

# Sunburst

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## Briefly

### Sports physical day

The pediatric clinic has a sports physical day from 8 a.m. to noon, at the pediatric clinic July 24.

Appointments can be made by calling 572-2778 option 2.

### Dorm of the quarter

Congratulations to the dorm of the quarter winners:

*First place*

**Dorm 340, 49th MMS**

*Second place*

**Dorm 517, 49th LRS**

*Room of the Quarter*

**Dorm 341,**

**Airman 1st Class**

**Lourie Dimery**

### 911 emergencies

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

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

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

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



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

**Airman 1st Class Ismael Iniestra, 49th Security Forces Squadron elite gate guard, checks IDs Tuesday. The 49th SFS, along with the Army National Guard, will be joined by 38 civilians in August.**

## Holloman hires civilians to guard base

by Airman 1st Class  
**Stephen Collier**  
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With members of the 49th Security Forces Squadron deploying throughout the world, the 49th

Fighter Wing has looked to other options to protect Team Holloman and its community.

Beginning in August, Holloman will hire 38 civilians to fill administrative, gate guard and law enforcement positions. Chief Master Sgt.

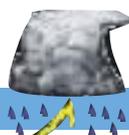
Christopher Geary, 49th SFS manager, said the measure will ease the burden of replacing security forces troops with augmentees.

"With security forces' continuing

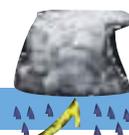
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**Low: 69**  
TODAY



**High: 93**  
**Low: 69**  
SATURDAY



**High: 93**  
**Low: 69**  
SUNDAY



**High: 95**  
**Low: 69**  
MONDAY

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

# An error in judgement

## Driving under the influence impairs NCOs future

by Staff Sgt. Noah Lujan  
49th Maintenance Squadron

It was a time of celebration. I just received a line number. I was awarded a long awaited decoration. I got my follow-on choice of assignment, and I had just out processed my squadron, headed for Korea.

Things were going my way, so when a friend offered to take me out, along with her roommate, to help me celebrate, I had no objections. She took me to the Palmside, and I must say the night went very well. I talked and danced with a pretty young woman. I had a few drinks and was feeling like I was on top of the world.

At closing time, I noticed that our driver had left with someone else. My friend was in no condition to drive, I figured I was fine; after all I only had four drinks in a 3 and a half hour time span. I took her keys because I knew I could drive, things would be alright, we'd get home with no problems, but I was wrong.

While driving on White Sands Boulevard, I didn't notice the speed limit signs indicating the drop in speed to the 35 mile-per-hour zone. I was still going 45, talking to my friend, discussing my follow on assignment.

It was then that I noticed the red and blue lights flashing in the rear view mirror. I pulled off to the side of the road waiting for the police officer to come up to the window. I still hadn't realized that I was speeding until he told me the reason he had pulled me over.

While inspecting my license, and the vehicle's registration and insurance, he noticed the scent of alcohol coming from inside the vehicle. The officer asked me to step out of the vehicle, and asked me how much I've had to drink. I honestly told him how much I had had, but that I felt fine, and that I was helping my friend get home.

He then administered a series of sobriety tests; afterwards he told me that I was border line. He asked for my permission to be submitted to a breathalyzer test.

I was taken into custody and driven to the police station. I knew that if I failed to blow the legal limit on

the breathalyzer the consequences would be devastating. The legal limit in the State of New Mexico is 0.08%. My blood ran cold when the officer told me my results; I blew a 0.12% that was .04% over the legal limit!

My night of celebration just turned into a nightmare. How could I have gotten myself into this mess? Why didn't I call 572-RIDE? Or for that matter why didn't I just call someone, a friend, my supervisor, anyone?

I ask myself these same questions everyday since the incident. I really thought I was okay to drive, but that's what alcohol will do to you. It's true what they say; it impairs your judgment, your ability to make the right decisions.

My career of 15 years now hangs in the balance over a bad decision I made. I stand to lose my line number, my stripe, my assignment, my base driving privileges, and possibly my security clearance. I would give anything to go back to that fateful night and call someone.

You might be reading this and say, that's not me, I'm always careful, I always call 572-RIDE or a cab. I used to say that too, in fact 572-RIDE is the first speed dial on my cell phone; I didn't use it because that night my judgment was impaired by alcohol.

If there are some of you out there that still think it's okay to drive after a few drinks, and haven't been caught yet, trust me, it's not worth it! I would rather pay for a \$10 cab ride than go through what I'm going through right now.

I have to face my superiors that once praised me for my hard work, and answer to them for breaking the law. The haunting question my friends ask, "Why didn't you call me to come get you?"

Now I have mandatory appointments I must attend to make sure I don't have a deeper rooted problem. A black mark on my permanent record letting everyone know what I've done wrong. And, people who once congratulated me on making rank now look upon me with disappointment, knowing that I won't be sewing on that next stripe.

All this could have been avoided had I just called someone to drive me home.

**H**olloman  
**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.

- 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	<b>10</b>
DUIs this year	<b>25</b>
This week last year	<b>16</b>

### Last six DUIs

- 49 AMXS July 2
- 49 SVS June 23
- 49 OSS June 11
- 49 LRS May 16
- 49 MDG May 16
- 49 LRS\* May 15

\* Dependent

## 572-RIDE works!

Calls made are lives saved

**333** Saves this year  
**22** Saves this week



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# CIVILIAN *Continued from Page One*

to deploy from Holloman and other Air Combat Command installations, the decision to hire civilians to ease the career field was made by Brig. Gen. Kurt Cichowski," Chief Geary said. "As we train these civilians to take on law enforcement positions, we won't have to readily make use of the 104 augmentees we are training wing-wide."

The decision for civilian over hires comes as security forces continue to feel the strain of decreased manpower the chief master sergeant said. As August approaches, over 100 troops from the squadron will be deployed world-wide.

According to Army 1st Sergeant Manuel Alonzo Jr., the Army National Guard's contract to sup-

port Team Holloman security measures will end later this year, leaving a gap in security needing to be filled. Chief Geary said Holloman is the first base in ACC to spear-head civilian hiring.

"Many bases have hired contractors from security companies to supplement their protective measures," the chief said. "Hiring civilians, as opposed to government contractors, is not only cheaper for Holloman, but we can hire them faster and have more control over the process."

Brig. Gen. Kurt Cichowski, 49th Fighter Wing commander, said hiring civilians will strengthen the bond between the base and its community.

"Transforming from the Cold War requires new thinking and

new operational concepts," the general said. "Teaming with civilian security personnel is one way to address our increased force protection requirements of this new age. It truly should be a win-win proposition for all involved."

Chief Geary said he expects the majority of applicants to come from the local area.

"We've been successful in securing eight positions for selected qualified personnel," he said. "The 49th SFS is working hard to keep everyone safe and this is another initiative to help us do just that."

Civilians interested in the security positions here can submit an application through the Air Force Personnel Center Web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/>.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jessica Thornton

## Communicating a new message

**Maj. Michael Redding salutes Col. Gail Colvin, 49th Mission Support Group commander, during the 49th Communications Squadron change of command ceremony July 6. Major Redding comes to Team Holloman from Shaw AFB, S.C., where he was assigned to Central Command as an executive officer.**



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from July 6 to Monday.

### Tickets

Security forces issued 12 tickets: One for failure to yield to an emergency vehicle, two for no registration, one for shoplifting, one for expired insurance, one for no license, two for no insurance, three for failure to stop and one for driving with a suspended license.

### Property loss, damage or theft

- July 6 – An NCO reported a green case containing \$600 was stolen from his home while his household goods were being delivered.
- July 6 – An Airman reported his car was damaged at building 809.
- July 7 – An NCO reported damage to the fence behind his home.
- July 8 – There was a minor accident between a privately owned vehicle and a fixed object in the parking lot of building 15 when an Airman accidentally pressed the gas instead of the break and hit a light pole.

- July 8 – A civilian reported about \$350 was stolen from her purse at an unknown location.

- July 8 – An NCO reported that a hose on a government-owned vehicle gas pump was damaged.

- July 8 – An Airman's family member was caught shoplifting at the base exchange.

### Patrol response

- July 10 – An NCO reported an on-base house appeared open but no one was home. The NCO reported the occupants had a verbal altercation the night before. Security forces verified no items appeared to be missing and secured the residence.

- July 10 – An NCO's family member reported there were fireworks going off near Sierra Loop.

- July 10 – An NCO reported fireworks going off near the Luna Loop playground.

- July 10 – An anonymous caller reported fireworks going off near the Luna Loop playground.

- July 11 – An anonymous caller reported yelling coming from Mora Loop.

- July 12 – An NCO reported he put his wedding and engagement rings on the deck next to the pool in the fitness center. When he finished swimming, he left the fitness center and forgot his rings. He returned, but the rings were gone.

- July 12 – An Airman's family member reported the Airman choked their son and threw him on the ground.



Courtesy Photo

### Protect and serve

Airman 1st Class Christopher Nelson, Airman 1st Class Shane M. Rickert, Senior Airman Clarence Basug and Staff Sgt. Adam Fuller (Top) and Airman 1st Class Scott Herbert, Airman 1st Class Christopher Palkowetz, Airman 1st Class Walter Raniolo Staff Sgt. Kevin Whitley and Senior Airman Glenn Nottage (Bottom) are "Fire Dawgs" deployed to Iraq from the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron.

# Defense finance agency opens new reserve pay center

The Defense Department's new Reserve Pay Center of Excellence has officially opened for business.

The operation, part of Defense Finance and Accounting Service, will further improve service "to the men and women who defend America," according to a DFAS news release. It will offer "better productivity" to a "key military customer group."

The move centralizes payroll activities for all Army and Air Force National Guard and Reserve elements, as well as the Naval Reserve, in Cleveland. DFAS officials said they expect "significant" productivity gains from running these operations from an established, centralized pay-support site.

"DFAS is constantly striving to improve the way it serves its customers," said Pat Shine, director of the agency's military and civilian pay services business line. "The Re-

serve Pay Center of Excellence will make us even more responsive to the needs of a critical component of America's defense — the Reserve and Guard."

According to the release, centralized pay and customer-service operations began for the Air Force Reserve in May. The Air National Guard, Army Reserve and Army National Guard accounts will follow. The Cleveland center already had been servicing the Naval Reserve before the consolidation.

The new center's stand-up did not cause any job losses. Workers at the Denver center who handled Guard and Reserve accounts "have been re-assigned to other high-priority military pay tasks," noted the release. And "no loss of jobs will occur" when Army Guard and Reserve functions move from Indianapolis. (AFPN)

## Pest Management Tip

### Cicada Killer Wasp

**Description:**

Cicada killers are 1.5 to 2 in. long. They are brownish black with yellow markings on the abdomen and face. The females are twice as large as the males.



<http://citybugs.tamu.edu>

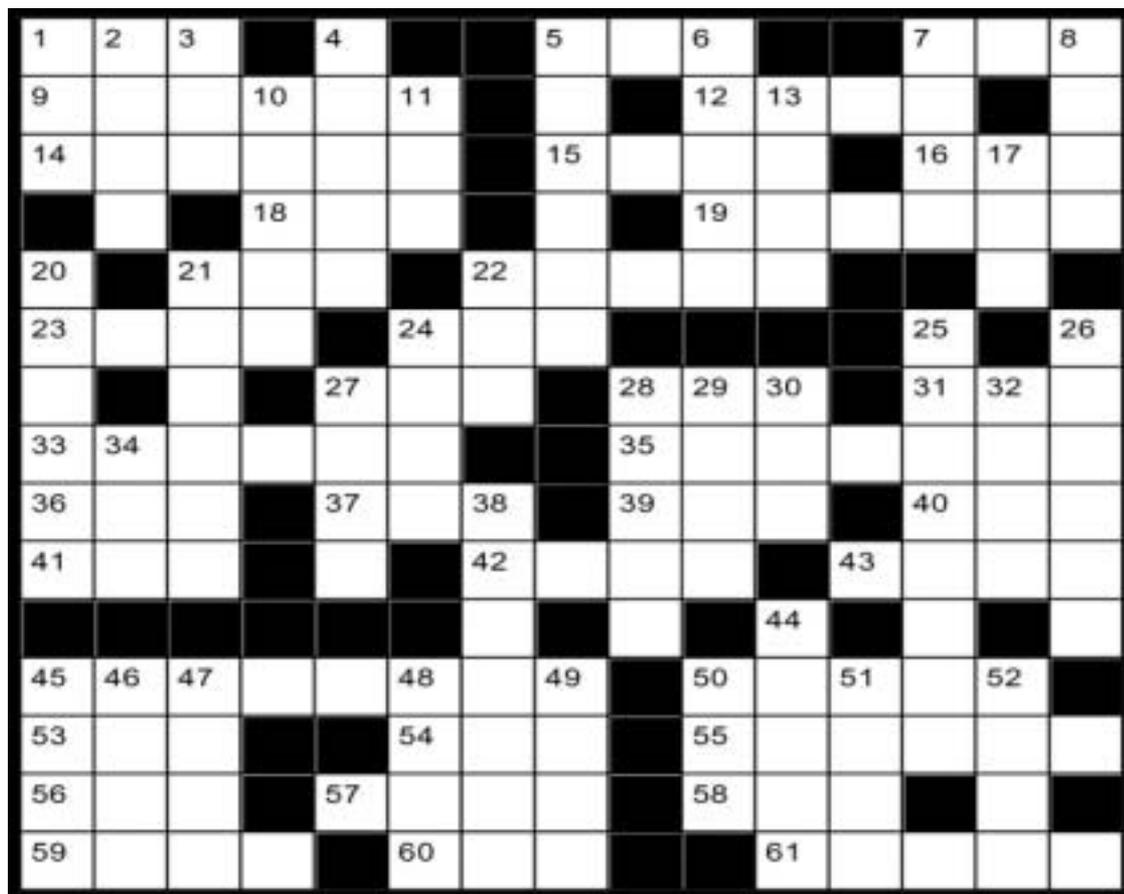
**Diseases/Damage:** There are no diseases associated with the wasp, and they rarely sting unless pinned against the skin or highly provoked. They are considered very beneficial because they prey on cicadas and lawn and ornamental pests. The only damage is un-

sightly dirt mounds dug out to create nests.

**Control:** Since cicada killers are so beneficial, control efforts are not recommended.

**More Information:**  
<https://holloman-web/msg/ces/Operations/entomology>

# CROSSWORD



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## Space, the final frontier

### ACROSS

1. 2,000 lbs.
5. Nickname for astronaut Virgil Grissom
7. To be sick
9. Space program that took US to the moon
12. Retired person's org.
14. Indian transporters?
15. Foundry
16. Bother
18. Conjunction
19. Leave
21. Actress \_\_\_-Margaret
22. Ionized particle
23. Coat-of-\_\_\_
24. Miss Piggy's reference for herself
27. Actor Mineo
28. Oklahoma town
31. Exclamation of surprise
33. Ado
35. Program that put first Americans in space
36. Actor Stephen of *The Crying Game*
37. Beginning of American naval vessels
39. Play
40. Basic monetary unit of Peru
41. Zero

42. La \_\_\_ Nostra
43. Current federal org. for space exploration
45. First US spacecraft launched and reused
50. Goes under, as in business
53. Lennon's wife
54. Crock
55. Accepted
56. Fall mon.
57. American poet Pound
58. "The Greatest"
59. First name of first man to walk on moon
60. Destroy suddenly
61. Editorial

### DOWN

1. One precursor to ACC
2. 56 ACROSS birthstone
3. Persona \_\_\_ gratis
4. First US man to orbit Earth
5. Follow-up space program to 35 ACROSS
6. Navy coastal bombardment shot
7. Capital of Western Samoa
8. Body of water
10. Mortgages
11. SECDEF's office symbol
13. First name of first US man in space

17. Path, in short
20. Rocket that powered US to the moon
21. Dishonest
22. Earthlink competitor
24. Planet explored by Viking I space probe
25. Recycled, as in launch vehicles
26. '70s US space station
27. First king of the Hebrews
28. Hoard
29. Operates military commissaries
30. Fauvism or Dada
32. Greek god of love
34. Architect I.M. \_\_\_
38. Walter M. of the first 7 US astronauts
44. Lunar module that first landed on moon
45. Type of cap worn by Daniel Boone?
46. Story opener
47. French novelist who wrote *Pecheur d'Islande*
48. Nickname of astronaut who landed on moon
49. Quick sleep (two words)
50. Federal org. concerned with flight safety
51. Part of the eye

# Healthy living: hydration is key

by Staff Sgt.  
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The Air Forces fitness requirements took a new turn at the start of the year. These days it's not surprising to see our Air Force members running around the base trying to stay fit, or preparing for their fitness test. Whether you are working out constantly trying to stay fit, or preparing for your next fitness test... those vigorous workouts mean absolutely nothing without proper hydration.

According to The American Dietetic Association (ADA), 55 to 75% of your body's weight is made of water. What happens when too much of your bodies fluid is lost? Dehydration occurs. Dehydration is a condition in which the body or certain body tissues suffer from lack of water. Water is essential nutrient that is involved in every function of the body. It transports nutrients between cells and organs. It helps to maintain body temperature. It cools the body with sweat. A component of body fluids are essential for organs, such as, saliva (to moisten food), tears (to lubricate and clean eyes). So why chose water among other beverages to keep the body properly hydrated? Water unlike many other beverages contains no calories or caffeine. Although caffeinated and alcoholic beverages, do supply fluid to the body initially, they contain diuretics that cause the body to lose water.

How do I know if I am getting enough water? Are there any physical signs of dehydration? The number one sign that you are dehydrated is THIRST! Try not to wait until you're thirsty to drink water. Some other signs are, dry skin, decreased urination, dry/sticky

mouth, dark yellow urine, and loss of normal skin elasticity. So what is the best way prevent dehydration? Drink.....water, water, water!

According to ADA most people need 8 to 12 cups of water daily. The body's fluid needs increase with extreme temperatures or increased physical activity. Drink one to three more cups per hour as you increase the intensity and duration of your activity. 1Lt. Vikki Thompson an Aerospace Physiologist at Holloman AFB says, "From a performance standpoint, dehydration can lead to a decrease in strength, power, cardiovascular endurance (all of which are needed for G tolerance), mental sluggishness and an overall decrease in energy and motivation. By the time these signs show themselves, you are already behind the power curve."

So what is the key to in requiring maximum performance? Drink water! "Staying hydrated is one of the easiest steps we can take to make sure we're performing at an optimal level and staying safe." Lt. Thompson states.

Remember to limit your alcohol, sugar, and caffeine intake. If you are out in the sun, drink water to regulate your body's temperature. Drinking and adequate amount of water is the key in dehydration prevention. Lt Thompson went on to say, "As summer hits full swing, it's important to take a moment and look at why the simple act of drinking the right types of fluids can mean the difference between performing at your peak, and putting yourself at risk for heat exhaustion, heat stroke or even worse."

It's no secret that water plays a vital role in our body's functions and your ability to have record performance. Make water as important to you as it is for your body.



# AFPC officer cycles way to Olympic trials

by Tech. Sgt.

**James Brabenec**

*Air Force Personnel Center  
Public Affairs*

Maj. Eric Obergfell knows the meaning of sacrifice as he rises daily before sunrise to ride his sleek, precision engineered bicycle to work. His days often end after dark with the return ride home as he chases his dream of being one of the best military cyclists.

Major Obergfell recently qualified as the lone active-duty Air Force member of the U.S. Armed Forces cycling team and competed in the Olympic trials at Redlands, Calif., on June 19. At stake for the winner of the race was a berth on the Olympic cycling team.

"I'm happy to have competed at this level and be allowed to follow my dreams," said Major Obergfell, a contracting assignments officer here.

The Olympic trials course measured more than 189 kilometers, with more than 12,000 feet of climbing interspersed throughout the race. The major began as one of 94 cyclists, but was not one of the 35 cyclists to finish the race.

"After the winning selection was made the race organizers eliminated the rest of the competitors that were out of contention to win. Unfortunately, I was not in the winning selection and was disappointed, but I know I gave it my all, that is what I was there to do," he said.

The race completed a full week of distance racing for the major. He competed in the U.S. Elite National Champions race, which also crowned the top military road race champion on June 16. Major Obergfell managed a fifth-place finish out of nine military riders, and 45th place overall.

"A five-hour race, like this one, requires riders to be smart in how they expend energy and

refuel their bodies. That awareness contributed to my significant improvement from last year and should help me turn in a podium performance next year," said the major.

The following day he participated in the time trial portion of the national championship and claimed a sixth-place military finish over the 48-kilometer course.

To excel at this level of competition requires a great deal of training time. Most successful military athletes qualify for and train under the World Class Athlete Program, a Department of Defense approved program which allows top-notch athletes the opportunity to compete while representing their respective U.S. military departments at prestigious athletic events.

In the case of Major Obergfell and many other military athletes, duty comes first. Weekends and leave time provide the opportunities to compete, but any training must be managed around work schedules.

"Getting adequate rest and recovery time is probably my biggest challenge. In a demanding job as an assignments officer, I have a more than full-time job so there is no rest at work. I usually fit my training in by cycling 44 miles each day to and from work, often leaving home in the dark," he said. "However, I couldn't begin to make this all work without the understanding and assistance from the people I work with. They have been awesome during this entire experience."

The major's commitment to go the distance has caught the eye of his co-workers.

"Working as a contracting assignments officer is a time intensive position, because of that it's amazing what Eric has accomplished as an Air Force cyclist," said Lt. Col. Anthony Amadeo, acquisition assignments branch chief. "He's the kind of officer who is 100-percent focused, whether it's on his



Photo by Tech. Sgt. James Brabenec

**Major Eric Obergfell stands with his racing bike in front of the Air Force Personnel Center located at Randolph AFB, Texas.**

duties or preparing for his next race. We are fortunate to have him at AFPC."

Now in his 10th year competing in amateur cycling, Major Obergfell credited his family for helping him remain competitive.

"For working athletes with families like me it is difficult to have the focus to push beyond and suffer the pain it takes to win. But, I've had exceptional support from my wife, Tina, and our families," he said. "My next goal is to win a U.S. military championship race. With their help, I'm ready to do whatever it takes to achieve that."

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

## Shooting match

The Otero Practical Shooting Association has an Action Shooting Match at 9 a.m., Saturday at the Sydney Paul Gordon Shooting Range in La Luz. Sign up is at 8:30 a.m. The match is open to the public. Match participants will need a centerfire handgun of 9mm/38 or larger, holster, spare magazines or speedloaders and a shotgun. Approximately 100 pistol rounds and 25 shotgun rounds will be required.

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

## Sky Safari

There is a Sky Safari at 8:30 p.m., Saturday at La Llorona Park, W. Picacho Avenue & Rio Grande River in Las Cruces. View the night

sky and see the moon, constellations, planets and much more. There will be high-powered telescopes and expert guidance by New Mexico State University Astronomy Department. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, call (505) 522-3120, e-mail [nmh@las-cruces.org](mailto:nmh@las-cruces.org), [astafford@las-cruces.org](mailto:astafford@las-cruces.org), or visit <http://www.las-cruces.org/Public-Services/museums/natural-history/index.html>

## Discover the desert

The Las Cruces Museum of Natural History features the lecture "Building the World's Largest Solar Optical Telescope" at 7 p.m., Tuesday at the Mesilla Val-

ley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. This lecture series is intended for both adults and children interested in the natural history of the area.

For more information, call (505) 522-3120 or e-mail [astafford@las-cruces.org](mailto:astafford@las-cruces.org).

## Fort Stanton Live

Fort Stanton Live is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., August 14 in Fort Stanton, N.M. There will be storytellers, apache dancers and military re-enactors. Musical performances are from 2 to 5 p.m.

For more information, call the Ft. Stanton Chamber of Commerce at (505) 257-7395 or visit [www.fortstanton.com](http://www.fortstanton.com).

## Tailgate concert

There is a tailgate concert

featuring the Cat Crosby Band July 24 in the Museum of Space History parking lot. The event is sponsored by the Flickinger Center.

For more information, call (505) 437-2202.

## Pageants

The Miss Alamogordo/Miss Otero County Pageant is 7:30 p.m., July 24.

For more information, call the Flickinger Center at (505) 437-2202.

## Christmas in July

Las Cruces Farmers and Crafts Market "Christmas in July" is 8:30 a.m. to noon, July 23 at the Downtown Mall and Las Cruces Avenue. Local and in-state growers 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 house's and knives photography and gourds.

For more information, call (505) 541-2554 or e-mail [fcmarket@las-cruces.org](mailto:fcmarket@las-cruces.org).

## Baseball tourney

The Western United States Regional Sandy Koufax/Mickey Mantle Regional Baseball Tournament is Wednesday to July 25 at the Paz Baseball Complex, 1875 E. Hadley Avenue, Las Cruces.

For times and schedules call (505) 541-2554.

**Techno expo**

The Alamogordo Public School hosts the annual Technology ReBoot Camp from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., August 2 to 5 at Mountain View Middle School, 300 South Canyon Rd.

For more information, call 439-3270 extension 151.

**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 includes the price of a T-shirt. The Keystone Club also needs volunteers for judging, setup, and activities.

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

**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.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Stacy Nimmo, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron, at 572-3066.

**Assessment**

The U.S. Air Force Draft Environmental Assessment and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact, which analyze a proposal to inactivate the 20th Fighter Squadron here, are available for review

**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.

at the Alamogordo Public Library, the base library, at the 49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs office and online at [www.cevp.com](http://www.cevp.com).

**MDG change of command**

The 49th Medical Group change of command is 8 a.m., July 30 at Heritage Park. Col. June Gavron will relinquish command to Col. Matt Adkins.

For more information, call (505) 572-7092.

**Ride to Work Day**

The 13th annual "Ride to Work" Day is Wednesday. This is a nation-wide event highlighting the responsible use of motorcycles as a means of transportation. They impact the environment less than cars, as they use less fuel and put out fewer emissions. They take up less space on the highway, thus reducing traffic and they are easier to park. They are also smaller than cars, making them harder to see in traffic. Every day, but specifically Wednesday, be looking for motorcycles on the road.

**MDG insurance cards**

The 49th Medical Group Third Party Collections program has implemented blue "Insurance Verification Cards" for patient's convenience. By law, all non-active duty patients (excluding German Air Force dependents) are required to have an annual DD Form 2569, Third Party Collections-Record of Other Health Insurance, completed and filed in their medical records. When a patient fills out a form and turns it in to clinic personnel, the Third Party Collections office will mail the patient a blue Insurance Verification Card. This card then provides clinic staff with an easy way to see that they have a DD Form 2569 current as of the date on the card. Each patient should carry their own card and a parent should carry the card for



Photo by Master Sgt. Natalia DaSilva

**Been saved**

**Senior Airman Anthony Lenczowski and Airman 1st Class Johnny Russell, with the 379th Civil Engineer Squadron barrier maintenance shop, watch as 379th Air Expeditionary Wing commander, Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton, signs the "been saved" wall. Military aircraft that are unable to stop on their own after having touched down can be stopped by an arresting cable -- the barrier -- at the end of the runway. Pilots whose aircraft have been stopped by the barrier are invited to sign the wall. Both Airman Lenczowski and Airman Russell are deployed from Holloman.**

their children and present it to check-in personnel along with their ID card, at all sections visited in the clinic each day. This will prevent patients from completing the same form multiple times.

Each patient has to have a form in their own medical record. For families with children, there needs to be a form completed for each child and signed by the parent. This program is crucial to

the clinic as we use the revenues to enhance clinic services. To get a blue insurance verification card, complete a DD Form 2569 for each family member that's not active duty at any check in area. A blue insurance verification card will be mailed out for each family member within 10 days.

For more information, call the Third Party Collections office at (505) 572-1916.

**B On the BIG SCREEN**



**The Chronicles of Riddick (PG-13)**

6 and 9 p.m., today

**Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (PG)**

6 and 9 p.m., Saturday

**The Stepford Wives (PG-13)**

6 p.m., Sunday

Tickets are 99 cents.





# Air Force symbol now official

by Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter  
*Air Force Print News*

The Air Force symbol is now official, four years after the service first applied for trademark protection.

"I'm proud our symbol is now an official part of our heritage," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper. "It represents our storied past and links our 21st Century Air Force to our core values and capabilities."

The decision to designate it as the official symbol of the Air Force demonstrates the service's conviction to preserving the symbol's integrity and should ease concerns that the symbol is temporary or remains a test. Trademark protection designates the symbol as exclusive property of the Air Force and gives the service au-

thority to control and enforce its use.

A team of lawyers, public affairs officers, artists and historians are working to expand guidance and standards for the use of the symbol. An official Air Force Instruction is scheduled for release in fiscal 2005.

In the meantime, the intent is to expand use of the symbol today and protect it for the future. Use must be consistent with applicable Air Force instructions and symbol guidelines posted at [www.af.mil/library/symbol/](http://www.af.mil/library/symbol/).

When Air Force officials began testing the symbol in 2001, it appeared on a limited number of base entry signs and water towers and a small num-

ber of aircraft and vehicles. Acceptance during the test was so widespread that in 2002, 90 percent of Airmen surveyed thought the symbol was already official.

"Since then, I've seen Airmen wear it, drive it, eat it, carry it, embroider it and even brand it," said Maj. René Stockwell, of the Air Force

public affairs national outreach and communications division, who manages the symbol Trademark licensing program.

The service is licensing use of the symbol on a variety of commercial goods, from candy and furniture to tires and jewelry, which allows Airmen to display their service pride off-duty.

On duty, the symbol is featured on optional military tie tacs, the proposed utility uniform and gray boots, the Air Force lightweight blue jacket and is being showcased in Air Force marketing campaigns.

"We've used the symbol to help encourage people to join, Airmen to stay and [to] build understanding, appreciation

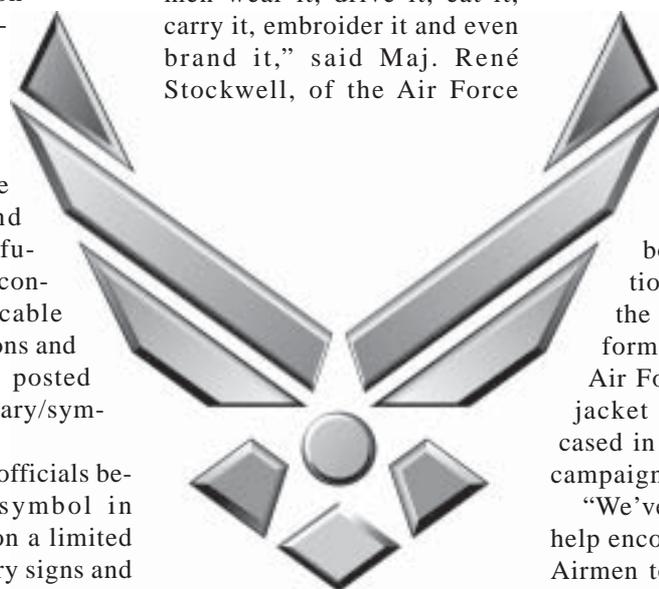
and support for America's Air Force," Major Stockwell said.

Airmen and their families can help protect the integrity of the symbol by adhering to the guidelines online, the major said.

They have an implied license to use the Air Force symbol on personal items such as printed materials, food, clothing, literature and briefings. These items must be intended for personal or internal use only, not used for retail sales, advertising or unauthorized endorsements.

Any commercial use of the symbol, by individuals or companies, requires completion of a license agreement with the Air Force, Major Stockwell said.

People with questions not covered online can e-mail the Air Force Symbol office at [afstory@pentagon.af.mil](mailto:afstory@pentagon.af.mil).



## Air Force Intern Program develops future leaders

The Air Force Intern Program Central Selection Board will convene here Sept. 20-24. The program lets 30 junior captains study the application of air and space power and observe senior Defense Department leadership in critical decision making processes.

AFIP is a fast-paced 18 to 24 month program that is designed to develop tomorrow's leaders. While the program is available to both line and non-line officers a maximum of three slots are available to non-line officers.

"AFIP is another great opportunity for young officers to continue their development," said Capt. William Schlichtig, chief of the Developmental Education Section here. "It's a method of preparing our very best officers for future key leadership positions."

AFIP combines hands-on experience as an intern in the offices of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Secretary of Defense and/or the Air Staff as well as an opportunity to earn an Air Force funded master's degree in organizational lead-

ership from George Washington University.

"Selection for AFIP is based on potential for greater achievement as demonstrated by an officer's ability to handle more challenging jobs," said Captain Schlichtig.

The program consists of two phases for interns not enrolled in George Washington University and three phases for those interns enrolled in the GWU program.

The program lasts between one and two years.

Officers incur a three-year active duty service commitment upon completion of the program. Officers who have not attended Squadron Office School in-residence prior to AFIP will be allotted quotas to attend prior to attending the program.

For application instructions and more information, visit the Officer Professional Developmental Web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/pme/> (AFPN).



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

### There's no place like home

The first houses in the \$19 million housing project are near completion. The homes, being built south of Arnold Avenue and between First and Patterson Road, feature an island in the kitchen, his and her sinks in the master bathroom and air conditioning. The 101 three-and-four bedroom houses will incorporate five different floor plans, several color schemes and will be available to junior enlisted members. They are scheduled to be finished in October 2004.

# New booklet helps families of deployed reservists, guardsmen

by **Donna Miles**

*American Forces Press Service*

Separations can be tough on any child whose parent is deployed overseas, but particularly for the estimated 500,000 sons and daughters of deployed National Guardsmen and reservists, said an expert on issues involving military families.

Many Guard and Reserve families lack the tight-knit support network that helps active-duty families during deployments, said Dr. Mary Keller, executive director of the Military Child Education Coalition. This can lead to difficulty adjusting to what Dr. Keller calls their "suddenly military" status. As a result, she said, they can feel isolated and unsure of where to turn for help.

A new booklet is now available to help communities reach out to Reserve and Guard families during deployments. The coalition produced the booklet after repeated requests from military-family representatives, educators and community groups, Dr. Keller said.

The 12-page brochure, "How Communities Can Support the Children and Families of Those Serving in the National Guard and Reserves," explains the dynamics of the deployment process in easy-to-understand language. It offers tips for educators and lists military and community resources for families of deployed troops.

Dr. Keller said the brochure serves as a companion guide to another popular coalition publication, "How to Prepare Our Children and Stay Involved in Their Education During Deployment." That guide is a favorite of first lady Laura Bush, whom Dr. Keller said has read from it during visits to military bases.

Both booklets reflect the courageous spirit Dr. Keller said children of deployed troops demonstrate every day.

"Our goal is to help them through this transition in their lives and this period of separation," she said.

The publications and more information about the coalition are posted on its Web site at [www.militarychild.org](http://www.militarychild.org).



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# They got the fire down below

## *COMM team blows away firefighters 15-1*

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

It was dominance all night by the 49th Communications Squadron as they blew out the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron B firefighter team in the fourth inning 15-1 Tuesday night at Johnson Field.

COMM took the field first and wasted no time as infield players first baseman Joe Helferich and pitcher Clinton Oppel worked together to get two outs on the diamond followed by a strikeout on CES teammate Luke Ellis.

CES took the field but wasn't

prepared for a big hit by COMM centerfielder Richard Ewers who smacked the ball deep into centerfield to bring teammate Brad Nimmo in for a run.

COMM finished out the inning with two more runs batted in by third baseman Dave Samuels. COMM led by three.

The ballgame moved into the third quickly after both teams held there ground with precision infield outs.

COMM took the reigns in the bottom of the third, adding four more runs after deep hits to the backfield fence by left Samuels and Helferich brought in teammates Justin Nickel, Ewers and right centerfielder Jason

Abshire, followed by Samuels himself.

Responding to a growing point spread, CES's Tremayne Woods stepped up to bat in the top of the fourth inning and smacked a 290-yard homerun hit out of the field for his team's first and last run of the night.

After denying CES more runs, COMM moved back to the plate to dominate the remainder of the game with homeruns of their own short-stop Bruce Hemphill.

After a final ground hit down the left field foul line by COMM's Chris Asuncion, the team ended the night's

match 15-1, forcing the game to be called in their favor.

COMM coach John Sisson attributed his team's win to classic teamwork.

"If your team hits together, only a win can come about," Coach Sisson said. "We only have to concentrate on not making a mistake and we'll continue to come out on top."



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

**49th CES B's Arpad Leeper touches first base before COMM's Joe Helferich can tag him out. COMM beat out CES B 15-1.**



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

### Makin' the run

Third baseman Anthony Boswell runs for home plate July 5 during the Alamogordo Tigers loss to Roswell 21-1. Mr. Boswell was one of two all stars representing Holloman in the Alamogordo Rotary Little League championship. Mr. Boswell is son to Tech. Sgt. James Boswell and Mary Boswell.



## Intramural Standings - Softball

### Large Unit

Team	Win	Loss	Team	Win	Loss
49 MMG A	15	5	49 MDG A	8	12
49 LRS A	12	5	49 SFS	8	10
AMMO A	10	5	49 AMXS	7	11
49 CES A	9	10	AGE	4	9

(Current as of July 7)

### Small Unit

Team	Win	Loss	Team	Win	Loss
46 TG	16	1	49 MOS	7	10
49 MXS/AVIONICS	14	4	49 MXS/MXMTI	7	9
4 SPCS	14	4	49 LRS B	4	11
49 SVS	13	5	9 FS	3	7
49 CS	13	4	49 MDG B	2	16
49 OSS	10	8	49 MXS AMMO B	2	9
49 MMG B	10	7	GAF	0	15
49 CES B	7	10			

(Current as of July 8)





# Holloman Hero

## Staff Sgt. Francisco Casas

### 49th Civil Engineer Squadron

**Duty title:** Support Staff commander

**Time in service:** 11 Years

**Time at Holloman:** 3 Years

**Hometown:** EL Paso, TX

**Personal and Career goals:** My goal is to complete a bachelor's degree in technology before achieving the rank of Master Sergeant.

**What new idea would you implement base-wide to help prevent drinking and driving?**

I would have the guilty party serve a weekend of additional duty for one month in the city morgue assisting with all fatalities associated with DUIs. I think that might help to bring home the severity of their actions.

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

I was fortunate enough to be involved in a humanitarian deployment to Belize as an Airman. We built schools and roads for the local community. The area was very poor and the people showed a genuine gratitude for our efforts once we were done. Being a part of that was one of the most satisfying experiences in my career.

**Why is serving in the Air Force important to you?**

The Air Force has granted me unlimited options at achieving success through all of its educational programs, life enhancing experiences and leadership opportunities. I



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

feel a strong obligation to the organization that has provided so much for my family and I.

**Core value portrayed: "Excellence in all we do"**

Sgt. Casas is a heating, air conditioning, ventilation troop and was placed in the orderly room because of his strong initiative and our low manning. He has completely revamped our customer service. He immersed himself in the personnel programs and taught himself how to use PC-III and learned the many various personnel programs. Sgt. Casas definitely deserves his upcoming promotion to Tech. Sgt. His can do attitude and

keen acumen has served him and the Air Force very well. It is an honor to work with him. I thank his family for their understanding as he has put in many long hours learning a completely new skill, coming in on weekends and staying late during the week.

– **Capt. Marlene Hall**

*49th CES section commander*

The Holloman Hero submission form is available online. It can be downloaded at: [https://wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/wing/49FW\\_PA/internal.html](https://wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/wing/49FW_PA/internal.html)













