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Briefly

Finis flight

The 49th Fighter Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Jim Hunt takes his final flight today. He'll touch down at 1:15 p.m., today and will park at Hangar 500. All are invited to celebrate.

Change of command

The 49th Fighter Wing change of command ceremony is at 9 a.m., Thursday at Heritage Park south of building 29.

Road closure

The 49th Security Forces Squadron will close the following roads near Heritage Park during the 49th Fighter Wing change of command ceremony, starting at 8 a.m., Thursday: **First Street from Arnold Avenue to New Mexico and Arizona; Yucca and Creosote.**

Parking is available at the dental clinic, 49th Medical Group and building 29.

The 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron will provide transportin from behind the enlisted club to Heritage Park.

Marriage seminar

Dr. Gary Chapman, marriage counselor, offers his Toward a Growing Marriage conference from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturday at the chapel.

For more information, call the chapel at 572-7211.

Fashion show

The Fashion Show, "A Spring of Style," sponsored by the Airman's Advisory Council, is 3 to 5:30 p.m., Saturday at the community center.

Fighter Wing commander bids farewell

Team Holloman,

It's been a fantastic two years for me at Holloman. By far, this has been the best assignment and most challenging I've ever had in my Air Force career. Holloman's extraordinary missions and people have put us in the history books and on the map. I'm grateful to have been a part of that.

As I leave for Afghanistan to support the continuing Global War on Terrorism, I want to point

out some of the great things I've seen during the past two years.

First, I'd like to thank the city of Alamogordo and the surrounding community. I've never seen a city embrace the military the way you do here. Your support is just tremendous, and it's you who make this the best base in Air Combat Command and the Air Force — bar none!

To the men and women of the mighty 49th Fighter Wing, your hard work and dedication shine a spotlight on Holloman time and again.

In fact, about a year ago, you began Operation Iraqi Freedom by launching the first two combat sorties of the war. You were the tip of the spear and a key to the coalition's success in OIF.

I've watched a sitting U.S. president visit Holloman for the first time. I've seen the 46th Test Group make history with the world's land speed record of Mach 8.7. I've watched us im-

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German, USAF surgeon generals visit

by Senior Airman Martha Whipple
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs



Photo by Senior Airman Martha Whipple

U.S. Air Force surgeon general Lt. Gen. (Dr.) George Peach Taylor Jr. gets comfortable in an F-117A Nighthawk during his visit April 29 with German air force surgeon general Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Erich Roedig.

The German and U.S. Air Force surgeon generals traveled to Holloman April 29 to visit the 49th Medical Group and to evaluate the German and American relations in the medical field.

German Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Erich Roedig and Air Force Lt. Gen. (Dr.) George Peach Taylor Jr. agree Holloman and the German air force here have a valued relationship.

With the recent Joint Commission of Accreditation for Hospital Organization and Health Services inspections at the 49th MDG, both generals said they are proud of the medical staff and leadership who are dedicated.

"We know the staff delivers first class medical care and it's always good to have an inspection team that agrees," General Taylor said. "They

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High: 91
Low: 54
TODAY



High: 90
Low: 54
SATURDAY



High: 89
Low: 54
SUNDAY



High: 90
Low: 54
MONDAY

FAREWELL

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prove the quality of life for our families by building 101 new MILCON housing units and start the housing privatization process. I've seen Airmen win awards at all levels, both within the command and on a national level. But beyond all of these achievements, I witnessed the pride and dedication to the mission from all of Team Holloman—military, civilians, contractors, family members, volunteers, everyone! YOU have made a difference and I will always be very proud of that.

As I leave, know that I'll always have a special place in my heart for Team Holloman and what you do everyday for our great nation and the entire world. Take pride in knowing that what you do makes a difference! Thank you all; It's been a great ride.



Courtesy photo

Best in the west

The U.S. Air Force Band of the West performs a free concert at 2 p.m., May 16 at the Flickinger Center in Alamogordo.

Holloman Hotline 572-7500

The Hotline is your direct link to the 49th Fighter Wing commander. If you've tried to solve the problem yourself and haven't been able to get results, call 572-7500 or e-mail cc.hotline@holloman.af.mil. Before submitting a Hotline, please give the appropriate agencies a chance to work out the problem.



If you want to pass on praise for a job well done, contact the supervisor or commander directly who can provide the appropriate recognition to the individual or group. The unit commanders and agency chiefs want to help. Let them try first.

Identity crisis

Q: This morning I called the Security Police and reported my common access card had been stolen. When I told them it was stolen downtown they weren't interested in hearing the story. They said if it was stolen on base, there's something they could investigate. I'm a little concerned about this because anybody can pick up this card and try to get on base with it.

A: I respect your concern and would like to address this matter. In 2003, more than 250 military identification and common access cards were reported lost or stolen at Holloman alone. Each of these poses a potential security problem, so it's absolutely vital for card holders keep close track of their credentials at all times.

You did the right thing in reporting

your loss to our security forces. Since we have no off-base jurisdiction, off-base thefts must also be reported to local law enforcement agencies for investigation.

Our security forces commander meets each month with the community's "top cop" to ensure they remain aware and engaged in issues that concern the base. Still, our best defense remains keeping ID and CAC cards in our immediate possession at all times. Leaving them in common places may be asking for trouble.

Thanks again for helping me bring this important reminder to the community.

Housing office	2-3981
Housing maintenance	2-7901
Medical clinic	2-5991
Finance	2-5107
Services	2-3528
Commissary	2-5127
Fraud, waste and abuse	2-3713
BX	479-6164

DUI Update

Days since last DUI **26**
 DUIs this year **18**
 This week last year **12**

Last six DUIs

- 49 CS April 11
- 49 CES March 27
- 49 OSS* March 22
- 49 MMS Feb. 21
- 8 AMU Feb. 16
- 49 MMS Feb. 13

572-RIDE works!

Calls made are lives saved

422 Saves this year
12 Saves this week



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Courtesy photo

(Left to right) Tech. Sgts. Trese Smith, Alicia Lewis and Alvin Earp are Holloman's Military Equal Opportunity team who were named best in the Air Force for the second consecutive year.

MEO wins AF award second year in a row

by Senior Airman Martha Whipple
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Holloman's Military Equal Opportunity Office continues to shine across the Air Force. The MEO team captured the Air Force-level Outstanding MEO Office award for the second consecutive year.

Although the office is 25 percent understaffed, there are two three-levels in upgrade training and an NCO in charge filling both the superintendent and chief billets for the past 10 months, all programs have maintained above 100 percent, according to Tech. Sgt. Trese Smith, NCOIC.

The MEO staff agrees the most important factor in a well-run office is teamwork. Tech. Sgts. Alvin Earp and Alicia Lewis, worked with Chief Master Sgt. Joseph Lovett and Sergeant Smith to provide human resource services to the Holloman community. Their motto is 'A first resource, not a last resort.'

"With a small team, it's imperative to work together to serve our number one customer – commanders, and the entire base as best we can," Sergeant Lewis said.

The MEO goal is to enhance morale and mission effectiveness through pro-active cultivations of fair treatment, equality, open communication, diversity, understanding and respect for our most valued resource: people.

The MEO staff provides various human resource services such as equal opportunity assistance information, mediation, helping

agency referrals, conducts Air Force-mandated human relations education training for all incoming military and Department of Defense civilian personnel, and climate assessments for commanders at all levels to help assess their organization's equal opportunity and treatment climate.

They also provide formal and informal complaint assistance and processing to all military members, their families, and retirees who believe they have experienced sexual harassment or unlawful discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion or sex.

A few of MEO's major award winning contributions include, re-writing Unit Climate Assessment program and providing ACC's most extensive Process Oriented Description during Manpower Study — the first complete study since the '80s. This thorough 108-page report helped ACC avoid unnecessary career field cuts.

The MEO staff covers a lot of ground in the human relations realm, but this Holloman team has set the standard across the Air Force.

"Our MEO staff is a cohesive unit that strives to offer the best services to Holloman," Sergeant Earp said. "We have worked through obstacles and overcame challenges like undermanning."

"The team has pulled together to represent the base, Air Combat Command, and the Air Force as the best MEO," Sergeant Smith said. "Our goal is to continue to do our best, not just to win awards, but to provide top quality services to the base."



Photo by Derk Blanset

Tech. Sgt. Glenn Leshner performs preflight launch checks on F/A-22 Raptor 11. The "OT" on the tail designates the Raptor as an operational test vehicle. An April 29 mission tested two Raptors for the first time in the sky over Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. Sergeant Leshner is a 31st Test and Evaluation Squadron crew chief.

AF begins Raptor operational tests

by 2nd Lt. Brooke Davis

*Air Force Flight Test
Center Public Affairs*

Operational testing on the F/A-22 Raptor began April 29 when the first two-ship sortie was flown and tested by members of the F/A-22 Combined Test Force at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

After the operational testing is complete, a report will provide senior leaders with the information needed to approve the Raptor for full-rate production.

"Transitioning to the initial operational test and evaluation of the F/A-22 is a much anticipated and extremely important event for the Department of Defense," said Maj. Gen. Wilbert D. "Doug" Pearson Jr., Air Force Flight Test Center commander. "The Raptor is an excellent example of the Air Force acqui-

sition system working to provide the most capable combat equipment to America's Airmen fighting the global war on terrorism."

Air Combat Command officials defined an operational need for a transformational fighter/attack weapon system, and the secretary of the Air Force and officials from Air Force Materiel Command provided a team to develop and produce the advanced weapon system, General Pearson said.

"The most important accomplishment of flight testing to date was describing, refining and validating the key attributes of the F/A-22 design, which includes stealth, agility, speed and integrated avionics," General Pearson said. "The Raptor is the most advanced fighter aircraft in the world and is the first and only combat aircraft that combines these attributes into a single

aviation platform."

Now that the design has been sufficiently refined, officials are ready to evaluate the weapon system's operation in a realistic environment, similar to threats the aircraft is expected to encounter in the years ahead, General Pearson said.

"During the past few years, the F/A-22 CTF conducted extensive developmental testing to understand and mature the design of the aircraft, document the aircraft's flight characteristics and understand its limitations," General Pearson said.

During developmental testing, the CTF tested air-to-air weapons including the AIM-120 AMRAAM, the AIM-9 Sidewinder missile and a 20-millimeter cannon, General Pearson said.

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Photo by 1st Lt. Nora Eyle

Grillin'

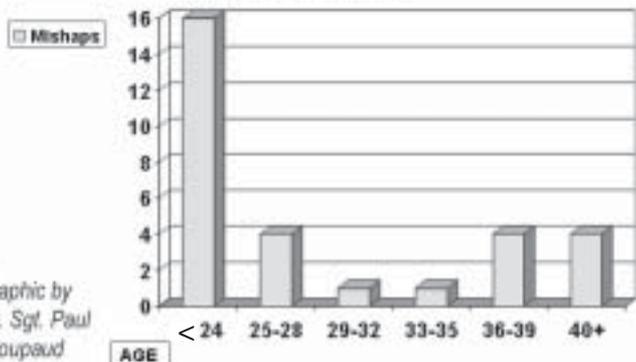
(Left to right) Mr. Joe Ortiz and Mr. Pablo Rivera grill burgers for the grand opening of the San Antonio Lighthouse Base Supply Store at building 310 Tuesday. More than 300 people came out for the opening.

SAFETY FIRST!



A mishap is considered "reportable" when an injury causes a person to miss at least one full duty day.

REPORTABLE MISHAPS HAFB - FY03



Graphic by
Tech. Sgt. Paul
Coupaud

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have a solid basis of leadership backed with NCOs and Airmen who demonstrate excellence.”

He said with an expeditionary force, it's important to have a fit and healthy force because no one knows what tomorrow brings.

“One of the biggest challenges is keeping everyone fit to fight,” General Taylor said. “Readiness is key. We have Airmen deploying for long periods of time, so our goal is to keep them fit, healthy and ready. While the Airmen are deployed, they know their families at home are in good hands when it comes to healthcare.”

General Taylor said the medical group has a solid relationship with Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center, which is important for military members and their families because they don't have to drive a great distance to get quality medical care.

The German community also benefits from the medical care here.

“I'm very happy with the U.S. and German relations,” General



Photo by Senior Airman Martha Whipple

(Left to right) German air force surgeon general Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Erich Roedig, Lt. Col. Cedric George, 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander, and Air Force surgeon general Lt. Gen. (Dr.) George Peach Taylor Jr. pose at an F-117A static April 29 during the surgeon generals' visit.

Roedig said. “I express deep gratitude to the medical group staff for the excellent care they provide for our German soldiers and their families.”

He emphasized the medical care and combined forces contribute to the success of the joint flying mission.

“The hospitality extended to

the German families doesn't go unnoticed. The Germans are friends among friends at Holloman and in the Alamogordo community,” General Roedig said. “In the future, when the German soldiers and their families return to Germany, they will be ambassadors for America.”

Holloman Salutes



The following Senior Airmen for graduating Airman Leadership School Class 04D:

49th Fighter Wing
Staff Sgt. Gwennan
Franceschini

49th Security Forces Squadron
Staff Sgt. Miguel Lerma Jr.
Miguel Villabos

49th Civil Engineer Squadron
Jonathon Archibald
Rikki Mosimann
Cesar Rodriguez
David Wheeler Jr.
Christopher Zapatka

49th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Christopher Bellofatto
Eric Mensch
Kevin Salmon

49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Tyler Dreher
Antonius Jones
Joseph Olsen
Marc Smith

49th Medical Operations Squadron
Michelle Frollo

49th Operations Support Squadron
John Mazza

Detachment 4, White Sands Missile Range
Brandon Maxwell

49th Communications Squadron
Josiah Bowser

49th Comptroller Squadron
Jeffrey Pack

49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron
Jesse Flores
Jasmine Steele

49th Maintenance Squadron
Thomas Jalbert
Craig Wood

John L. Levitow Award: Senior Airman Shane Fisher, 49th MDOS

Academic Award: Senior Airman David Frollo Jr., 49th MMS

Leadership Award: Senior Airman James Warren, 49th MXS

Distinguished Graduates: Senior Airmen Michael Dehn, 49th MMSS and David Frollo Jr.



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from April 27 to Monday.

Tickets

Security Forces issued 11 tickets: one for driving the wrong way, one for no muffler, one for careless driving, two for being parked against the flow of traffic, one for improper display of license plate, one for expired tags, one for expired registration, one for being parked in a non-designated area and two for speeding 10 to 15 mph over the speed limit.

Property loss, damage or theft

- April 29 – A civilian reported his vehicle was damaged while parked at the Golf-1 search area.

- April 29 – A civilian reported damage to a crane at the test track.

- April 29 – There was an accident between two privately owned vehicle in the building 902 parking lot.

- April 29 – An Airman reported someone shot a door and window of building 341 with a paintball gun.

- April 30 – There was a minor accident in the parking lot of building 222 when a POV backed into a motorcycle.

- April 30 – There was a hit and run between two POVs in the shopette parking lot.

- April 28 – An NCO re-

ported an inert bomb used as a squadron marker was vandalized and spray painted pink at building 302.

- April 28 – There was a minor vehicle accident between two POVs in the base vehicle sale lot.

- April 28 – An NCO reported a tree branch fell on her car in base housing.

- May 2 – An NCO reported his son's bicycle was stolen from base housing.

- May 2 – There was a minor accident at the main gate when a POV hit a pole.

Patrol response

- April 27 – An NCO's family member reported having a dispute with her spouse and requested assistance from the security forces squadron..

Stolen, lost, missing or confiscated IDs

If personnel have a military issued ID card stolen or lost, or a DD Form 2220 stolen from a vehicle or missing from the squadron's inventory, report it to security forces at 572-7171 immediately.

If you know of or have any information concerning any of these incidents, contact security forces at 572-7171 or your first sergeant. For the Crime Stop Help Line, please contact security forces at 572-1100 or dial "911".

Bandit boss reaches 1,000 hour milestone

by Lt. Col. Phil Taber
417th Weapons Squadron

The 16th Nighthawk pilot in history reached 1,000 hours when he landed his F-117A on Holloman's runway April 27.

Lt. Col. Thomas Shoaf, 417th Weapons Squadron commander, entered the Nighthawk history books when he crossed the 1,000-hour plateau.

"I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to fly throughout my Air Force career and this accomplishment is very special," Colonel Shoaf said.

Colonel Shoaf's flying career has spanned over 18 years, accumulating over 3,700 hours in five different aircraft, including the A-10A Thunderbolt II, F-4G Wild Weasel, AT-38B Talon, German air force Tornado and F-117A Nighthawk.

Colonel Shoaf began his F-117A career in 1992, while the aircraft was still located at Tonapah Test Range and moved with the "Black Jet" to Holloman in 1992.

Following tours in the F-4G and German air force Tornado, he returned to the F-117A in early 2000.

In 2002, Colonel Shoaf was selected as initial cadre and commander of the newly formed F-117 Division of the U.S. Air Force Weapons School, the 417th WPS *Bandits*.

Since its maiden flight in 1980, less than 600 test and military pilots have flown the F-117A, with only 16 pilots surpassing the 1,000-hour mark; thus, the significance of this aviation milestone.



Photos by Lt. Col. Phil Taber

Lt. Col. Thomas Shoaf poses in front of an F-117A Nighthawk after reaching 1,000 hours April 27.

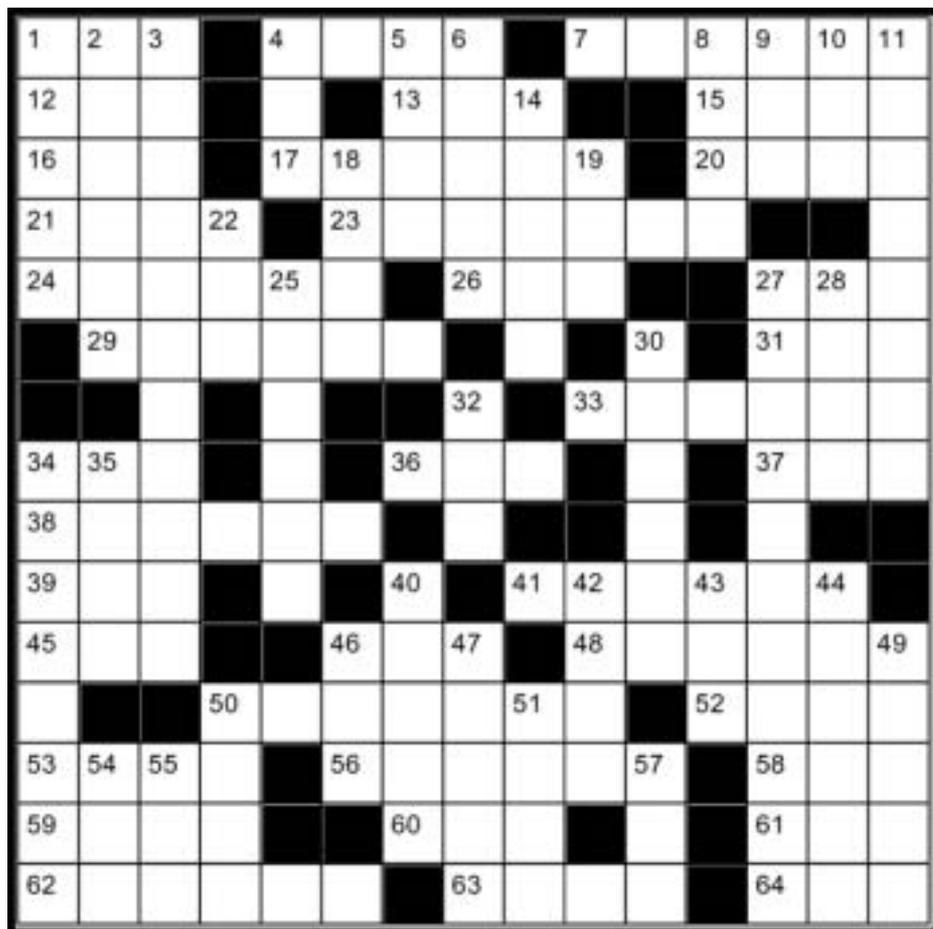


Lt. Col. Thomas Shoaf touched down April 27 after reaching 1,000 hours.

Honoring Asian Pacific American Heritage

ACROSS

- 1. Asian architect of Vietnam Memorial
- 4. First Asian-American woman to hold a presidential cabinet post
- 7. Antelope
- 12. Asian-American musician/performance artist married to Lennon
- 13. Israeli machine gun
- 15. Saga
- 16. Dupe
- 17. Place for the car
- 20. Odyssey
- 21. Writer Vonnegut
- 23. Actress Lucy of *Xena*
- 24. Shoe item
- 26. Internet provider
- 27. Asian-American writer of *"The Joy Luck Club"*
- 29. Trust account
- 31. Tarzan once
- 33. Ski
- 34. Type of fish
- 36. Chinese-American actor/director Bruce
- 37. Military abbrev. for date to leave service
- 38. Peaks
- 39. Japanese currency
- 41. Foreigner in Japan
- 45. Tolkien character
- 46. Pub brew
- 48. Stadiums
- 50. Having two opposite or contradictory ideas or natures
- 52. Type of USAF Sgt.
- 53. Dog food brand
- 56. Tibetan guide on Himalayan expedition
- 58. '70s musical group ___ Na Na
- 59. High time?
- 60. Era



- 61. Charged particle
- 62. Ellipse
- 63. Asian-American entrepreneur, co-founder of Yahoo.com
- 64. Compass direction

DOWN

- 1. First Chinese-American governor
- 2. Asian-American leader who helped establish APA Heritage
- 3. Foreigner
- 4. Sprocket
- 5. Glow
- 6. Chinese music director of the Boston Symphony Orchestra
- 8. Dogs and cats
- 9. Foreign address
- 10. Chinese-American actress Lucy of *Charlie's Angels*
- 11. Military abbrevs.
- 14. Frozen house?
- 18. Singing voice
- 19. Snakelike fish
- 22. Love, in short
- 25. Deleted
- 27. Movement of objects by

- scientifically inexplicable means
- 28. Much
- 30. Potion
- 32. Chinese-American architect of glass pyramid of the Louvre
- 34. First U.S. governor of Filipino ancestry
- 35. Ajar
- 40. Greeting in Hawaii
- 42. Retired person's org.
- 43. Chinese action movie star Li
- 44. Movie snack
- 46. USAF unit responsible for tactical airlift (abbrev.)
- 47. Sorrowful song
- 49. 1953 George Stevens Western movie
- 50. U2 singer
- 51. Region
- 54. Toss
- 55. Country on the Baltic Sea (abbrev.)
- 57. Director Lee of *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*

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

Concert

Grace United Methodist Church will present a free concert at 7 p.m., May 16 at Grace United Methodist Church.

The concert will benefit the Otero County Habitat for Humanity and the Alamogordo House of Prayer. A free will offering will be taken. Performing will be a 25 piece orchestra, 15 member handbell choir, and 40 voice choir.

Annual camping pass

Annual camping passes are now available at all New Mexico State Parks.

The new pass will be offered to everyone and will be valid in reservation campsites. Regular camping fees will remain unchanged, although some park fees will see modest increases as the State Parks Division makes its first fee adjustments in six years.

For day-trippers, there is also a \$30 annual day-use pass good for unlimited admission to 31 state parks. Day-use and camping passes are valid through

Dec. 31, 2004. The passes will be valid Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 beginning in 2005.

Without a pass, camping is \$10 a night for each vehicle in a developed site. Day-use admission is \$5 per vehicle.

Information about the entire fees proposal is available at www.nmparks.com or by calling (888) NMPARKS.

Fair and car show

The third annual Alamogordo Elks Lodge Drug Awareness Fair and Car Show is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday at Alameda Park. There will be presentations by the Alamogordo Department of Public Safety, the New Mexico State Police and the Otero County Sheriff's Department. Free sodas, hot dogs, jumping balloon and games and prizes will be available. Car show entry is free for all participants.

For more information, call Mr. Van Myrick at 437-0895 or 430-6521 or call the Elks Lodge at 437-1897.

Softball tournaments

• Class D & E Men's Softball Tournament: May 15 and 16. Cost is \$125 and entry deadline is May 3.

• Men's Class D State Qualifier: June 4 to 6 at White Sands Missile Range. Cost is \$125 and entry deadline is May 21.

• 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 Mr. Bill Velez at (505) 678-3374 or e-mail velezw@wsmr.army.mil or cowboyvelez@msn.com.

Cherry festival

The 2004 High Rolls Cherry Festival is from 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.

Charlotte's Web

Charlotte's Web, a children's play, will be presented by New Mexico State University-Alamogordo's Theater on the Hill at 7:30 p.m., May 7 and 8 at the Rohovec Fine Arts Center, on the NMSU-A campus. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$2 for children. Advance tickets are available at The Blue Stone, TLC Portraits in the White Sands Mall, and HAFB Recreation Center.

For more information, call 439-3619.



VBS

Vacation Bible School is coming soon to the chapel. Volunteer teachers are needed.

For more information, call 572-7211.

Road closure

A portion of Fourth Street at the intersection of New Mexico Avenue will be closed for one day during the week of May 10

Red Cross

The Holloman Red Cross Summer Youth Program is June 7 to July 30. Youth age 13 to 19 can participate in the program. There are several locations to volunteer including the education office, fitness center, youth center, community center and some medical clinics. If you are interested in volunteering this summer please contact Linda Vigil at the Holloman Red Cross office at 572-7066 or the Alamogordo Red Cross office at 437-4421.

America's Kids Run

Children ages 4 to 13 can participate in the Armed Forces America's Kids Run at 8 a.m., May 15 at the Whispering Sands Community Center. Register on-line at www.americaskidsrun.org. The first 100 kids to register will be given free T-shirts. All Air Combat Command bases will participate in this event at the same time and day. Computers are available at the community center for registration.

For more information, call the Whispering Sands Community Center at 572-7476.

Maintenance course

Housing Maintenance, with help from Home Depot, is sponsoring a screwdriver maintenance class at the housing self-help store from 8 a.m.

to noon, May 22. The class is open to all residents who live in base housing. There will also be a workshop for kids age 5 to 13. Sign up at the self-help store, housing maintenance or the housing office. Hot dogs and sodas will be available. There will be licensed supervision for the younger kids while the parents attend the class.

The subjects that will be covered in the screw driver maintenance class are: using and resetting GFCI receptacles, faucet repair, clearing jammed garbage disposals, toilet repair (fill valves, flappers, flush arms), repairing chipped sinks, installing items on your walls (pictures, towel bars, coat hooks, wall anchors, etc.), closet doors (rollers, guides, etc.), replacing toilet seats, re-screening screens, replacing doorstops, patching small holes in walls, hanging mini-blinds, replacing doorknobs, replacing cabinet hinges, changing filters, appliance care, and yard care management.

For more information or to sign up, call 572-5784 or 572-7901.

Fun Run/Walk

The third annual Holloman High Speed Test Track Mach 10K Fun Run/5K Walk is 7 a.m., May 22 at the test track. The 10 kilometer run begins at 8 a.m. and the 5 kilometer walk begins at 8:10 a.m.

Early registration is \$15 and late and race day registration is \$20. The event is open to all Holloman or military identification card holders.

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

Static display

This month's static display of an F-117, F-4, T-38 and German Tornado is 1 to 3 p.m., May 20 at hangar 500.

For more information, call Public Affairs at 572-5406.

Chicago natives wanted

Air Combat Command is looking for Air Force members from the greater Chicago area to be spotlighted for during the city's Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day. A number of Chicago businesses with store-front display windows have agreed to dedicate their space to military-themed displays. All services are helping to fill the display areas with photos of military members who call the Chicago area home.

ACC needs photos of Air Force



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Reverend rap

Philadelphia Hip-Hop artist Mr. Timothy Brindle preached the gospel Saturday night at the Whispering Sands Community Center during the Hip-Hop Fellowship Night, sponsored by the base chapel. Mr. Brindle was paired with Las Vegas artist 2Five "The Hood Reverend."

members from Chicago and the area up to 70 to 80 miles surrounding Chicago. They need high quality images. The person's face should be the dominant element in the photo.

Also include the person's full name, rank, hometown city and state and unit.

Submissions should be made by May 4.

For more information, call the Public Affairs office at 572-5406.

Pizza and cookie kit sale

Keystoners is sponsoring a fundraiser for their 2004 Southwest Regional TEENS supreme Conference in July at Austin, Texas. Little Caesar Pizza Kits and Cookie Dough Tubs contain all the ingredients to bake delicious pizza, bread, and cookies at home in minutes. Items

range in price from \$12.75 to \$18.

The deadline for orders is May 21. Orders will be delivered June 1 and 2.

For more information, call Matrice Adger at 572-3753.

Chapel Services

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

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

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Academy trains with new incident response system

by Capt. Kim Melchor
U.S. Air Force Academy

Emergency responders here were introduced to the new national incident management system that was signed into federal law March 1.

The new program outlines the National Response Plan all federal, state and local emergency responders must adhere to by end of 2004 when responding to an incident involving weapons of mass destruction or terrorism.

A team from Texas Engineering Extension Service out of Texas A & M University Systems visited the academy to assess the base and local community's vulnerabilities to terrorism and resources available to address them. The team also introduced emergency responders to the new unified response format and tested the base during a 12-hour major response exercise April 27.

The team members said they were impressed with the base's response capabilities.

"You're way ahead of a lot of other bases," said Jory Grassinger, an instructor who taught the weapons of mass destruction incident management course. "The academy should really be pleased."

The team conducted five courses: WMD incident management for unified commanders, hazardous materials response, air-quality monitoring, explosive ordnance disposal operations and emergency medical services.

Course participants represented fire services, law enforcement, emergency medical services, emergency planning and communications, public health, public works and hazardous materials response — from both on and off base.

"I now have a better idea how we can all work together," said Corliss Brecht, from the El Paso County Public Health communicable diseases office, referring to the joint-response plan.

Course participants worked together in teams to apply in-



Photo by Joel Strayer

An academy firefighter helps an "accident victim" through initial decontamination during a terrorist attack exercise Air Force Academy April 27. The scenario presented academy response forces with a combined explosive and chemical threat during a football game. Academy police, fire, medical and other services work with local agencies to complete a coordinated crisis response.

formation presented in the courses and incorporate the unified response system into realistic scenarios.

"When I first came here, I didn't know what to expect," said Tech. Sgt. Paul Donaldson, an explosive ordnance disposal technician from F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo. "(The incident command system) hasn't been implemented at our base yet, now I feel ahead of the game and can assist with the transition."

Regularly responding to civilian requests for assistance, Sergeant Donaldson said he is

used to working with the civilian community and understands the need for a common language among responders.

Establishing that common language and communication capability is the biggest challenge, officials said, and the system is intended to eliminate that vulnerability. Following the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, emergency responders identified the need to have both common equipment and a common language established to allow all responders to communicate effectively.

"We had to develop a stan-

dard system to quickly interface with each other," said Randy Gholson, an instructor with the National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center.

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche said the Air Force will conform to the system, and installations need to improve their ability to cooperate with and support — or be supported by — neighboring civilian communities. The new response system has many similarities to how the military already responds to a major incident, but there are some areas of command structure that are new.

"(The system) is a hard-sell in the military mindset. It takes an open-minded person to accept some of the changes," said Staff Sgt. Chad Kinser of the 10th Medical Group's bio-environmental flight. "But I can definitely see how we fit into the picture."

"Bottom line, we will be one community dealing with one incident. We need one response," said Richard Seim, program manager for WMD training for the Department of Defense through the National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center.

Presence policy helps define expeditionary force

by Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

The secretary of the Air Force recently signed a policy clearly defining the structure and role of the air and space expeditionary force within the joint warfare environment.

The Air and Space Expeditionary Force Presence Policy, among other things, defines AEF, outlines its command structure and explains how its capabilities will be served up to joint combatant commanders, said Brig. Gen. William L. Holland. He is the director of air and space expeditionary force matters.

“This policy is the overarching document that guides the Air Force through what we’ve been doing for the last couple of years,” General Holland said. “It codifies those processes, and the policy that guides those processes, in how the Air Force organizes, trains and equips to meet combatant

commander’s requirements.”

The policy now allows combatant commanders to ask the Air Force for services in terms of capability. In the past, they would present their needs in terms of units, aircraft or numbers of people, the general said.

“Perhaps the combatant commander has a requirement for close-air support,” General Holland said. “Depending on the background of the combatant commander and his staff, they may automatically think of the A-10 [Thunderbolt II].”

Having a combatant commander ask for a specific type of aircraft, or even a specific unit, can be taxing on the Air Force, the general said. For example, if a combatant commander has priority and asks for a specific Air Force unit, the unit may be pulled away from work it is already engaged in.

“If they ask for an A-10 and we don’t have one available, it becomes a mat-

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Brig. Gen. William Holland
Air and Space Expeditionary Force
director

ter of taking it from somewhere else — so then somebody else’s needs may go unfulfilled,” the general said.

General Holland said it would be more efficient for the commander to say what capability he or she needs and to then let the Air Force decide how best to provide it. The policy allows that to happen.

The policy will soon be available to all Airmen on the Air Force’s publishing Web site. The general said he

hopes Airmen will take the time to read the document, because it explains in full what the service has been asking them to do for so long.

“(It) will provide Airmen with the strategic vision of why they are being asked to do what they are being asked to do,” he said. “We have a lot of smart folks out there who will do just about anything if they understand why. Senior leaders are always looking for a better way of explaining it to them, and the (policy) helps us with that.”

The policy also solidifies what Air Force leaders have been talking about for years, the general said. It turns what before had seemed to many a concept or an idea, into something leaders can point to.

“The AEF is no longer a concept; it is a reality,” General Holland said. “It is so because we have been doing it and have been successful at doing it.”

Aero Club rewards winners with incentive flights

by Ms. Laura Pellegrino
Sunburst staff writer

The Aero Club is offering a new program for group-level quarterly award winners.

On April 27, one member of the 49th Services Squadron was rewarded for winning the Services Airman of the Year Award.

The reward was not the usual certificate and handshake, but an introductory flight in an Aero Club aircraft.

The flight was arranged by the Services Squadron and Holloman Aero Club as an incentive and part of the Services

Squadron Awards program.

Airman 1st Class Diana Mendoza, 49th SVS fitness specialist, and her friend, Carla Mendaz, flew with pilot Chris Mellot over the Tularosa Basin, Cloudcroft, Lincoln National Forest and Sun Spot.

Airman Mendoza said the flight was her first ride in a private plane.

"I brought my best friend because I wanted her to go through the experience with me," she said.

According to Mr. Glynn Lyles, Aero Club assistant manager, the program is a great way to thank award winners in any

squadron.

"Other squadrons are encouraged to consider providing this positive motivation for their quarterly and annual award programs," Mr. Lyles said. "Each squadron would pay for the winner's flight as a thank you for a job well done."

The winner may bring up to two guests along for only small price per person.

"This incentive is a strong thank you for the hard work the Airmen have done over the past year," Mr. Lyles said.

For more information about Aero Club incentive flights, call 572-3752.



Airman 1st Class Diana Mendoza (right), with friend, Ms. Carla Mendaz, (left) and pilot Mr. Chris Mellott pose with the Aero Club Cessna 310 aircraft they took on an incentive ride over the Tularosa Basin including Cloudcroft and Sun Spot.



Photo by Kevin Robertson

The F/A-22 Raptor moves into operational testing, flying the first two-ship mission over Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., April 29.

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Pilots from the Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center's Detachment 6 will be flying four F/A-22 aircraft, as well as using trained pilots and maintainers from Air Combat Command. Maintainers from the 31st Test and Evaluation Squadron are supporting the operational testing by maintaining these Raptors.

"We have prepared quite extensively over the past month or so to ensure that the start of the operational test and evaluation goes as smoothly as possible," said Chief Master Sgt. Rich Gallagher, 31st TES F/A-22 maintenance superintendent.

The pilots completed their training, which included a variety of sorties designed to provide acclimation to the advanced Raptor technology, said Lt. Col. David Freeman, Det. 6 deputy commander.

They began training in March 2003, finishing this April, Colonel Freeman said.

Air Force bases nationwide are gearing up for the phase following the initial operational test and evaluation.

The Air Warfare Center at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., is training pilots to fly the Raptor, and the pilots will eventually undertake developing

tactics designed to take maximum advantage of the aircraft's unique capabilities. Additionally, the Nevada Test and Training Range will provide airspace, simulated threats and targets for evaluation, General Pearson said.

ACC will receive the first operationally ready Raptors at Langley AFB, Va., in late 2004. The Air Force Education and Training Command officials at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., are preparing to train F/A-22 pilots, as well as maintainers, General Pearson said.

Edwards officials will continue to develop the Raptor design, focusing more on developing air-to-ground attack capabilities, General Pearson said.

"With the recent successful drop of the first bomb from the Raptor's weapons bay, Edwards will continue to expand this line of testing until we have successfully developed the required ground-attack features," General Pearson said.

Operational testers have already started planning for the follow-on test and evaluation phase of the Raptor, which includes JDAM release testing, Colonel Freeman said.

Astronautics offers cadets opportunity

by Tech. Sgt. James A. Rush
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

Not every college lets students build and launch monster rockets and earn undergraduate credit at the same time. Odds are they are more likely to be placed on a list at the Homeland Security Department unless they are going to the academy.

Astronautical Engineering 452/453 Rocket Engineering is the academy's two-course path to becoming a rocket scientist. A group of engineering students moved a step closer to that goal when a project took flight April 25 at nearby Fort Carson's Pinon Maneuver area.

"The second the rocket fired and took off, you could feel the weight lifted from the shoulders of each and every cadet (who) had put so much time and effort into something not many undergraduate college kids can ever say they did. It was awesome!" said Cadet 1st Class Chris Nations who was chosen randomly to press the "fire" button.

Cadet Nation's prompting sent an 11.5-foot tall, 7-inch diameter, 115-pound rocket blasting away with 110 pounds of thrust from a solid rocket motor. Maj. Dan Miller, program manager and primary course instructor, said he feels the cadets' experience is even more unique than they realize.

"No other university is building and launching this class of rocket at the undergraduate level," the major said. "Cadets and faculty went from blank paper to flight hardware in eight months. This included developing the rocket motor with propellant, insulation, throat and nozzle, pressure-vessel case [and] recovery system."

Computer modeling predicted a flight of up to Mach 1.8.

"We probably didn't get that, but from the sonic boom, we [know we] broke the sound barrier," Major Miller said. The missile fell short of its top speed and projected flight ceiling of 50,000 feet because of a parachute malfunction during flight.

The parachute inadvertently



Photo by Tech. Sgt. James A. Rush

Air Force Academy engineering students load a rocket onto the launch rail. The cadets taking Astronautical Engineering 452/453 Rocket Engineering classes completed their project April 25 by successfully firing the 11.5-foot tall, 7-inch diameter projectile from the Pinon Maneuver area.

deployed early and at high speed, Major Miller said. He said the problem will be fixed on future projects.

Air Force Research Laboratory's space propulsion division officials took an interest in the cadet program in 2002 and began funding it with \$100,000 per year. The lab takes cadets on field trips to government and industry sites of space propulsion interest as well.

The big picture plan is to build a rocket large enough to reach space, Major Miller said. Next year's mission will shoot for 330,000 feet, and the Air Force Space Test Program officials plan to put experimental payloads on future missions.

"The (academy) rocket program is going higher, faster and farther than at any other time in its history," said Cadet 1st Class Kevin Geoffroy, project's chief

engineer. "Our rocket class will pass everything we have learned to ... the Class of 2005. They will benefit from the lessons we have learned as we did from the Class of 2003."

Glad as he was to see the cadets' rocket take to the air, Major Miller said he is also pleased to have met an even more important goal. One month from now, his rocket scientists leave the academy and launch their own careers as Air Force officers and leaders.

"Cadets [in the program] experience firsthand what the 'real world' is like," Major Miller said. "Technical challenges, schedule delays, peers that can or cannot be counted on ... ; this is a yearlong leadership laboratory focused on a specific goal. My objectives are not primarily rocket science, but developing officers." (AFPJ)

Long-awaited World War II Memorial opens

by Thom Robinson
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Almost 50 years after the “Greatest Generation” saved the world, a grateful nation paid its respects to the 16 million Americans who served freedom’s cause with the opening of the World War II Memorial in Washington April 29.

While the official dedication ceremony for the landmark will not occur until May 29, National Park Service officials decided on a “soft opening” for a number of reasons. The primary reason being the number of surviving World War II veterans is dwindling, and about 1,100 of them pass away every day, officials said.

From idea to completion, the World War II Memorial has taken almost 20 years to be realized. In 1993, President Bill Clinton signed the bill authorizing the memorial to be built; in 1995, the memorial site was

dedicated; and construction began in September 2001.

Early on, project critics were concerned about the size and placement of the proposed memorial distracting from other landmarks in the area, but those fears seem to have been unwarranted, officials said. Many who have previewed the new memorial have praised its design, placement and appropriateness, officials said.

The design includes sweeping views both east and west of the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument. It features granite pillars, a large paved plaza, arcs of stone, low waterfalls, bronze wreaths and 4,000 gold stars, each star representing 100 military deaths.

Some people who have visited the memorial said it inspires reflection, gratitude, pride and patriotism — everything a memorial to the heroism displayed by the “Greatest Generation” should do. (AFP)

U.S. participates in multinational exercise

U.S. Air Force and Navy units are here participating in Maple Flag 37, an international air-combat exercise held May 3 to 14 by the Canadian air force.

About 20 aircraft and 600 people from the United States are practicing combined air operations with air forces from Canada, Germany, France, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Norway and England.

“We’re getting an excellent training opportunity up here,” said Col. Russ Handy, U.S. deployed forces commander. “In all recent world conflicts, we’ve operated as a coalition. Here we are training as we fight — side by side with other nations.”

The Maple Flag exercise is similar to the Red Flag exercises held several times a year at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. It simulates a coalition air war

against enemy aircraft and ground targets. More than 2,000 people and 350 aircraft will be participating over six weeks, which is split into three two-week periods.

Pilots fly missions at the Cold Lake Air Weapons Range, which is more than 4,000 square miles of flying space in northeastern Alberta. The airspace is just north of 4 Wing Cold Lake, where the exercise is based, and contains simulated ground targets, electronic interference and surface-to-air missile sites.

“The Cold Lake Air Weapons Range offers our allies almost unparalleled opportunities for advanced air-combat training,” said Col. C.S. Sullivan, 4 Wing commander. “The vast airspace, enhanced by leading edge technology, is very attractive to participating nations.”



Photos by Mr. Tom Fuller

Keep your eye on the prize

Left: (Left to right) Lt. Col. Alfred Weiss, German air force Flying Training Center vice commander, Senior Master Sgt. John Gibson II, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron superintendent, watch as their opponent's ball drops in the hole after a 30-foot chip during the MILCIV Golf Tournament April 30 at Apache Mesa Golf Course here. Holloman personnel won the semi-annual tournament.



The legacy of Brown vs. Board of education

by Master Sgt. Avis Largey
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May 17, 2004 marks the 50th anniversary of *Oliver L. Brown vs. Board of Education*. This landmark case paved the way for educational reform in the United States as the Supreme Court justices ruled unanimously to end segregation in America's public schools.

This case is better personified by a little African-American girl who had to walk clear across Topeka, Kan. to a segregated school

for colored children. Within walking distance from her home was a school for white children where she could go if laws allowed integration.

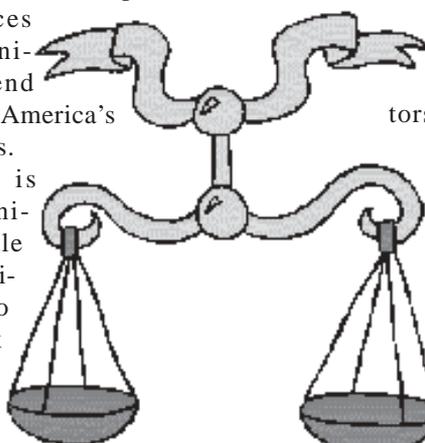
"To Win Equality by Law: *Brown v. Board* at 50," this year's theme for Law Day 2004 gives us a chance to reflect on the men and women who fought a different battle – that of racial discrimination in the schools. The 1896 *Plessy v. Ferguson* case upheld segregated railroad car seating in Louisiana, establishing the "separate but equal" doctrine that said separate but equal accommodations did not violate black passengers' right to equal protection under the 14th Amendment.

In the *Brown* case, the Supreme Court believed that such a sanction of law gave colored children a sense of inferiority and, in turn, adversely affected a child's educational and mental development as well as their motivation to learn.

In the few years before *Brown v. Board*, the National Security Act was passed and gave rise to the Department of Defense and the Department of the Air Force in 1947. In

1948, the Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. Carl Spaatz publicly declared that the Air Force would desegregate in order to increase combat effectiveness. It did so in 1949.

The years following *Brown* saw many southern states resistant to change. Clashes erupted



between police and demonstrators and played out on TVs all across America. Little Rock Nine, and President Eisenhower's call to the National Guard, the civil rights

movement, and the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King are dark post-*Brown* events. However, there were many who continued the fight for equality in their own capacities.

In 1977, President Carter set aside \$350 million in school aid for poor children, for grant money and work-study programs. Kathy Mellor, the 2004 Teacher of the Year, and an English as a second language teacher in North Kingstown, R.I., pushed for her district's adoption of integrating ESL students with their English-speaking classmates. She also applied for and received a grant that enabled her to teach ESL to her students' mothers. Their speaking skills vastly improved and some of them were able to further their education and enter the job market.

Brown also paved the way for the No Child Left Behind Act, which gives schools additional money, among other things, to ensure at-risk children are afforded the same educational opportunities as their peers.

Every day, one person is taking small steps to fight for equality and protection under the 14th Amendment.