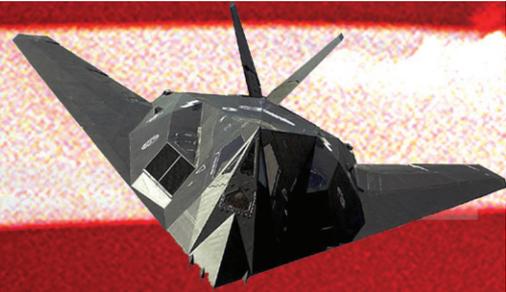


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Briefly

E-8 promotion

All master sergeants competing for promotion to senior master sergeant will now take the U.S. Air Force Supervisory Examination test between Dec. 6 and 17. The testing cycle will no longer be in January.

Moving the testing cycle will allow more time for out-of-cycle testing before promotion release. The change will not affect the promotion announcement or the months during which promotions are made for the cycle. Testing conducted after Dec. 17 will be considered out of cycle.

Pass and registration

The Visitors' Center new hours of operation beginning Monday are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

101 Critical Days of Summer

Reportable mishaps

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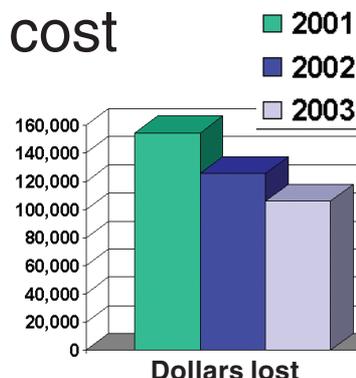


Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Clipping its wings

Airman 1st Class Daniel Strickland, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, cuts into the wing of a F-106 Starfighter at the 846th Test Squadron Wednesday. The jet is being shipped to the Oscura bombing range for target practice.

H2O report released

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

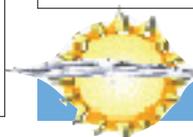
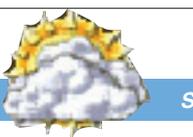
Holloman residents can raise their water glasses in celebration as drinking water tests from calendar year 2003 show base water remains well within Environmental Protection Agency standards.

From April to September, the base gets its water from 14 Holloman-owned groundwater wells located at the foot of the Sacramento Mountains. During the remaining months, the base uses city water supplies from Alamogordo. City water supplies come from surface water sources such as Fresnal Canyon, La Luz Canyon, Alamo Canyon and Bonito Lake.

Water from both sources is piped into two ground-level storage tanks on base where a pumping station then distributes it throughout the base. Water treatment at Holloman, according to base bioenvironmental engineers, consists of disinfection with chlorine gas. City water is filtered and disinfected at the city plant and then disinfected again at the base.

According to the report, water coming from both surface and underground sources dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, naturally occurring radioactive substances, and can pick up substances from the presence of animals or human activity. These substances are generally referred to as contaminants, as they aren't part

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

Flag has been powerful symbol, rallying point

by Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

It was not all that long ago that everyone seemed to be flying an American flag.

In the days and weeks after the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, American flags sprouted from everywhere.

At the World Trade Center site, New York firemen hoisted an American flag amid the rubble. At the Pentagon, workers paused and saluted as a huge garrison flag was draped next to the impact point.

Flags sprouted on minivans and motorcycles. People raised flags on new flagpoles on front lawns and atop apartment buildings. It seemed that every overpass on interstate highways had a flag, and this does not count the millions of decals, rub-ons and bumper stickers that featured the flag.

That was the latest manifestation of the flag of the United States of America as a symbol for all

that the country stands for.

It seems in time of crisis, the flag is a rallying point. On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress approved the U.S. flag and detailed the composition. Originally, it was literally a rallying point for the troops of the Continental Army. In battle, the unit flag was the center of mass, and from the area around the flag commanders gave orders and rallied troops.

The flag as a symbol of America grew out of the War of 1812. Francis Scott Key was so inspired by the sight of the American flag flying over Fort McHenry on Sept. 12, 1814, that he wrote "The Star Spangled Banner."

"And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof through the night, that our flag was still there."

These words inspire Americans today, and when U.S. citizens see the flag, they are reminded that America is still "the land of the free, and the home of the brave."

The American flag has become more than just a red, white and blue design. It has become a symbol of what

America stands for. America reunited under the flag following the Civil War. The American flag flew at the Marne in World War I and at Iwo Jima during World War II.

The American flag flew at Porkchop Hill in Korea and Hamburger Hill in Vietnam. It has flown over Grenada, Kuwait, Kabul and Baghdad. It covers the caskets of the fallen as they come home. And just recently, it adorned the coffin of former President Ronald Reagan, who in life created new respect for the stars and stripes.

The United States is more than just land fortunately located in North America. The United States is a republic, and Americans do not swear fealty to royalty or land or nobility. Rather, Americans swear to uphold the Constitution of the United States, and the American flag is a symbol of that oath.

Americans are reminded of that oath and those who have died for the freedom the American flag represents as they celebrate Flag Day on June 14.

Why my spouse is wonderful ...

I am a proud member of the 9th Fighter Squadron, but more importantly, I am married to the most wonderful woman in the world!

My wife, Dawn Neeley, epitomizes the model military spouse. All military spouses make sacrifices which will neither be understood nor appreciated by the people of the United States, much less the world.

The intent of this letter is to make a brief acknowledgment of a few of the character traits and sacrifices that make my spouse so wonderful.

Dawn is no stranger to the instability of military life. She is the daughter of a retired Air Force colonel and combat aviator.

This foundation left her with a strong sense of duty, sacrifice, and

humbleness. She went the extra mile in college and earned a Bachelor of Science degree, immediately followed by a Master of Public Administration degree and a commission as an Air Force Officer.

In the past four years she has become a certified personal trainer, aerobics instructor and a professor for the University of Phoenix.

Dawn now gives much of her time as a reserve major in the Medical Services Corps while single-handedly running a busy home with our two-year-old daughter, Vanessa, and the cats.

Not an easy task when I'm either TDY or working 12 to 16 hours per day including weekends.

She never complains while scrambling Vanessa to swim lessons, tumbling classes, occasionally the hospital, the

zoo or play groups she organizes.

Dawn volunteers countless hours as the Holloman Thrift Store Manager. She is active in all Officers' Spouse Club functions. Her contagious laugh and positive attitude brighten all squadron social activities while putting smiles on the faces around her.

I give thanks every day of my life for such a blessing as this wonderful woman. Dawn makes me the luckiest man in the world!

-- Lt. Col. Dean Neeley

This essay took first place in the Family Support Center's contest. Second and third place winners will be published June 25. The FSC thanks all who contributed to the contest.

DUI Update

Days since last DUI	7
DUIs this year	23
This week last year	14

Last six DUIs

• 49 OSS	June 11
• 49 LRS	May 16
• 49 MDG	May 16
• 49 LRS*	May 15
• 49 AMXS	May 7
• 49 CS	April 11

* Dependent

572-RIDE works!

Calls made are lives saved

543 Saves this year
22 Saves this week



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Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Capt. Denis Nolan (right) helps patient Senior Airman Jason Luckenbaugh, 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, with his physical therapy. Captain Nolan was named the best company grade officer physical therapist in the Air Force.

AF names top physical therapist

by Senior Airman
Martha Whipple

49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The best physical therapist in the Air Force joined the ranks at the 49th Medical Group recently.

Capt. Denis Nolan served at Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas before joining Team Holloman. While at the largest stateside medical facility, Captain Nolan worked with inpatient, outpatient and basic military trainees. He was also part of a homeland defense team that deployed to New York to help local hospitals following the attacks on the World Trade Center Sept. 11, 2001.

“Since my deployment after 9-11, I have been driven to solidify and optimize the deployed role of physical medicine,” he said. “For the last two

years, I have focused my efforts on developing a deployed model for physical therapy and establishing a readiness training website for Air Force PT use worldwide. Now, more than ever, I’ll continue to promote the importance of physical therapy in the military and educate the public on the benefits we provide for our hard working servicemembers.”

Captain Nolan who has been in the Air Force for four years said, physical therapy has evolved into a profession of scientists who deliver evidence-based medical care for orthopedic, neurological and sports injuries and dedicated to the correction of mechanical dysfunction.

“The Holloman Physical Therapy Clinic is evolving,” he said. “We run a proactive clinic for outpatient care because we recognize that early interven-

tion for these problems prevent a whole array of chronic pain issues and can cut your recovery time down. Physical therapy is an aggressive way to keep airmen in the cockpits, on the flight lines and in the shops. We help people repair and prepare.”

Captain Nolan has more than 14 years of experience as a physical therapist. He worked in his hometown, San Antonio, Texas, as an orthopedic physical therapy team leader at Southwest Texas Methodist Hospital. He also served at Warm Springs Hospital as a senior physical therapist.

“Principle objective translates directly into mission accomplishment,” Captain Nolan said. “It is truly an honor for me to represent the Physical Therapy Profession as Medical Service Award Company Grade Physical Therapist of the Year.”

VBS is a hit at Holloman



Photos by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Megan Williams, 11, passes a banana to Christopher Wooster, 6, during a game at the chapel's Vacation Bible School. This year 98 Team Holloman children participated in VBS.

**by Senior Airman
Martha Whipple**
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Almost 100 children and 30 volunteers participated in this year's Vacation Bible School at the base chapel.

Today is the end of a week of fun for VBS goers at the chapel.

This year's Lava Lava Island theme used hands-on learning to teach children about Jesus' love, according to Protestant religious education coordinator Ms. Amanda Steward. The tropical island theme centered around a volcano flowing with Jesus' love.

Throughout the week, children learned about God's love through singing, crafts and lessons.

For three hours each day this week, the children learned about the bible through a creative curriculum, Ms. Steward said.

"VBS gives knowledge of bible and about spiritual life," Ms. Steward said. "Learning at VBS is different from the classic Sunday school lessons. We have fun through hands-on, visual and audio lessons. VBS is a great, fun and creative way to learn more about God's love."



Youth participate in a teamwork game during Vacation Bible School Wednesday at the chapel. They had to pass a banana around the circle using only their feet.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

On the line

Senior Airman Andrew Vogel stumbles as he takes a mock sobriety test while wearing drunk goggles at the BX Wednesday. The goggles are used to simulate the affects of alcohol. The 49th Security Forces Squadron set up a display at the base exchange to help the wing prevent drinking and driving. Team Holloman members are reminded to be responsible.

572-RIDE saves lives

by Senior Airman
Martha Whipple

49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

It's inevitable ... people are going to have fun and drink. When the waitress brings another round, each one shoots em' down trying to out last the next. The fun ends when the bar closes and they stumble to the parking lot and fumble for their car keys.

Knowing drinking and driving is deadly and against the law doesn't stop some people, but for every Team Holloman member, there's a smarter and safer option — 572-RIDE.

The program provides free rides home to ensure Team

Holloman members are safe after a night out.

The only restriction to the program is riders must be Team Holloman members. Drivers are volunteers who provide a safe ride home without questions or lectures.

Since 1996, more than 9,800 lives have been saved because Team Holloman members took the safe ride home.

The program is always open for more volunteers. Drivers are on standby for a one-week period from midnight Thursday to midnight Wednesday.

Volunteers must be able to be contacted by cell phone, pager or at home 24 hours a day during the seven-day shift.



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from June 7 to Monday.

Tickets

Security Forces issued 51 tickets: one for battery against a household member, one for careless driving, four for failure to stop, two for backing limitations, fifteen for no insurance, one for improper license plate light, four for no license, eight for no registration, nine for no seatbelt, one for shoplifting, one for resisting an officer, one for speeding one to 10 mph over the speed limit and two for speeding 11 to 14 over the speed limit.

Patrol response

June 7: An Airman reported two individuals throwing rocks between dorm buildings 335 and 336.

June 8: An NCO reported having problems with a neighbor in base housing.

June 8: An Airman dialed 911 by mistake.

June 8: A family member reported her patio door open and lights on at her residence at Quay Loop, but when she left the house, the door was secure and the lights were off. Security forces established a cordon and initiated a sweep of the residence. There were no signs of forced entry and no property was missing.

June 8: A family member reported her cable was out and an unknown beeping alarm was coming from the kitchen of her residence at Quay Loop. Security forces found no beeping in the kitchen and advised her to call the cable company with cable concerns.

June 9: A family member reported her 14-month-old son had a 102 fever and was shaking. The Ambulatory Response Element transported the child to Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center.

June 10: An Airman reported another Airman was vomiting blood. ARE transported the Airman to GCRMC.

June 10: An Airman reported he was pushed by an NCO during an argument. The NCO reported the Airman pushed him back. Both were charged with assault. The Airman was also charged with disrespect to an NCO.

June 10: A main-gate elite gate guard reported an Airman on a motorcycle was wearing improper safety gear. The guard briefed the rider on proper personal gear and base regu-

lations, and he instructed the rider to proceed to the Visitors' Center to correct the discrepancies. The Airman sped from the Visitors' Center, failing to stop at a stop sign and headed to the West Gate. The main-gate guard informed the NCO at the West Gate of the situation. Once the Airman arrived at the West Gate, the NCO asked for two forms of identification, but the Airman refused. The Airman was charged with disrespect to a posted guard, failure to obey a lawful order and failure to obey an NCO.

June 10: Security forces patrol stopped an Airman for breaking traction. The patrol smelled alcohol, but the Airman refused a breathalyzer. The Airman was released to his first sergeant.

June 11: An NCO was transported to GCRMC after swallowing a cup of aircraft soap.

June 11: A family member stole a pack of trading cards from the Base Exchange.

June 11: An NCO was charged with assault after slapping his family member in the face.

June 11: Security forces responded to a noise complaint at dorm building 337. There were 40 to 50 people at the location including a disc jockey who was unaware that he needed permission to set up his equipment in the common area.

June 12: A family member reported a stray dog at Eglin Avenue.

June 12: An Airman reported she and her spouse had a fight. The Airman was charged with assault and the family member was arrested for battery against a household member, interference with communications, and resisting, evading or obstructing an officer.

Property loss, damage or theft

June 8: A family member reported damage to a 2004 red Hyundai Elantra at Quay Loop.

June 11: An NCO was transported to GCRMC after swallowing a cup of aircraft soap.

June 11: A senior NCO reported an accident at Lea Court. An Airman made a wide left turn, driving on the curb and hitting a cement pole protecting a fire hydrant. The Airman was charged with careless driving.

June 12: A family member reported her child's bicycle and helmet stolen from Eglin Avenue. The items were recovered two days later.

June 12: An Airman reported his checkbook stolen from Mora Loop. The item was later recovered from his girlfriend's backpack.

June 13: A civilian employee reported a tree had fallen on trailers at the recreational vehicle storage lot.

Civil arrest

June 13: An Airman was arrested by the Albuquerque Police Department for impersonating a police officer. He is being held at the Metro Detention Center.

Web site explains National Security Personnel System

by Army Sgt. 1st Class
Doug Sample

American Forces Press Service

Department of Defense officials launched a Web site to educate civilian employees about the new National Security Personnel System at www.cpbs.osd.mil/nsps/.

NSPS will make changes in the way the department hires, pays, promotes, disciplines and fires civilian employees.

The site is meant to help DoD employees understand the new personnel system, said Brad Bunn, acting deputy program executive officer.

“Change is difficult, and lack of information about coming changes often leads to stress and anxiety and, unfortunately, misperceptions about what those changes really mean,” he said. “We recognize that, and are committed to communicating to our employees about what (the system) will mean to them. The Web site is one communications tool in our toolbox to do that. We will be open, honest and clear about (the system), and our Web site is designed to encourage employee involvement and interest, and minimize misconceptions.”

He said the site will help those affected by the changes to understand the “rationale and benefits” of the NSPS, and that it will be “extremely useful” in keeping employees informed and updated as the system evolves.

Congress authorized the new personnel system as part of the fiscal 2004 National Defense Authorization Act, allowing DoD officials new authority to develop new civilian human resources, labor-management relations and employee appeals systems.

The new site offers an overview of what DoD employees can expect from the new personnel system, as well as informa-

tion regarding issues of labor-management and employee unions, and links to system-related documents.

One feature of the site is a mechanism for visitors to submit comments and ideas about the system directly to the NSPS program executive office, Mr. Bunn said.

“We continuously monitor the input from visitors, and the ideas and comments we receive through the Web site will help us gauge what employees and other stakeholders are really concerned about,” he said.

The site will be a primary communication vehicle, and it will be used throughout all phases of the personnel system design and implementation process, Mr. Bunn said.

“It certainly won’t be our only means of communications, but it’s a central source of information on NSPS,” he said. “We want to ensure DoD employees have a reliable, continuing source of information as the system develops.”

The Web site is the second attempt by personnel officials to get the word out about the new system. A previous Web site was taken down after a three-week strategic review of the design and implementation process in April, officials said.

Mr. Bunn said the new site reflects a conscious effort to minimize confusion about plans for the system.

“We decided to completely redesign the site, giving it a new look and feel, to ensure that it reflects the results of that strategic review,” he said.

However, as with any Web site, there is always room for improvement, he said.

“So we encourage our Web site visitors to offer their comments and suggestions about how the new site can become even better,” he said.

Happy Father's Day

Dear Dad,

*I grew up as a military brat,
And I have you dad to thank for that.
At seventeen you joined the military,
So you could provide for your own family.*

*First was David; then came me,
We go to Germany; then there were three.
TDY here; deployment there,*

*It seemed like you went everywhere.
Seemed like you had no time to rest.
You always wanted to do your best,
Having two jobs, and one time three,
To be the man you needed to be.*

*You gave Uncle Sam twenty years of your life,
And you have three children, and a loving wife.
It looks like I'm following in the same footsteps as
you,*

*With my kids Gregory and Elaina here, now I know what
I have to do.*

*I look in the mirror hoping to see,
That I am half the father to them, as you are to me,
With one more thing left to say,
I hope you have a great Father's Day.*

-- Staff Sgt. Gregory Kaltenborn

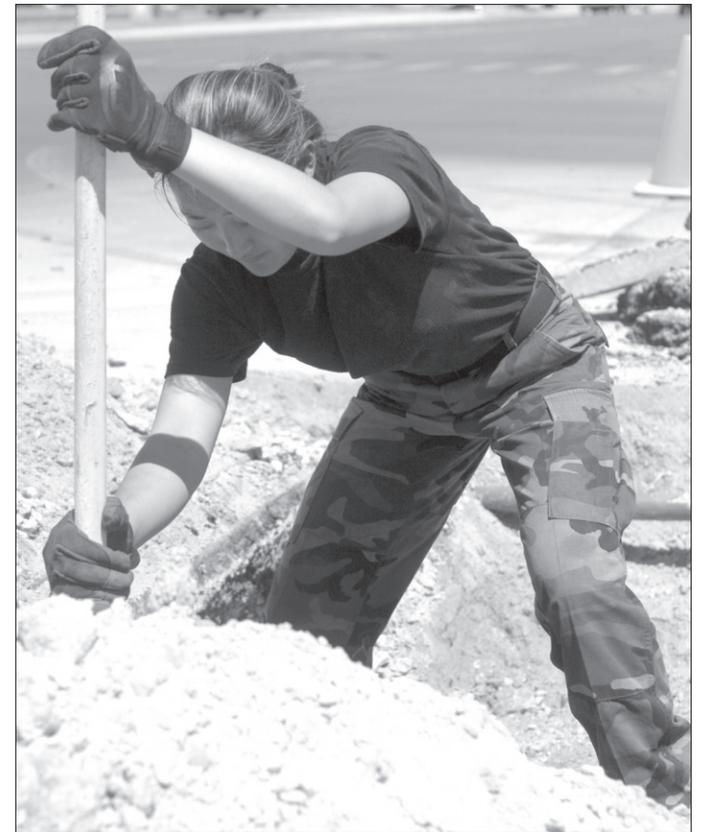


Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

I'm diggin' it

Airman Gabrielle Widseth, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron plumber, repairs a sink hole at the corner of First Street and New Mexico Avenue.



Photo by Mr. Tom Fuller

New services for you

Maj. Carleton Hirschel is all smiles during his remarks to the audience after assuming command of the 49th Services Squadron Wednesday at Heritage Park.

Register to vote

General elections are approaching and Air Force voting officials here want to remind everyone to register to vote.

The Department of Defense recently announced that it has worked out a plan with the United States Postal Service to get absentee ballots to overseas members faster but registering to vote is the first step to acquiring a ballot.

“Getting registered to vote is not a difficult process, it’s just a matter of making it a priority,” said Lt. Col. Lee Shick, Air Force voting action officer.

Deadlines and state specific rules on voter registration can be found on the Federal Voting Assistance Program web site at <http://www.fvap.gov>.

The site includes a list of 10 things to do to ensure your vote counts.

“Our goal is 100 percent contact with every Airman by a voting representative,” he said. “The opportunity to vote has been emphasized as a command responsibility and our installation voting officers play a key role.

“We want to make sure each individual gets the word about voting and that they have the tools and information to apply for an absentee ballot and vote,” Colonel Shick said.

For more information contact Capt. Brandon Jaroch the Holloman voting officer at 572-7217.

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

Juneteenth Celebration

The Otero County NAACP is seeking participants and community support for its annual Juneteenth Celebration. The celebration will be 6 p.m., Saturday at Washington Park. Planned events include performances by local talent, face painting and games. Other events are welcome. Food and beverages will be served, and prizes will be given away.

For more information, contact Isaiah Scott at 437-3888.

Night, Mother

"Night, Mother," a play by Marsha Norman is being performed at 8 p.m., today and Saturday at the Southwest Fitness Center, 1309 E. Foster Road in Las Cruces. Cost is \$5 for a folding chair.

For more information, call

(505) 650-3496 or e-mail lo_fiproductions@hotmail.com.

Kars for Kids

The seventh annual Kiwanis "Kars for Kids" is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday at Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada and Walnut Avenue in Las Cruces. There will be antique & classic kars, motorcycles, a prize raffle and kid's activities. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, call (505) 532-1751.

White Sands

During July, the White Sands National Monument Visitor Center will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Dunes Drive may be entered from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., daily. All visitors must exit the park by 10 p.m. The entrance fee is \$3 for adults 17 and over and free for children.

Daily ranger guided activities include the Sunset Stroll Nature Walk at 7 p.m., daily; the Evening Program at 8:30 p.m., daily; Friday Night Star Talks at 8:30 p.m., July 9 and 16; Full Moon Nights at 8:30 p.m., July 1, 2, 30 and 31.

The Lake Lucero Tour is 5 p.m., July 24. Reservations are required and tour fees are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children 16 and under and Golden Age Passport holders.

Schedule is subject to change. For more information, call 479-6124 or 679-2599.

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.

Cherry festival

The 2004 High Rolls Cherry Festival is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 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.

Flag Day

There is a Farmers and Crafts Market "Flag Day" from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday at the Downtown Mall and Las Cruces Avenue in Las Cruces.

Local and in-state growers will sell produce in season as well as honey, herbs, baked goods, spices, salsa, chile ristras and landscape plants.

Crafters from Dona Ana County sell a variety of handcrafted items including jewelry, woodwork, candles, pottery, fine art, needlework, furniture, leather works, clothing, bird houses & knives as well as photography and gourds.

For more information about Flag Day events, call 505-541-2554 or e-mail fmarket@las-cruces.org.

Housing information

Base housing residents must provide the Housing Management Office with 30 to 45 days notice prior to leaving base. The pre-final inspection should be done 30 days prior to the final, and the final three days prior to leaving the base. When the resident is notified (verbally or by rip), he can schedule the pre-final; at that time he will receive a copy of the cleaning standards and start preparing for the final inspection. To schedule a final, the resident must have a hard copy of orders. The housing office will also forward an advance application to the gaining installation when orders are available.

For more information, call the housing office at 572-3982.

Islamic Meeting

Dr. Fakhouri has a Muslim prayer time and meeting with those interested in the Islamic faith on the following dates at the Holloman Base Chapel, from noon to 1 p.m., June 25 and July 9.

For more information call the chapel 572-7211.

Static display

Static displays of an F-117, an F-4, a T-38 and a German Tornado are set up from 1 to 3 p.m., on the third Thursday of each month at Hangar 500.

Road closure

Due to the re-routing and widening of 49er Road, there will be a road closure on Arizona Avenue from First Street to Arnold Avenue.

The road will be closed from June 23 until Sept. 6. There will be a detour to access Otero Federal Credit Union and Wells Fargo Bank from Western New Mexico Road at Fourth Street, next to the post office. Detour signs will be posted.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

To daddy

Annie James, 2, colors a Father's Day card for her father at the monthly Heart's Apart dinner June 9. The next Heart's Apart dinner is July 14.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Stacy Nimmo at 572-3066.

Keystone news

Holloman's Keystone Club has a Summer Youth Olympics July 30 and 31 at the Fitness and Sports Center. The event is a joint project with the Boys and Girls Club of America and Nickelodeon to tackle the issue of youth obesity.

The event will have an opening ceremony and an awards banquet on July 31. A National Kids Day will be 1 to 4 p.m. July 31. Olympic competitions include track and field, swimming, gymnastics, BMX racing, skateboarding and much more.

Youth can sign up for the Olympics at the Youth and Teen Center by July 16. Cost is \$5 and this includes the price of a T-shirt.

The Keystone Club also needs volunteers for judging, setup, and activities. Experts are needed in BMX racing, skateboarding, gymnastics, track and field and swimming.

For information, call Ms. Matrice Adger at 921-2231 or 572-3753 or Mr. Dan Salinas at 572-3753.

Missoula theater

The Whispering Sands Community Center is having the Missoula Children's Theater July 12 to 17. Auditions will be 10 a.m., July 12. Parents should have their children in place by 9:45 a.m. This year's production is "Rumplestiltskin" and children from first grade and older may audition. Performances are 7:30 p.m., July 16 and 2 p.m., July 17.

For more information call the community center at 572-7476.

ROTC vacancies

The Air Force Senior Leader Management Office announces the projected vacancies and application procedures for summer 2005 AFROTC detachment commander/professor of aerospace studies positions.

For more information about application documents, call Ms. Susie Andrews at DSN 487-4180, commercial (210) 652-4180, or e-mail susie.andrews@randolph.af.mil.

For information about policy and eligibility, call Lt. Col. Robert Kellas at DSN 664-8173, commercial (703) 604-8173 or e-mail robert.kellas@pentagon.af.mil.

Retirement ceremony

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

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

Running track

In an effort to help Team Holloman remain the most fit in Air Combat Command, the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron is remodeling the running track. The new track will have a shock absorbing surface made from ground up tires. The construction is estimated to be complete on Sept. 2. The track will be closed during this time.

For more information, contact Mr. Ron Harrington or Mr. Mike McBride at 572-3125 or 572-5832.

Air Force nursing

The Air Force Nurse Corps is hiring. Anyone with a Bachelors of Science in Nursing or is within 1 year of completion of a BSN who is interested in more information about Air Force Nursing, contact Tech. Sgt. Bill Malcolm (505) 888-1975 or e-mail: william.malcolm@rs.af.mil.

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



13 Going on 30 (PG-13)

6 and 9 p.m., today

Man on Fire (R)

6 and 9 p.m., Saturday

Laws of Attraction (PG-13)

6 p.m., Sunday

Tickets are 99 cents.

Housing management offers swamp cooler tips

The following are swamp cooler tips:

- A swamp cooler cools air by evaporation. Much the same way you feel cold when you get out of the pool on a windy day. In order for these units to work the outside air must have a low relative humidity. On days when the relative humidity or RH is high you can expect less than optimum performance from your cooler.

- Coolers use pads that are soaked with water to cool the air. These pads are made from aspen so you may detect a smell like hay or grass when you first start your cooler up. This will diminish in time and you will not smell any lingering odor.

- The cooler system does not have

a return air vent, like the heater does, so no filter is needed. You will however need to leave a window open to relieve the pressure in the house. With no way for the air to escape, it would be like blowing into a bottle. Only so much air would go in and then you would not have any cooling effect. Also, when you open the door to the house you will have to be very careful that it doesn't slam shut.

This can be problem if you or, any minor children, were to get your hand or foot, etc., in the way. You may have to experiment on how far to open the window and how many windows to open to get maximum cooling. A rule of thumb is, on low speed you should leave about 3 SF of window opening for low speed and 15

SF of window opening for high speed. As you open the window gradually, feel the increase of air coming out of the vent and when it blows the hardest stop opening the window. This should give you maximum cooling.

- You can change the coolness of the room or rooms that you are using the most by opening the windows in those rooms and closing the windows in the rooms that are not being used at that time. For example, during the day when you are using the living room and kitchen, open those windows and close the other ones.

- Your swamp cooler should not leak water. If you notice water running off of your roof or see the shingles wet under the cooler, call housing maintenance and let

them know. This can damage the roof as well as decrease the amount of cooling you will get in the house.

- If you notice your cool making any "strange sounds", such as clunking or squealing, call housing maintenance immediately. These sounds are indicative of mechanical failures such as bad bearings or failing fan belts and need attention right away. Turn your cooler off while waiting for housing to respond. It may save you some discomfort in the long run.

- With your help, and following these simple guidelines, you will get the most out of you cooler. We hope to have a comfortable summer.

My grass is greener ...

by **Capt. Shannon Smith**

Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.

I got a call recently from the security forces deployment manager at Air Education and Training Command, a person I've become well acquainted with during my brief tenure as a squadron commander.

He asked me if my unit could "step up to the plate" and support yet another out-of-cycle deployment tasking.

Such is life in today's operational Air Force. Many Airmen in my unit have deployed four or five times, and that is just during their first term of enlistment.

All these factors beg the question we all ask ourselves at one point or another: Is the grass greener on the other side?

Three years ago, I received a flier from a recruiting firm that specializes in placing military officers with four to 10 years of service into top-tier corporate jobs. I had received these fliers before and always tossed them out, but this time I hung onto one because I was starting to get burned out.

I had recently returned from a remote assignment only to be rewarded with a 14-hour-a-day, six-day-a-week job with no relief in sight. My wife and I were expecting our first child and were entertaining thoughts of permanently moving closer to home, so I called the number on the flier.

After attending the initial presentation, I was accepted as a candidate for the corporate placement program. Shortly thereafter, I informed my commander of my intention to separate.

My military background enhanced my value to corporate America. I'll never forget what one potential employer said to me during an interview. He asked me, "Do you know why we like to hire military people?" In my infinite wisdom, I rattled off several impressive, detailed responses. None were what he was looking for. He simply stated, "Because they show up for work on time."

Never before or since has anyone so completely encapsulated the high caliber of military people with such a brief, yet powerful comment.

I accepted a great offer to work for one of America's largest companies. The base salary was significantly higher than my military pay, the medical plan and stock options were first rate, and the location was just a couple hours from home.

After a month or so, I realized I was doing a lot less work than I ever did in the military. The job was everything I dreamed of. But surprisingly, I dreaded going to work every day.

Why, you ask? I found I missed the camaraderie, the smell of jet fuel, the Air Force song. I missed putting on the uniform. I missed being around people who come together when their backs are against the wall and make things happen.

Most importantly, I missed being a part of something larger than myself. I missed being part of the world's greatest air and space force and prayed desperately for the opportunity to return.

As an improving economy enhances the job market and the war on terror gets tougher, you, like me, might find yourself contemplating the merits of life outside the Air Force.

When you do, remember this: You'll never be associated with a finer group of people, nor will you answer a more noble calling than the one to serve your country and protect our way of life.

The intense job satisfaction that comes from such an honorable pursuit is something I didn't truly appreciate until I stepped away.

Just five months after separating, I returned to active duty with a renewed passion for my profession that the bigger paycheck, great location and fantastic benefits could never spark during my brief stint in corporate America.

For me, the grass is definitely greener on this side of the fence, and this is where I intend to stay for a very long time.

Dirt Boys Racing tears up the track

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

As the summer sun sets on the muddy speedway, spectators from across the Tularosa Basin gather in this one spot to cheer on their favorite racers. Included in the lineup are Holloman's very own heavy equipment operators from the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron.

The Dirt Boys Racing team takes its name from their day-to-day job of runway repair and upkeep of the base's infrastructure. They test their driving skills almost weekly against local competition at the Sertoma Speedway in 80-lap endurance races.

"It can get pretty exciting out there against all the other fast cars," Dirt Boys Racing driver Senior Airman Jeremy

Robert said. "There is just so much adrenaline running through you at one time. If you aren't careful out there, someone can get hurt."

For Airman Robert, racing is nothing new. At age 16, along with his family, he competed in demolition derbies in his hometown of Modoc, Illinois. After being stationed at Holloman, he was anxious to continue battling it out in a derby.

"I went for stock car racing once I realized I couldn't race demolition derby here," he said. "When my shop got wind of what I wanted to do, I already had mechanics and a pit crew."

The team, made up of Airmen 1st Class Porter Whaley, Matthew Sywassink, Donnie Ernst and Josh Owen as well as Senior Airman Mitchell Schanke and Tech. Sgt. Daniel Eckert,

purchased a 1982 Ford LTD wagon as their first stock car. After one race, the team knew they needed something more.

"We found a '86 Oldsmobile 98 we called 'Old Number 5,'" team spotter Airman Sywassink said. "In two weeks, we had the chrome off and the windows out for safety. When we finally raced it, the team finished seven out of 16."

With the team off to a good start in Old Number 5, Airman Robert said the team was aiming for next year's trophy.

"With advances made to the car and the mechanical ability found in this team, we will be able to win a couple of races this year," he said. "We're just getting ready for next season."

For those Holloman members searching for something to do on Friday nights, Sertoma may be the answer. Races begin at dusk and continue on until midnight. Airman Sywassink said the more fans that come out for the races, the faster the team wants to go.

"We want Holloman to come out and cheer us on," he said. "Come out every Friday night and see the mud fly!"

The team takes on its biggest challenge yet with a 150-lap endurance race Sept. 25.



Senior Airman Jeremy Robert slips in Old Number 5 to perform pre-race checks of the car. To race, a stock car's doors must be bolted or welded shut to keep the driver safe during a race.



Airman 1st Class Phillip Waley makes last-minute adjustments to Old Number 5 before race time. The pit crew is made up of three mechanics.



Senior Airman Jeremy Robert and Airman 1st Class Matthew Sywassink don their helmets before making for the race track.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

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Michael Assman, 49th Maintenance Squadron, volunteers as an umpire with the Alamogordo Rotary Little League Wednesday.



Intramural Standings - Softball

Large Unit

Women's 5-Ball

<u>Team</u>	<u>Win</u>	<u>Loss</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>T-Points</u>
49 MMG A	9	3	49 MDG	5
49 LRS A	9	3	49 SVS	4
AMMO A	8	3	49 LRS A	4
49 CES A	6	6	49 LRS B	4
49 AMXS	5	7	49 MMG	1
49 MDG A	5	6		
49 SFS	4	8		
AGE	4	8		

(Current as of May 17)

(Current as of June 14)

Small Unit

<u>Team</u>	<u>Win</u>	<u>Loss</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Win</u>	<u>Loss</u>
49 MXS/AVIONICS	10	1	49 MXS/MXMTI	4	6
46 TG	9	0	49 CES B	4	6
49 CS	8	3	9 FS	3	7
49 OSS	8	2	49 MXS/AMMO B	2	8
49 MMG B	7	4	49 LRS B	2	8
4 SPCS	7	4	49 MDG B	1	10
49 SVS	7	3	GAF	0	10
49 MOS	5	5			

(Current as of June 15)



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Outfielder James Hennig, 49th Operations Support Squadron, hits a left field line drive Tuesday night at Vandenberg Field. The 49th OSS defeated the 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron B team 19-3.

Nighthawks take down LRS B 19-3

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

The 49th Operations Support Squadron softball club smashed the 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron B team 19-3 during heated softball play Tuesday night at Vandenberg Field.

From the start, OSS threw out their heavy hitters as centerfielder Mike Aponte knocked the ball out of the field to bring in shortstop Anthony Carvalho for two runs.

After halting LRS in the bottom of the first, OSS went back to bat with base hits to put five more runners over the plate for a 7-0 lead.

The lead would only widen as OSS continued to hit homers brought on by right centerfielder Brian McDonald and Aponte with two additional runs batted in. Pitcher Kevin Mahoney soon after shattered a 300-foot homer for a 14-0 lead.

LRS leftfielder Jeff Woodson ended the inning with a big

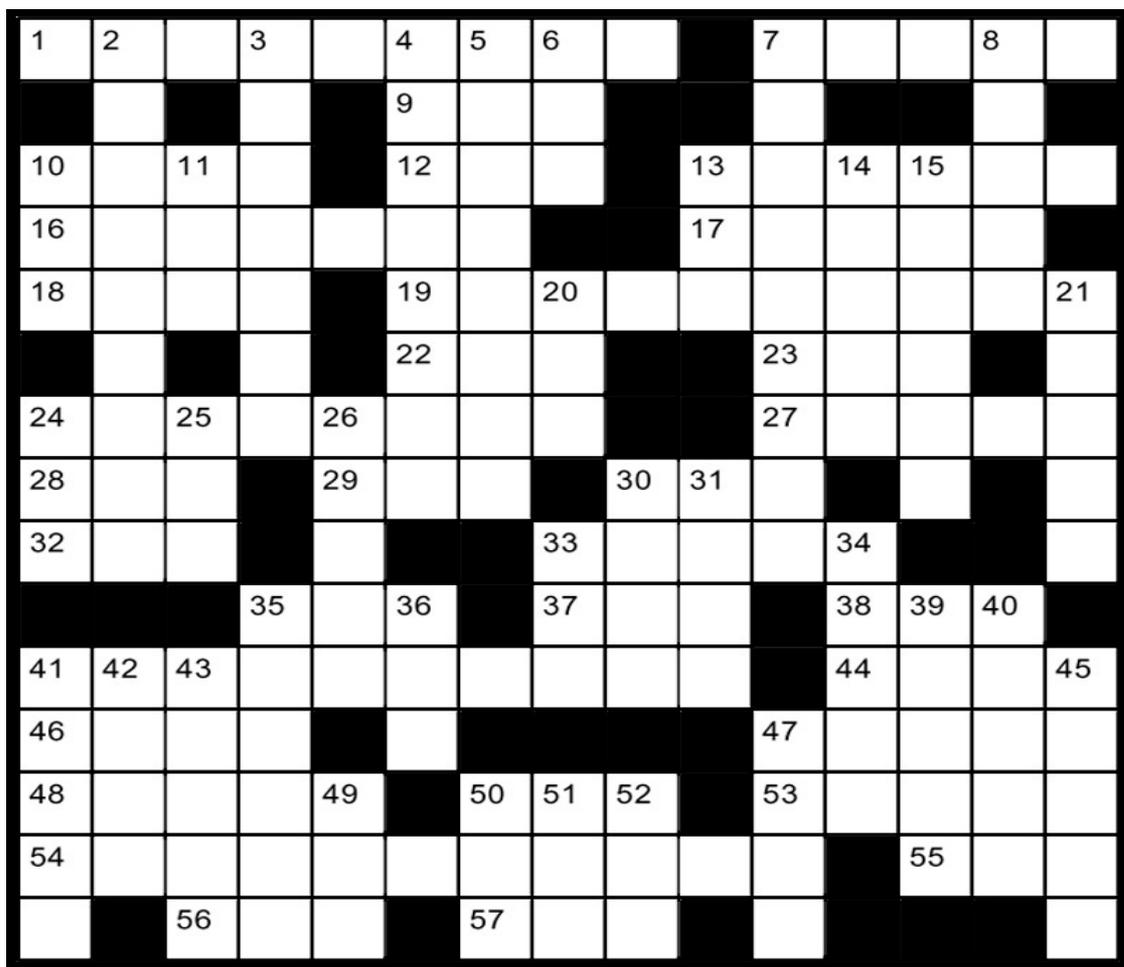
catch in deep left field.

The game entered the bottom of the fourth and LRS found the opportunity to put runs on the board as left centerfielder Bryan McQue placed the ball in right field, giving him and teammates Travis Henderson and Mike Malott time to run in, putting their team at 14-3.

Three minutes remained and OSS took the field to earn five more runs to end the game 19-3.

OSS is now 8-3 for the year while the LRS B team stands at 2-8.

CROSSWORD



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Places you might not know

ACROSS

1. USAF base in UK, RAF

 7. Line up
 9. German one
 10. Mammal of the family Cervidae
 12. ALS, NCOA, SOS, ISS, etc.
 13. Prosecuted teacher of evolution
 16. Protozoans of the class Ciliata
 17. USAF AB in Spain
 18. Nevada school
 19. Bookkeeping
 22. Gov't org. for budget oversight
 23. Farewell; ___ voyage
 24. USAF base in UK, RAF

 27. Loosen
 28. ___ Grande
 29. State home to 122nd FW
 30. Distant
 32. Place to rest?
 33. Schwarzenegger film *Red*

 35. Primary color
 37. Squid defense
 38. USAF org. with personnel

records

41. USAF base in UK; RAF

 44. Radiance
 46. Bronze and Iron
 47. USAF AB in Turkey
 48. Partial or total darkness
 50. Man with dishonorable behavior
 53. Gives out as a portion
 54. USAF base in UK; RAF

 55. VCR speed ___-mo
 56. What the Concorde was
 57. Bond writer Fleming

DOWN

2. USAF base in Germany
 3. Place to not be without a paddle?
 4. Polygon having seven sides
 5. Something to punch at work?
 6. Single
 7. USAF base in UK, RAF

 8. First American to orbit Earth
 10. BDU variant for SWA
 11. Length from elbow to

finger tip

13. Dallas, TX, school
 14. British playwright with black comedies
 15. Vanishing and boiling
 20. Food fish of northern Atlantic waters
 21. USAF AB in Italy
 24. Day of the week (abbrev.)
 25. Charged particle
 26. Monetary punishments
 30. A complete set of type
 31. Egyptian symbol of life
 33. Knight's title
 34. Astonish
 35. Seeds again
 36. Driving crime
 39. Mountain lions
 40. Luxury
 41. Molten rock
 42. To stare at impertinently
 43. Trotsky and Uris
 45. Crime of maliciously setting fires
 47. At rest
 49. Mass. school
 50. Leader of N. Vietnam, Ho ___ Minh
 51. Eureka!
 52. Great noise

Eagle Eyes are watching

by Senior Airman Martha Whipple
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

America's Homeland Security Department recently raised the national threat level from an elevated to high risk of terrorist attack or level orange.

The U.S. intelligence community believes that Al Qaida has entered an operational period worldwide, and this may include attacks in the United States, according to Tom Ridge, Homeland Security secretary.

Everyone can make a difference by being vigilant and keeping an eagle eye out for suspicious people and activities, according to Agent Stacy Pinto, Holloman's Office of Special Investigations. Everyone is a sensor in the Air Forces Eagle Eyes program, including people in the Tularosa Basin and Holloman communities.

The Eagle Eyes program is an anti-terrorism initiative that uses the eyes and ears of Air Force members and local citizens in the war on terror. Because security forces teams and other law enforcement agencies can't be everywhere at once, relying on the public to be vigilant is critical, Pinto said.

"The first step is knowing what to look for," she said. "Always keep an 'eagle eye' out for suspicious activities because only you know what goes on in your neighborhood."

The following are suspicious behaviors that should be reported: Surveillance, Elicitation, Tests of Security, Acquiring supplies, Suspicious people out of place, Dry run and Deploying assets

"No matter how small you may think the situation is, contact security forces," Pinto said. "Reporting the case could possibly be the difference in life or death."

While keeping a close watch on the surrounding area is important, it's also critical for military members to guard their controlled items, such as serviceable uniforms and identification.

A military family member at Fort Campbell, Ky., reported two unknown males stole her dependent ID card. They approached her at her off-post residence wearing battle dress uniforms with enlisted rank. One identified himself as a chaplain and the other as the chaplain's driver. A female, who was with the two, identified herself as being a Fort Campbell Family Advocacy representative.

The chaplain told the victim her hus-

band had been injured in Iraq during combat operations and that her ID card was needed for a passport so she could visit him in Germany. She provided her ID card as was requested. The suspects have made no further contact with the victim. The Fort Campbell Family Advocacy office, the chaplain's office and unit representatives all report the active duty spouse was not injured and that no officials were dispatched from their offices to make contact with the victim or to request her ID card.

If BDUs with patches and badges are this accessible to people, then they're also available for terrorists. Remove rank, badges, patches and name tapes before tossing out old BDUs. Being vigilant isn't just watching with an eagle eye, it's doing everything to protect family and friends, Pinto said. "Being vigilant is everyone's business."

To report suspicious activity, call the 49th Security Forces Squadron at 572-7171 or any local law enforcement agency.

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Keep an eagle eye out for these behaviors:

Surveillance: Someone recording or monitoring activities using cameras, note taking, drawing diagrams, binoculars or anything else out of the ordinary.

Elicitation: Anyone or organization attempting to gain information by mail, fax or telephone about military operations or people.

Test of Security: Any attempts to measure reaction times to security breaches or to penetrate physical security barriers or procedures.

Acquiring Supplies: Purchasing or stealing explosives, weapons, ammunition, uniforms, decals, flight manuals, passes, badges or other controlled items.

Suspicious people out of place: People who don't seem to belong in the workplace, neighborhood, business, establishment or anywhere else. This also includes suspicious bordering crossing or stowaways.

Dry Run: Putting people in position and moving them about without actually committing a terrorist act such as a kidnapping or bombing. An element of this activity could also include mapping out routes and determining the timing of traffic lights and flow.

Deploying Assets: People and supplies getting into position to commit the act. This is the last opportunity to alert authorities before the terrorism occurs.

Table of detected contaminants

<u>Contaminant</u>	<u>MCL</u>	<u>MCLG</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Highest level detected</u>	<u>Typical source</u>	<u>Date of sample</u>	<u>Exceeded standard</u>
<u>Microbial</u>							
Total Coliform	0	0	N/A	0	Naturally present	2003	Yes
<u>Inorganic contaminants</u>							
Barium	2,000	2,000	N/A	27	Decay of natural deposits	2003	No
Chromium	100	100	N/A	11	Decay of natural deposits	2003	No
Copper*	AL=1.3	0	17-150	150	Corrosion of household plumbing systems	2001	No
Fluoride	4	4	.3-1.0	1.0	Naturally occurring	2003	No
Lead*	AL=15	0	<1.0-9.0	9.0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems	2001	No
Nickel	100	0	N/A	9.3	Decay of natural deposits	2003	No
Nitrate	10	10	N/A	.6	Run-off from fertilizer use, sewage leakage	2003	No
Nitrite	1	1	N/A	<.01	and decay of natural deposits	2003	No
Selenium	50	50	N/A	2.1	Decay of natural deposits	2003	No
<u>Volatile organic contaminants</u>							
Styrene	100	100	N/A	.7	Discharge from rubber and plastic factories; leaching from landfills	2003	No
<u>Synthetic organic contaminants</u>							
Chlordane	2	0	N/A	.1	Residue of banned termiticide	2003	No
<u>Radiological</u>							
Gross Alpha*	15	0	N/A	3.5	Erosion of natural deposits	2002	No
Radium 228*	5	0	.15-.34	.34	Erosion of natural deposits	2002	No
Radium 226*	5	0	.09-.12	.12	Erosion of natural deposits	2002	No
<u>Secondary standards</u>							
Dissolved solids	500	0	N/A	680	Decay of natural deposits	2003	Yes
Sulfate	250	0	N/A	250	Decay of natural deposits	2003	N/A
<u>Disinfection byproducts</u>							
Bromodichloro methane	80	0	N/A	.8	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection	2003	No
Chloroform	80	0	N/A	.5		2003	No
Dibromochloro methane	80	0	N/A	.9		2003	No

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of "pure" water and may be undesirable in any significant quantity.

Contaminants fall into categories of inorganic (such as barium, copper, fluoride and lead), microbiological, synthetic and radioactive. The amount of each contaminant, if present, is listed in the table below.

According to Capt. Wilfredo Cortez, 49th Medical Group Bioenvironmental Engineering Element deputy chief, drinking water may rea-

sonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. However, such trace amounts don't indicate the water poses a health risk.

In 2003, the base populace used over 549 million gallons of well water and more than 126 million gallons of city water for a total consumption of more than 676 million gallons. The consumer confidence report on the base water only addresses the well water, as the city of

Alamogordo is responsible for testing its water. The city also publishes an EPA report, copies of which are available through the base Bioenvironmental Engineering office in building 57 or the City of Alamogordo Public Works Department at 2600 N. Florida Ave.

Additionally people can learn more about water contaminants and their potential health effects through the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

Help our troops call home on Father's Day

"I love you Daddy!" These are words that dads wait all year to hear on their big day in June. Some dad's serving in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom will get the opportunity to hear voices of children half a world away only through the support of the Army & Air Force Exchange Service's (AAFES) "Help Our Troops Call Home" program.

To help offset the costs of calls home, AAFES has teamed with the USO, Air Force Aid Society, Fisher House and the American Red Cross to deliver phone cards to dads around the globe. Military fathers stationed anywhere in the world will be able to call home anytime with donated minutes through AAFES' "Help Our Troops Call Home" initiative.

The Department of Defense is allowing AAFES to offer Military Exchange Prepaid Phone Cards to anyone wishing to do-

nate them to deployed troops. These cards, designed for the specific needs of service members, are available online at www.aafes.com or by phone at 1-800-527-2345. Donated cards addressed to "any service member" are distributed through the charitable organization of the purchaser's choice.

Fifty-eight call centers throughout Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom have been critical in allowing AAFES to bridge the gap between the front lines and the home front. Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan who use the AAFES/AT&T 550-unit Military Exchange Global Prepaid Phone Card at any of the 38 call centers in Iraq and Afghanistan enjoy calls home for as little as 25 cents/minute and 19 cents/minute from Kuwait. 550-Unit Military Exchange Prepaid Phone Cards are available at any of AAFES' 56 contingency locations. (AAFES)





Photo by Bobby Jones

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche places his hand over his heart as members of the Andrews Air Force Base, Md., honor guard raise the flag during the playing of the National Anthem during a Flag Day ceremony Monday.

Secretary celebrates 227th anniversary of Old Glory

by Airman 1st Class

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Public Affairs*

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche joined those gathered at the base flagpole at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., June 14 to celebrate the history of the nation's flag.

The U.S. Air Force Ceremonial Brass, Andrews base honor guard, veterans and guests joined in commemorating Flag Day.

"This is a special day, the anniversary of the adoption of a very powerful symbol," Secretary Roche said.

"This flag represents our nation and the values to which we aspire," the secretary said. "Imagine the feeling of pride

“After the cowardly attacks in September 2001, American flags were ubiquitous. Americans saw our flag as an expression of our strength, pride and resolve to protect and defend freedom.”

Dr. James G. Roche
Secretary of the Air Force

our forefathers felt when they saw the flag at Yorktown [Va.]. You know the impact it had on Francis Scott Key at Fort McHenry, Md. Our national anthem is a tribute to this flag. The sight of it caused Israeli helicopter pilots to halt the at-

tack on the USS Liberty.

"It has been carried in space with great pride by our astronauts, but perhaps one of the best examples of the power of this emblem was its effect on Marines when it was raised on Mount Suribachi," he said.

"The impact was so strong on all Americans, the image has been enshrined at the Iwo Jima Memorial and is synonymous with American courage under fire.

"Our flag is a source of comfort and strength," the secretary said. "After the cowardly attacks in September 2001, American flags were ubiquitous. Americans saw our flag as an expression of our strength, pride and resolve to protect and defend freedom."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Andrew Rodier

All about America

A Japanese girl picks up an American flag during the 16th annual American Day celebration June 13 outside nearby Misawa Air Base. The event brings visitors who are interested in learning about American culture from all over northern Japan. More than 70,000 people attended this year's event.

Air Force Marathon set

Air Force officials will hold the 8th annual Air Force Marathon at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, Sept. 18.

The marathon will include a half-marathon, wheelchair race, four-person relay and 5K race.

The deadline for early registration is July 1, and all entries must be in by Sept. 7. The race is open to the public.

Besides traditional awards for top finishers of each race, marathon committee officials will present awards to the top finishers from each major command, as well as to the command with greatest participation.

“The Air Force Marathon is open to the public, but being a military marathon, we felt that we needed to increase the military base competition,” said Bob Brodess, Air Force Marathon director.

The medals will be imprinted with the F-117 Nighthawk, this year's featured aircraft.

The course is unchanged from the past, marathon officials said.

For more information about marathon events, visit the Air Force Marathon Web site at <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil>. (AFPN)

