wife, Dacia, and daughter, Abrianna, 7, to gather up toys that his daughter was no longer using and send them to him so that he might hand out a little joy to these children.

On receiving this letter, Garcia's mother-in-law thought it would be a great idea to ask local residents to gather up more toys for more children.

There are a few restrictions when it comes to toys to be sent to Iraq that donors should keep in mind. Donated toys cannot have any religious tie. Toys involving characters such as Santa



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Jeremy Garcia deployed in January with the 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron to Iraq. Now he's helping bring toys and joy to the Iraqi children.

Claus or the Easter Bunny or those featuring crosses are a big no-no. And toys requiring batteries or electricity are also a bad idea. But there are plenty of other toys which these children would love. Jump ropes, balls, cars and dolls are all acceptable, as are coloring books and bubbles, as long as donors remember the restrictions and use common sense. McDonald's Happy Meal toys and small stuffed animals are also a good idea, Sergeant Garcia's mother said.

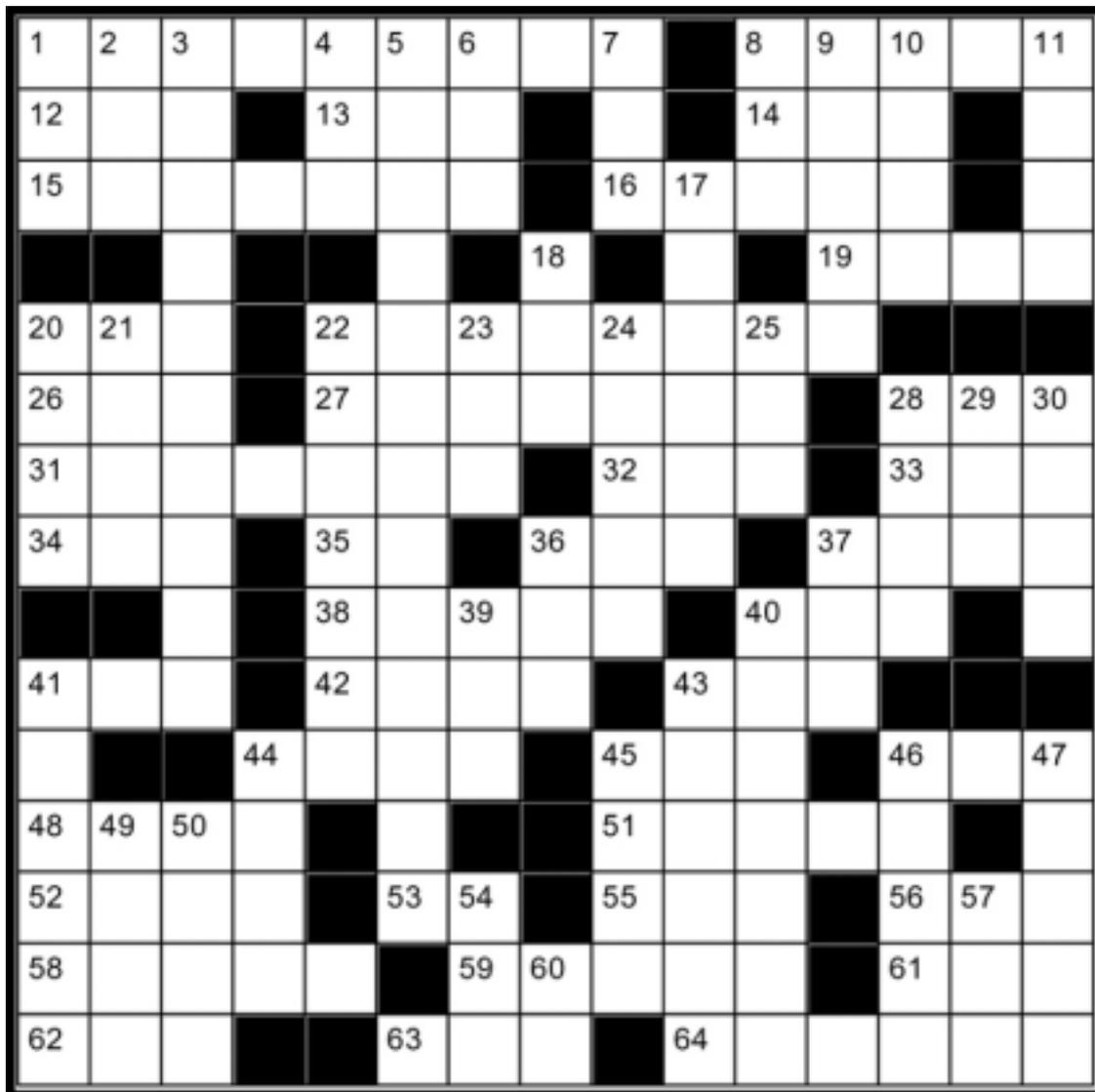
With all the bad press the military in Iraq has recently re-

ceived, Sergeant Garcia's wife hopes that the public will realize that not all those serving in Iraq are doing bad things.

"I know they have all the bad news that's going on with the soldiers that did that stuff to their captives," Dacia said, "I know that doesn't represent the whole military. Just pray for them and know that they're doing good, that they're not all bad."

Those who would like to send toys to Iraqi children should send them to: Staff Sgt. Jeremy L. Garcia, 494 AEF 44th CSB, APO AE 09385

CROSSWORD



Little-known USAF places

ACROSS

1. Florida AS
8. ACC location in Canada (pt.1)
12. '70s spoon-bender Geller
13. Picnic crasher
14. Military ed. office person (abbrev.)
15. Internal organs
16. Sprinter Carl
19. Snakelike fishes
20. USAF enlisted PME
22. North Dakota air station
26. Constrictor
27. Beasts
28. Damage
31. Circle
32. Police officer
33. Actress Lupino
34. Actor Elliot
35. VCR setting
36. "Round ___ in a square hole"
37. Computer maker
38. Crustaceans
40. Lyrical poem
41. Prohibit
42. Mineral and baby
43. Terminate

44. '30s actress ___ May Oliver
45. Inventor Whitney
46. Part 2 of 8 ACROSS
48. Window edge
51. Base in Bosnia-Herzegovina
52. Utensil
53. Tail marking for 149th FW
55. Lubbock school (abbrev.)
56. Primary color
58. Aquatic mammal
59. Jowl
61. Rapper Dr. ___
62. Turner who led slave insurrection
63. Giants great Ott
64. Person in distress?

DOWN

1. Driving crime
2. Pot
3. USAF location in Alaska
4. Distant
5. USAF auxiliary field in Nevada
6. Acronym for time to separation
7. State home to Dover AFB
8. New Hampshire AFS (pt.1)
9. Wicker twig
10. Thorny flower

11. Towel marker
17. Summation
18. Marmalade
20. Lincoln and Vigoda
21. 1999 movie *Run ___ Run*
22. Massachusetts AFS
23. Contest
24. Frilly fabrics
25. Third eye?
28. Rodents
29. Summer drink
30. Scarce
36. Public TV network
37. Compute
39. Pie ___ mode
40. California AFS
41. Part 2 of 8 DOWN
43. Extracted by a solvent
44. Fashion magazine
45. Kitchen extension
46. Poets
47. Sing
49. Smidgen
50. NFL Hall of Famer Ronnie
54. Hole-in-one
57. Before, in olden days
60. Tail marking for 388th FW

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

ACE registration

New Mexico State University Alamogordo Community Education has a summer registration session 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., June 5 at the White Sands Mall.

Class schedules will be available and students may pay by check, credit card or cash. Instructors will be on hand to discuss their classes and give demonstrations.

Classes start June 14. Registration can be done by phone at 439-3822, mail or in person at NMSU-A's Student Services Building.

For more information, call 439-3822.

EAA

The local chapter (White Sands Chapter 251, Alamogordo) of the Experimental Aircraft Association has a Young Eagles Rally on 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday at the Alamogordo-White Sands Regional Airport terminal building. EAA established Young Eagles in 1993 with the goal of flying, in general aviation aircraft, one million children age 8 to 17 by the 100th anniversary of the Wright brother's first powered flight (Dec. 17, 1903). EAA has met this goal, but the program continues. The event is free. Experienced pilots will be flying well maintained personally owned aircraft.

Call Maj. Timothy Mack at 491-5002 to reserve a time for your child.

Softball tourneys

Women's Open Softball Tournament: July 10 and 11 at White Sands Missile Range. Cost is \$125 and the entry deadline is June 30.

Second annual World Armed Forces Regional Qualifier: July 23 to 25 at White Sands Missile Range. Cost is \$175

and entry deadline is July 9.

For more information, call Bill Velez at (505) 678-3374 or e-mail velezw@wsmr.army.mil.

Shooting match

The Otero Practical Shooting Association has a Practical Shooting Match (IPSC) at 9 a.m., Sunday at the Sydney Paul Gordon Shooting Range in La Luz. Sign up is at 8:30 a.m. The match is open to the public. Match participants will need a centerfire handgun of 9mm/38 or larger, holster, and spare magazines or speedloaders. Approximately 100 pistol rounds will be required.

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

Cherry festival

The 2004 High Rolls Cherry Festival is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., June 19 and 20 in High Rolls. There will be entertainment in addition to food and drink, cherry and cherry product sales, plenty of activities for kids, and about 55 arts/crafts vendors from around the region. High Rolls is on U.S. highway 82. Parking and admission are free. Visit the Web site at www.highrollsfestivals.com.

For more information, call 682-1151.

Volunteer nurses

The Lions Clubs of New Mexico District 40 South Summer Camp for Diabetic Youth needs volunteers. The group needs registered nurses and licensed practical nurses to volunteer during the camp, which will take place from July 26 to 30 at Washington Ranch in Carlsbad, N.M.

For more information, call Mr. Andy Smith at (505) 446-8224.

Retirement ceremony

A retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Patrick Franzen, 49th Materiel Maintenance Support Squadron, is 10 a.m., June 18 at the officers' club.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Rob Richardson at 572-5016.

Roast

Everyone is invited to attend a luncheon to "roast" Chief Master Sgt. Matthew Pollock at 11:30 a.m., June 2 at the officers' club. The menu is a buffet of brique; oven baked chicken, baked beans, corn on the cob and potato salad. Cost is \$12.50 for club members and \$14.50 for non club members.

R.S.V.P. to Master Sgt. Karen Ansell at 572-3140 by Monday.

Luau

The Asian Pacific Islander Club's annual luau is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday in the community center. Admission is \$8.50 and the menu is roasted pig, huli-huli, chicken, white rice, pancit, lumpia, watermelon, pineapples, fortune cookie. There will also be entertainment displays, pictures and more.

For more information, call 572-3125.

Technology expo

There is a Technology Exposition 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday at the Oasis Enlisted Club. There will be more than 20 exhibitors and free giveaways and food (while supplies last).

Martial arts

There is a Martial Arts Exhibition at 5 p.m., May 28 at the Fitness and Sports Center. There will be participants from Kuk Sool Won, Hapkido and Kung-fu San Shou demonstrating a variety of techniques.

Wicca meeting

Members of Wiccan/Pagan religions and those interested are invited to a meeting at 3 p.m., Thursday at the Community Center.

For more information, contact Chap. (Lt.



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Band of the West

Senior Airman Heather Holowecky performs her part on the flute during a show put on by the United States Air Force Band of the West Sunday at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts. The band, based at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, performs an extensive concert schedule conducted by Maj. Dean Zarmbinski.

Col.) Philip McLemore at 572-7211.

Development course

The next Airman's Professional Development Course is Tuesday and Wednesday. The target audience is junior enlisted members who are one year past First Term Airman's Course and prior to Airman Leadership School.

For more information, call a first sergeant and visit the professional development Web site at <https://holloman-web/fw/pd/>.

VBS

There is one more week to sign up for Vacation Bible School. Volunteers are needed.

For more information, call 572-7211.

Fun run/walk

The third annual Holloman High Speed Test Track Mach 10K Fun Run/5K Walk is 7 a.m., Saturday at the test track. The 10-kilometer run begins at 8 a.m. and the 5-kilometer walk begins at 8:10 a.m.

Late and race day registration is \$20. The event is open to all Holloman or mili-

tary identification card holders.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Michael Knight at 679-2933 or 1st Lt. Kendall Okeson at 679-2204.

ALS graduation

Airman Leadership School Class 04-E has their graduation banquet June 7 in the ballroom of the officer's club. Cocktails begin at 6 p.m. Graduates invite commanders, first sergeants, supervisors, family, and friends to attend. See a student for an invitation. Menu items are charbroiled NY strip steak for \$14 for club members and \$16 for non club members, or pasta primavera for \$9 for club members and \$11 for non club members.

Please R.S.V.P. with a student no later than May 28.

The graduation retreat for Airman Leadership School Class 04-E is 11:30 a.m., June 4 at the Mayo PME center.

Road closures

As part of the ongoing construction of new housing units, a section of Martin Avenue is closed until May 29. The section of Martin Avenue affected is from the inter-

section of Fairchild Drive to Patrick Avenue. There is a detour in place that affects residents of the following streets: Martin Avenue, Eglin Place, Patrick Avenue, Lockheed Avenue, Hughes Avenue, Andrews Drive, Langley Court, Kirtland Place, Griffis Court, Nellis Place, Keesler Court, Lea Loop, Boeing Avenue, Luna Loop, Hidalgo Loop, Otero Loop, Sierra Loop, Sierra Place, and Torrence Place.

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

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., and Catholic Religious Education, 10:45 a.m. at Holloman Intermediate School.

B On the BIG SCREEN



Home on the Range (PG)

6 and 9 p.m., today

The Whole Ten Yards (PG-13)

6 and 9 p.m., Saturday

The Alamo (PG-13)

6 p.m., Sunday

Tickets are 99 cents.

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brought us through that – when the ideas for the band started coming together.”

Sergeant Williams, the band’s musical veteran, had an early love of music and said he bought his first guitar with his first paycheck from his first job.

“It was a ‘Fender-kinda-Strato-look-a-like’ pawn shop special,” he said. “After high school, I originally started on a computer systems engineering degree, but after my first calculus class, I immediately switched my major to Performance in Classical Guitar and haven’t look back since.”

Sergeant Williams’ formal education and performance experience provided an early touchstone for the band’s developing style. With individual influences ranging from Jimi Hendrix, AC/DC, and Van Halen to Puddle of Mudd, Fuel, and 3 Doors Down, the band worked to roll everything together and sharpen the edge on their emerging sound.

“I see our band as a big, old-school rock and roll cake, with modern-rock icing and ‘80s synth-pop cookies – that taste like ‘metal’ – served on the side,” said Sgt. Williams. “We have only four people to preserve our raw, edgy sound. That’s how we are as people: very real, a little bit edgy, but mostly fun – and we want that



Staff Sgt. Shawn Wellborn keeps the beat during the band’s performance Saturday.

to show in our music.”

According to Sgt. Buhl, the Dissentation in the Ranks name was more than simply an attention-getter. The group toyed with and discarded other ideas, but knew they wanted to play for a military crowd, so the name was a natural fit when it was suggested.

“The name is a perfect example of extreme irony,” Sgt. Buhl said. “What could be more unmilitary than a hard rock band? With almost 40 years of active duty Air Force service between us, we’re all very proud to serve and proud of the accomplishments of the military. The band is fun for all of us, but we’re all committed to the Air Force first – there’s no dissentation in that.”

As the group evolved in recent months, the band members agree one of the biggest challenges has been bringing the various experience levels together. As each member has their own musical and performance strengths and weaknesses, they have tried to find a level where each member is comfortable, yet still has room to stretch and grow.

“This is the first time some of us have ever played in a group,” said Sgt. Wellborn. “That can be a challenge, but we’re really out there to have fun. We don’t have a textbook or an instruction manual, but I think we’re doing something right because the au-

dience seems to be having as much fun as we are.”

Sergeant Thomsen, DITR’s lead singer, agreed and said the band members have put in a lot of work getting to where they are now. As DITR’s newest member, Sgt. Thomsen said he tries to bring a recognizable sound and a solid range of vocal style to the group – something they all agree is critical as they put together a demo of their original music. Sergeants Williams, Wellborn and Buhl originally struggled to find the right vocal sound for the group, but instantly knew Sgt. Thomsen was the missing puzzle piece that completed their sound as soon as they heard him sing.

“I had listened in on one of the band’s rehearsals and they asked me to sing a couple songs,” Sgt. Thomsen said. “They were working with a different vocalist, so I wouldn’t do it then. A few weeks later, they asked me to go to lunch with them – and lunch turned out to be a practice session. I sang a Cars tune they were playing, and all I can really remember afterwards were the big grins on each guy’s face as we finished.”

With a solid chemistry in place and the initial challenges rinsed away, the DITR members realized the obstacles they’d overcome added to their taste for the unconventional. With each



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Paul Coupaud

Tech. Sgt. Travis Buhl plays bass guitar during the Dissentation in the Ranks’ performance Saturday at the Officers’ Club.

upcoming performance, the musicians said they always keep certain goals in mind.

“Some bands forget they are performers,” said Sgt. Wellborn. “The newer musicians in our group still have to work hard and concentrate on what we’re doing, but we’re all really out there to have fun.”

Even with all the fun, the group knows they couldn’t be where they are now without the support of their family and friends.

“I have involved my family in the whole process and they have turned into my biggest fans,” said Sgt. Buhl. “I believe my wife and kids see that twinkle in my eye and know what a great time I’m having out there. It can be tough to balance our responsibilities at times, that’s why none of us could be here without so much

support from everyone else.”

The band is polishing up their serious side as well these days and is putting together more music that has the flavor they like along with a sound they say people seem to want to hear. They’re also going to host a rock show from 8 to 10 p.m., Thursdays on KUPR 91.7. The show will feature local bands, New Mexico bands that have made it big, and “good rock music with a lot of fun thrown in,” said Sgt. Buhl.

The members agree that “rinsing and repeating” has worked well in establishing Dissentation in the Ranks, but the band members hope their ability to work their music – and the crowd – into a purposeful lather will help keep them in the spotlight.

For more information, visit the band’s Web site at www.ditr.sytes.net.



Staff Sgt. Barrett Williams plays lead guitar.



Photos by Mr. Eric Thornton

Backstretch

Greg Talbot, 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, races his motorcycle during the Arroyo Seco Motorcycle Association race near Deming, N.M., May 8. Talbot finished second in the formula two race, fourth in lightweight twins race and fourth in the southwest thunder race. The next Arroyo Seco Motorcycle Association races are June 12 and 13. Talbot who grew up in a small town has been racing for 13 years. Growing up in Ainsworth, Neb., he developed a desire to race.



Crowd control

49th SFS squeaks by maintainers 22-20

by Airman 1st Class
Stephen Collier

49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

With the summer in full swing, the nights are getting longer and the homeruns are going farther, especially during the 49th Security Forces Squadron 22-20 win Monday night during intramural softball play against the 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Johnson Field.

The AMXS team hit the bags first with shortstop Billy Young running home followed up later with a hit over the fence by infielder Dustin Hoffman.

Catcher Miguel Davila ended the inning with an out on first base by SFS first baseman Phillip Finch.

SFS jumped into the bottom of the first with hit after hit brought on by power hitter outfielders Jeremy Parthemore and Heath Conley.

After ending the first down by 2, the Cops continued to stay on AMXS heels with another home run by Parthemore.

AMXS continued to lead the way into the third 10-8.

Tempers flared going into the bottom of the third inning with the SFS bench up in arms over two questionable calls brought on by two outs made by AMXS's Hoffman and second baseman Ryan Cisco.

The SFS started to inch past the maintainers in the fourth with infielder Christopher Cocking smacking a two-run homer, pulling in second baseman Alarcon Santiago for two more runs.

SFS's Conley added one more run to give his team the lead 15-14.

With the SFS up on the scoreboard and time not on AMXS's side, only a power hit would do.

Six runs brought AMXS up to 20, putting the pressure on the SFS dugout. SFS didn't miss a beat with Parthemore batting another homer out of the park.

The hits just kept coming with a final two-run homer by Alarcon, pushing in front of AMXS 22-20.





Photo by Ellis Neel

Mackin' it

Mike Richards, right, a member of the Elite Four basketball team, takes and makes an outside layup over the outstretched hand of Holloman Air Force Base Game Over player Teddy Rayon, left, during their game in the Gus Macker Tournament Saturday at the Riner Steinhoff Soccerplex.



Intramural Standings - Softball

Large Unit

Team	Win	Loss	Team	T-Points
49 LRS A	4	1	49 MDG	5
49 CES A	4	1	49 SVS	4
49 MMG A	4	1	49 LRS A	4
49 MDG A	3	2	49 LRS B	4
49 AMXS	3	2	49 MMG	1
AMMO A	3	2		
49 SFS	1	4		
AGE	1	4		

(Current as of May 17)

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Women's 5-Ball

Small Unit

Team	Win	Loss	Team	Win	Loss
46 TG	4	0	49 MXS/MXMTI	2	1
49 CES B	3	1	9 FS	1	3
49 MXS/AVIONICS	3	1	49 LRS B	1	3
4 SPCS	3	1	49 MOS	1	2
49 MMG B	3	0	49 MXS/AMMO B	0	4
49 SVS	3	0	GAF	0	4
49 CS	2	2	49 MDG B	0	4
49 OSS	2	2			

(Current as of May 13)



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

The Holloman Hero submission form is available online. It can be downloaded at: https://wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/wing/49FW_PA/internal.html

Holloman Hero

Senior Airman Andrew Monroe

49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Duty title: Support section technician

Time in service: Three years, four months

Time at Holloman: Seven months

Hometown: Hartford City, Ind.

Personal and Career goals: My goals are to complete my Community College of the Air Force degree and then continue with my education and bachelor's degree. I'd also like to get commissioned and attend Officer Training School.

Why is serving in the Air Force important to you?

Serving is important to me because I am serving my country and ensuring the American people are safe and continue to live in freedom.

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

I'm most proud of being a young Airman serving for America. I'm also proud

of supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

Core value portrayed: "Integrity First and Excellence in All We Do"

Airman Monroe portrays the core values of Integrity First and Excellence in All We Do. He deserves this award because during Supply Section's manning shortage in the COSO section, he stepped up and learned the job on mid-shift to fill in. Airman Monroe is not a supply troop, but a crew chief. He learned all aspects of the job to fill the vacancy. Airman Monroe is an exceptional Airman who demonstrates honor and pride in all areas on and off duty. It is a privilege to serve with him.

– **Capt. Brian Moore**
9th AMU Officer in Charge

Self-Help Store builds morale, workspaces

by Ms. Laura Pellegrino
Sunburst staff writer

At Holloman's 49th Civil Engineer Squadron Self-Help Store, members of any squadron can find the tools and materials needed to improve their work place.

From building a break room with cabinets and linoleum flooring to repairing fairways on the golf course, Self-Help has the supplies necessary to complete any job.

"The CE craftsmen take care of all emergency requests first, then the urgent ones, and then the routine repairs," said Master Sgt. Scott Glasmyer, 49th CES Self-Help craftsman. "But refurbishing a break room or an office area, or repainting walls isn't mission critical."

With self-helpers doing the work and the store providing the materials and guidance, the job gets done and CE craftsmen can spend more time on emergency and urgent repairs, Sergeant Glasmyer said.

Self-Help will provide technical support, training videos and advice to builders who need it. Members interested in starting a project need to get it approved by their commander and facility manager first. Then they can fill out a work order request and run the project by the fire department and safety.

"For me, the disappointing part is when someone comes in eager, ready and willing to do a project and then we brief them that it could take anywhere from one to six weeks for us to coordinate it through asbestos and environmental," Sergeant Glasmyer said. "Their motivation and drive seems to go out the window. They're like,

'Oh, we can't start this yesterday?'"

Staff Sgt. Eric Harriff, 49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron Electrical Shop maintenance foreman, is familiar with the difficulties faced by self-helpers. His flight's project, improvements to a break room, took approximately five weeks, including three weeks just to sand down and refinish the walls.

"Throughout the course of the project, there were many concerns about the length of time it was taking to refinish the walls and personnel were getting tired of the constant sanding," Sergeant Harriff said. "Most of the Airmen didn't have a vision of the final outcome of the project, and I could sense the frustrations in the air. However, once the project was completed, everyone was very pleased and proud, to say the least, of the work they had accomplished and the positive feedback we receive from everyone who enters the shop."

The shop also received positive feedback from Self-Help when they won the Golden Nail Award.

The award is a quarterly program instituted by Self-Help that recognizes the people who are improving their military work center and increasing moral, pride and ownership among the troops, Sergeant Glasmyer said.

Every work order closed during the quarter is judged for craftsmanship, level of detail and size and scope of the project.

Winners currently receive a certificate, but Self-Help members are exploring other options for prizes.

For more information about Self-Help projects, call Sergeant Glasmyer at 572-5467.

New program points the way to commissary savings

Just in time for the Memorial Day weekend, commissaries worldwide are rolling out the red, white and blue carpet to make sure customers know about the savings they've earned - the savings they deserve.

The new *Savings You've Earned* program rolls out at the end of May as the grand finale of Commissary Awareness Month.

Ever stand in front of sale signs in the commissary and wonder, "Just what the heck is really on sale and how good of a deal is it anyway?" Wonder no more. "Just look for the new signs of savings," says Defense Commissary Agency Director Maj. Gen. Michael P. Wiedemer.

"We want all shoppers to be aware of their commissary savings of 30 percent or more, and we want them to know we recognize their service to this great country," he said. "*Savings You've Earned* shelf signs will make it easier for customers to see what's on sale - and what's the best deal."

Three new "signs of savings" are red, white and blue starbursts framing product prices. 'Every Day Savings' indicates better-than-average savings, or everyday low prices, and 'Value Savings' indicate the lowest prices when compared to like items at the commissary or at commercial grocery stores.

"If you see a product with 'Extra Savings' on it - grab it," said DeCA Deputy Director Patrick B. Nixon. "Those are the best prices you'll see anywhere, anytime on name brand items. They're so great they are only available for a limited time and while quantities last."

The first new commissary sign program in nearly three years, the *Savings You've Earned* rollout will be accompanied by an awareness campaign that includes banners, posters and employee buttons as well as "shelf talkers" - *Savings You've Earned* images - posted in all 274 commissaries worldwide. (DeCA)



Photo by Senior Airman Martha Whipple

Staff Sgt. Brenda Martinez-Lashley, Pharmacy technician, buys groceries at cost at Holloman's Commissary.

