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Briefly

Yard of the Month

The following are selected as July's Yard of the Month winners:

- Master Sgt. John Dymond
- Staff Sgt. Marlin Clark
- Staff Sgt. Scott Nielsen
- Maj. Mitchell Migliori
- Staff Sgt. Lance Mayfield
- Tech. Sgt. Rex Lynde

Wear it or Walk

Air Combat Command's goal is 99-percent for seatbelt compliance. Last month Holloman reached the goal for the first time.

The 49th Fighter Wing Safety officials encourage Team Holloman to continue to raise the bar.

Vote

If you are not registered to vote or have not requested an absentee ballot, contact your unit voting representative. Standard Forms 76 and applicable state instructions are available.

A list of the unit voting representatives can be found on the Holloman Intranet.

General questions and state-specific instructions for filling out the SF 76 can be found online at www.fvap.gov.

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Photo by Mr. Tommy Fuller

Go, go, go!

Troops from the 49th Security Forces Squadron completed convoy training with the 204th Security Forces Squadron from the Texas Air National Guard Wednesday at McGregor Range at Fort Bliss, Texas. The training included individual movements and team tactics. The trainees also learned to harden vehicles with sandbags to protect against improvised explosive devices. About 50 Airmen from the 49th SFS are scheduled to deploy to Iraq starting this month.

Heritage Center breaks new ground

by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Holloman broke new ground on a Heritage Center at Heritage Park Wednesday. The new building is part of Air Combat Command's environmental restoration plan.

Holloman became the first ACC

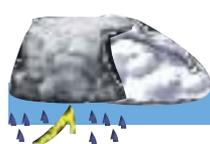
base to build on an environmentally-damaged site that was contaminated by fuels spills and pesticides, according to Mr. Robert Blanchette, Heritage Center project manager. Under the Future First Planning initiative, ACC bases restore these sites by emphasizing cleanup projects prior to laying foundation.

Mr. Blanchette said this will ben-

efit the future Holloman Heritage Center by turning a possible environmental liability into an asset.

"The contamination has dissipated to the point where no further action is necessary," Mr. Blanchette said. "The area will be covered over with the concrete drill pad and new

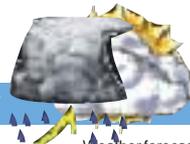
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TODAY



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SATURDAY



High: 92
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SUNDAY



High: 92
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MONDAY

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

Pointing the finger at safety: NCO learns lesson

by Staff Sgt. Robert Ochoa
49th Logistics Readiness Squadron

I can count on my fingers nine-and-a-half reasons to keep safety in mind while working. I can only count nine-and-a-half because I lost part of my index finger in a work-related injury July 15.

The day started like any other day ... roll call, safety briefing then to the shop. I sanded a bushing on a wet sander until it was smooth. After sanding it, I dropped the bushing. My natural reaction was to grab it before it hit the ground or anything else because my 30 minutes of sanding would be wasted if it was nicked.

As I reached to grab it, I felt a snag from the wet sander and quickly pulled my hand back. My hand felt like it was jammed ... like when you shut a door and get your hand caught in the doorjamb. I tried to just shake it off, but then, I noticed my right index finger was missing its tip.

Blood was pouring from the wound, but I didn't feel pain. All I could do was turn around, hold my bloody

stub in the air and ask for help. The shop foreman called 911. Within five minutes of the mishap, I felt pain like I've never felt before and even felt like passing out.

As emergency technicians were loading me in the ambulance, someone handed my fingertip to the emergency crew. At Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center, I was treated, but the finger tip was too dirty and ground down to be sewn back on.

I've used that machine hundreds of times and never had an accident. I remembered all the safety briefings about operational risk management, but thought ... I'm safe ... this couldn't happen to me, but it did.

I've learned that no matter how many times I do a job or use a piece of equipment, there are still risks. I'm now learning how to use my left hand, which sometimes even the simplest tasks are a challenge. This reminder is a daily reality check. I'm lucky it was only my finger. You never know what can happen, so remind yourself there are always risks. Be extra careful and keep in mind operational risk management ... it may save your life or keep you from getting injured.



Photo by Senior Airman Martha Whipple

Staff Sgt. Robert Ochoa cleans his index finger stub's wound before re-bandaging it.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Larry Reid Jr.

Welcome

Brig. Gen. Kurt Cichowski, 49th Fighter Wing commander, welcomes Col. Matt Adkins, the new 49th Medical Group commander, during the change of command ceremony July 30.

DUI Update

Days since last DUI	12
DUIs this year	27
This week last year	16

Last six DUIs

- 49 SFS July 25
- 746 TS July 18
- 49 AMXS July 2
- 49 SVS June 23
- 49 OSS June 11
- 49 LRS May 16

* Dependent

572-RIDE works!

Calls made are lives saved

634 Saves this year
17 Saves this week



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7th, 16th holes get makeover

Holes re-open at Apache Mesa Golf Course

by Senior Airman Martha Whipple

49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

After 10 months of growing pains, the 7th/16th holes will re-open at 3 p.m., Tuesday at the Apache Mesa Golf Course.

The \$47,000 project included raising the 78,000-square-foot fairway four to six inches, adding sand and laying fresh Paspalum sod over new soil, according to Mr. Ed Fitzhenry, 49th Services Squadron business flight chief.

“We believe Paspalum is the solution to the past problems Apache Mesa has faced at hole 7,” Mr. Fitzhenry said. “High-salt content in these areas left holes barren, but the Paspalum sod thrives on saltwater and may be the remedy for these holes.”

The golf course is located at the lowest level on base and holes 7/16, 8/17 and 9/18 are located on the lowest part of the golf course. The water shed is just feet below the surface. Fluctuations in the water level force large amounts of salt up into the top soil which has killed all other grasses planted in the area.

The project also added a second tee box to the hole. When teeing off on 16, golfers will be back approximately 110 yards from 7’s tee box. This will add a new dimension to the hole, he said.

The 49th Civil Engineer Squadron provided technical help, equipment and off-duty volunteers to complete the Self-Help project, Mr. Fitzhenry said. Golf course employees and 49th SVS volunteers also donated labor for the project.

“We appreciate all the work, time and effort Team Holloman donated to the project,” he said. “Working together, we can make improvements and continue to strive for higher standards.”



Photo by Senior Airman Martha Whipple

Mr. V.K. Teofilo, Apache Mesa Golf Course assistant manager, gears up for the grand re-opening of the 7/16 holes.

The 9th/18th holes will soon get the same treatment. During its growing season, a temporary par three will substitute.

Grab-N-Go store opens soon

by Mrs. Laura Hunt

Sunburst staff writer

The Mirage Grab-N-Go store in Holloman’s Dining Facility opens with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 11 a.m., Aug. 23.

The Grab-N-Go store will provide food for customers who don’t have time to eat in the dining facility, said Tech. Sgt. Cynthia Rodriguez, 49th Services Squadron food superintendent.

Although the dining facility has always offered to-go items, it has never been to this extent, Sergeant Rodriguez said. Now, the to-go items will be in a sepa-

rate room, which will minimize wait time.

“Our customers were trying to get around other customers who were eating-in, and this new room will eliminate any wait period as well as satisfy everyone in general,” Sergeant Rodriguez said. “It’s more of a one-stop-shop deal that everyone should find extremely convenient.”

Sandwiches, salads, drinks, chips, candy bars, ice cream and other snacks will be available at the store. The hours will be 5 to 7:30 a.m. for breakfast, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for lunch, 4:30 to

7:30 p.m. for dinner and 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. for the midnight meal.

Any active duty, reserve or retired member can eat at the Grab-N-Go. Members without a meal plan must pay for the food.

According to Lt. Col. Carleton Hirschel, 49th SVS commander, the Grab-N-Go is less expensive and more nutritious than eating fast food.

“The Mirage Grab-N-Go is another way the 49th SVS is providing healthy choices to Airmen,” Colonel Hirschel said. “We want to play our part in ensuring the Air Force is ‘Fit to Fight.’”



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from July 26 to Monday.

Tickets

Security forces issued 20 tickets: six for failure to stop, one for inattentive driving, one for no insurance, one for no registration, one for no tail lights, one for a parking violation, two for shoplifting, two for speeding one to 10 mph over the speed limit and five for speeding 10 to 20 mph over the speed limit.

Property loss, damage or theft

- July 26: There was a minor accident at the intersection of West New Mexico Avenue and West Gate Road. A vehicle, stopped for the national anthem, was rear-ended.

- July 27: Two family members shoplifted at the base exchange. Stolen items included Yu-Gi-Oh cards valued at \$124.20 and a Gameboy valued at \$99.

- July 27: There was a minor accident at building 787. One driver backed into another vehicle.

- July 28: A civilian reported damage, estimated at \$1,200, to her car at the enlisted club.

- July 28: There was a minor accident near the La Luz gate involving a government-owned vehicle. The trailer detached because the incorrect ball was on the receiver hitch.

- July 30: An Airman backed into a parked car in the parking lot at building 517.

- July 30: A retired senior NCO reported money missing from the Fitness and Sports Center Smoothie Bar and Powerade vending machine. Between \$50 and \$100 is missing from the bar and \$250 to \$300 from the vending machine.

- July 30: An Airman reported her common access card lost.

- Aug. 1: An NCO reported damage to his car at building 587.

- Aug. 1: An Airman shoplifted two DVDs and a six pack of vodka from the mini mall.

- Aug. 2: An Airman reported her purse was stolen, including military ID, government travel card and Texas driver's license. She stated she left her purse containing the above items in her vehicle with the windows down at Walmart, the baseball fields and the Alamogordo Fairgrounds.

Patrol response

- July 27: Security forces picked up two stray dogs at Otero Loop.

- July 27: A civilian was transported to Gerald Champion Regional Medical after falling on her face.

- July 27: A family member was transported to GCRMC after falling and hitting his chin and head.

- July 28: A family member reported her neighbors were arguing loudly.

- July 28: A family member reported she heard a door open and slam shut. Nothing appeared to be missing, and she didn't

know who came in the house.

- July 29: An Airman drove himself to GCRMC after getting hit in the nose while playing basketball.

- Aug. 2: An Airman went to sick call from work. He stated he had been drinking an alcoholic beverage. A blood test was ordered which showed a blood alcohol content of .18 and .20. The Airman was underage. He was held at the 49th Medical Group until released to the security forces. He may be charged with Article 92: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order, Article 111: Drunken Driving, Article 112: Drunk on Duty and Article 134: Drunkenness.

- Aug. 2: An Airman was transported to GCRMC because of severe neck pain.

- Aug. 2: A family member was transported to GCRMC after she was injured in a bicycle accident.

Incidents

July 31: An Airman was stabbed while on leave in Amarillo, Texas. He is being treated at Saint Anthony's Baptist Hospital.

July 31: An NCO was transported to a local hospital for injuries caused from an all-terrain vehicle accident near Amber Skies and Highway 70.

Aug. 1: An NCO was transported to Valley Hospital in Las Vegas after a possible heart attack.

Aug. 1: An NCO was a victim of an armed robbery while on leave in Orlando. He was shot in the leg. All of his identification cards were stolen.

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

New missile may replace tank shell

by Airman 1st Class

Stephen Collier

49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 846th Test Squadron launched its last test shot of the Army's latest compact missile system July 29.

The Compact Kinetic Energy Missile, or CKEM, tested at Holloman's high-speed test track for the Army's Aviation and Missile Command, incorporates hypervelocity components to defeat explosive reactive armor found on newer versions of enemy tracked vehicles, according to Mr. Gary Grieve, CKEM project manager.

"We tested the missile on an East German-built T-72 with this armor to assess the amount of damage it would do on a real-life target," Mr. Grieve said. "The missile is designed to be a penetrating weapon, forcing itself into its target. This test was a culmination of the three years of work we have done with the Army."

The CKEM, half the weight and size of the existing Line-of-Sight Antitank weapons sys-

tem found on HUMVEE tactical vehicles, may replace the anti-tank system within current tracked vehicles according to Mr. Greg Johnson, AMCOM mechanical engineer.

"The goal of CKEM is to be lighter and smaller so it can be employed on many of our light vehicles in the Army," Mr. Johnson said. "We are continually trying to make the units in the field more mobile and this is just one of the solutions to that."

Unlike past missile testing at the test track, the CKEM has been put through four separate speed tests to determine the destructive force at different speeds.

"This last test determined if the concept of the missile attacking its target at different speeds is viable," he said. "We'll know for sure after we review the data from it."

The 846th Test Squadron operates the Holloman High Speed Test Track which simulates selected portions of the flight environment under accurately programmed and instrumented conditions.



Courtesy graphic

Holloman broke ground on a new Heritage Center Wednesday. The new building is part of Air Combat Command's environmental restoration plan.

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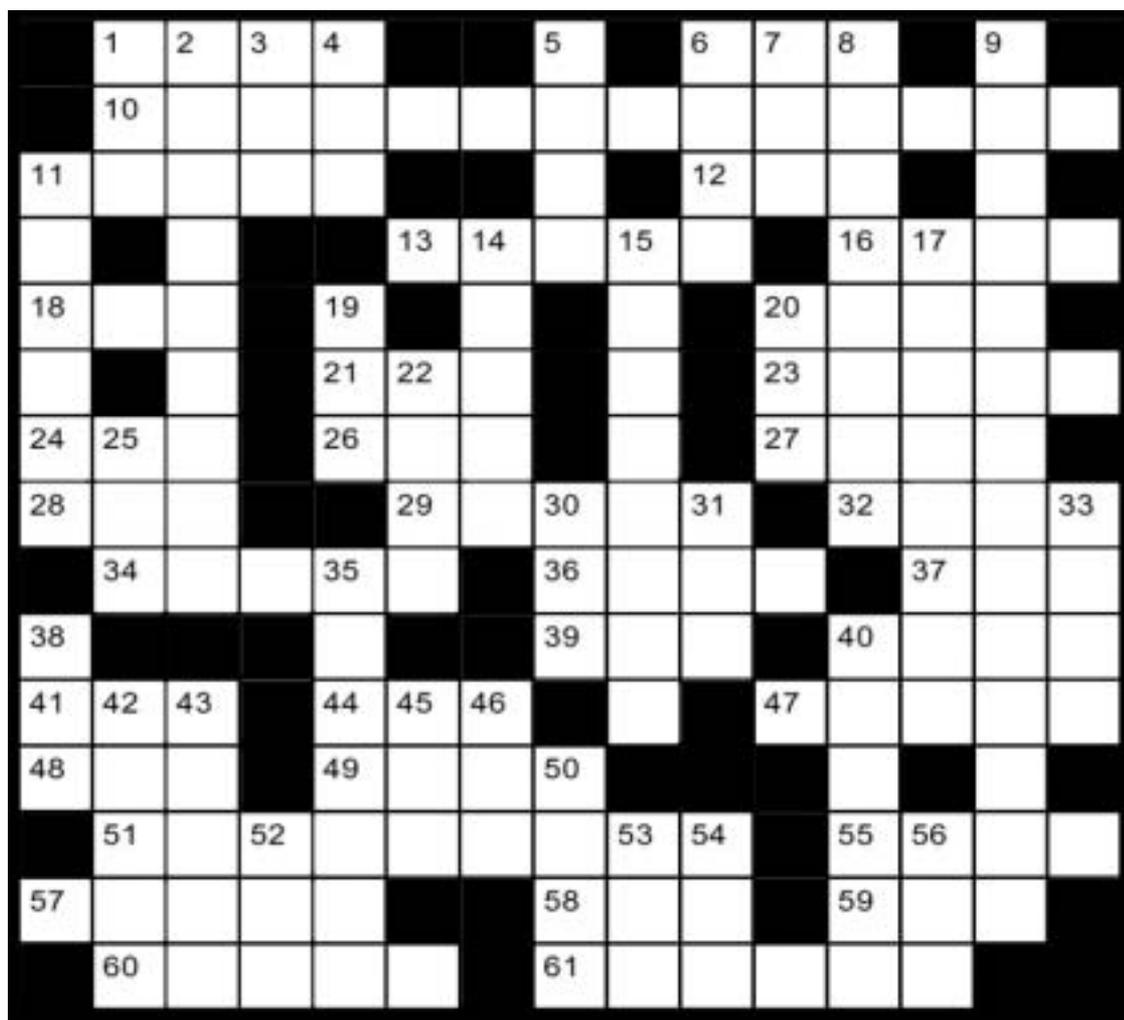
monitoring wells will be installed for continued surveillance of the site. By combining cleanup of our sites into the building process, we can redevelop the land to allow the construction of buildings we couldn't build in the past."

ACC's restoration plan was the result of a desire to cleanup potentially-damaged

sites and put them to use.

The \$750,000 center, in addition to Heritage Park, will display historic artifacts and memorabilia from Holloman. The facility will also provide a conference room, a new practice area for the Honor Guard, a 45-space parking lot and a static display of a German air force airframe.

CROSSWORD



Badge of Honor

ACROSS

1. Bite
6. ___ Alamos, N.M.
10. They may be 32E or 3E5X1
11. Large Central American plant used for rope
12. Neither's partner
13. Badge for a 13S or 1C6X1
16. Southwest grocery store chain
18. Wears a 35P badge
20. Shifts for 24-hour workers
21. AF inspection for readiness
23. Magnitude
24. Aloha gift
26. "Nash Bridges" actor Johnson
27. Short note
28. Affirmative vote
29. Trite
32. Slavic person
34. Foe
36. Badge for a 35B or 3N1X1
37. Lubbock, TX, school
39. Korean War "Alley"; site of famous air battles
40. Round vegetables

41. ___ the season to be jolly...
44. Unit for 31P and 3P0X1, in short
47. Genesis
48. Colo. time zone
49. LA problem?
51. Badge for a 21L or 2G0X1
55. Woodwind instrument
57. Board
58. Meadow
59. X
60. European standard of measure
61. One of the plagues of Egypt?

DOWN

1. 201 to Julius Caesar
2. Badge for an 84H or 3H0X1
3. Actress Marie Saint of *North by Northwest*
4. *Star Trek: Next Generation* actor Wheaton
5. Ancient Peruvian culture
6. Type of Air Force officer category
7. Singer Yoko

8. Badge for a 34M or 3M0X1
9. Badge for a 21T or 2T1X1
11. Badge for a 2S0X1
14. Stain
15. Badge for a 52R
17. Car gauge
19. Badge for a 3E8X1, briefly
20. Medal above AF Commendation
22. What Santa's cheeks were?
25. Shoe size
30. Badge for a 13B, briefly
31. School subject
33. Current POTUS
35. Badge for a 13S
38. Cash machine
40. Group of 11A, 11B, etc.
42. Religion
43. Actress Sharon
45. JP 1-02 acronym for selling to allies
46. Drunkard
50. Part of fish lung?
52. Acquire
53. Co. head?
54. Vesicle
56. Wager

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Doggie duty

Army Capt. Mary Hayes listens to the heartbeat of Jannie, a military working dog, during her initial physical July 29. Jannie, the newest member of the K-9 unit here, is trained to sniff out explosives. Captain Hayes is a White Sands Missile Range veterinarian.

DoD hotline available

Department of Defense Inspector General Joseph Schmitz is reminding servicemembers there are a number of ways to report suspected incidents of wrongdoing outside their chains of command.

His office runs the DoD Hotline Program.

Servicemembers and civilians who wish to report incidents without going through their chains of command can take full advantage of this program.

Those with suspicions can call toll free (800) 424-9098, commercial (703) 604-8569, or DSN 664-8569 to report misdeeds.

Servicemembers and civilians can also mail their concerns to: The Defense Hotline, The Pentagon, Washington, D.C., 20301-1900. The e-mail address is hotline@dodig.osd.mil.

The push to inform servicemembers of this option grew out of the recent series of Senate hearings about prisoner abuse in Iraq.

Senators believed there was no way for servicemembers to report wrongdoing outside their chains of command.

For more information, go to the inspector general's Web site at <http://www.dodig.osd.mil/>. (AFP)

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

“Evita”

Alamogordo Music Theater presents “Evita” 7:30 p.m., today and Saturday and 2 p.m., Sunday at the Flickinger Center.

For more information, call 437-2202 or go to www.zianet.com/amt.

Banquet

The Native Plant Society of New Mexico has an annual banquet at 6:30 p.m., Saturday at the Elks Lodge.

White Sands

Activities scheduled for today to Aug. 14:

- Today: 7 p.m., Sunset Stroll Nature Walk; 8:30 p.m., Evening Program: “Star Talk: Watch the stars come out and learn the summer constellations”

- Saturday: 6:45 p.m., Sunset Stroll Nature Walk; 8:30 p.m. Evening Program: “The Sands of Time: A Geological Overview of the Tularosa Basin and White Sands National Monument”

- Sunday: 6:45 p.m., Sunset Stroll Nature Walk; 8:30 p.m., Evening Program: “White Sands, White Wilderness”

- Monday: 6:45 p.m., Sunset Stroll Nature Walk; 8:30 p.m., Evening Program: “The Land in Motion: Life and death in the Sand Dunes of North America”

- Tuesday: 6:45 p.m., Sunset Stroll Nature Walk; 8:30 p.m. Evening Program: “The Sands of Time: A Geological Overview of the Tularosa Basin and White National Monument”

- Wednesday: 6:45 p.m., Sunset Stroll Nature Walk; 8:30 p.m. Evening Program: “Thirteen Special Places: New Mexico’s National Park Areas”

- Thursday: 6:45 p.m., Sunset Stroll Nature Walk; 8:30 p.m. Evening Program: “The Land in Motion: Life and death in the

Sand Dunes of North America”

- Aug. 13: 6:45 p.m. Sunset Stroll Nature Walk; 8:30 p.m., Evening Program: “Star Talk: Watch the stars come out and learn the summer constellations”

- Aug. 14: 6:45 p.m. Sunset Stroll Nature Walk; 8:30 p.m., Evening Program: “The Sands of Time: A Geological Overview of the Tularosa Basin and White National Monument”

Schedule is subject to change. For more information, call 479-6124 or (505) 679-2599, extension 232. Visit the park’s Web site at www.nps.gov/whsa.

Fort Stanton Live

Fort Stanton Live is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 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.

Fiesta dinner

The Fajita Fiesta Dinner and Concert is Aug. 13 at St. John’s Episcopal Church, 1114 Indiana Ave. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

For more information, call 439-4876.

CFC kickoff

The Combined Federal Campaign kickoff is Sept. 15 at Holloman.

More information will follow.

Day of Caring

United Way of Otero County’s annual Day of Caring is Sept. 23.

For more information, call 437-8400.

Vet closure

The Base Veterinary Clinic is closed the week of Aug. 23 to 26. Normal hours will resume Aug. 30. Anyone needing prescription medications, heartworm prevention or flea and tick prevention for a pet can come to the clinic before Aug. 23. Vaccination and sick call appointments are Monday, Thursday, Aug. 19 and Sept. 1. To make an appointment, call 572-3303.

Blood drive

The William Beaumont Army Medical Center Blood Drive is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday at the community center. Get a free T-shirt with your donation.

For more information or restrictions call Capt. Joel Stark at 572-5540.

MDG lot closure

The resurfacing of the 49th Medical Group parking lot has begun. Expect closures to the parking areas on the north and east sides of building 15. Parking on the pharmacy side will not be affected. Patients can park in the staff parking area on the south side of the building during this time. The resurfacing project is expected to last several weeks.

MSS hours

The 49th Mission Support Squadron Customer Service hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday except for federal holidays.

FSC

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

- Federal Job Search: 9 to 11 a.m., Monday
- TSP/REDUX: 1 to 3 p.m., Tuesday
- Sponsorship Training: 9 to 10:30 a.m., Wednesday



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Digital Maniacs

Airmen 1st Class Dave VanTuyl and Tony Cornwell battle it out Tuesday night at the Digital Mania Zone. Beginning Monday, the DMZ is open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday and Tuesday; 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Wednesday to Friday; noon to 10 p.m., Saturday; and 1 p.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday. Airman Cornwell is a member of the 49th Maintenance Squadron. Airman VanTuyl belongs to the 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

- Customer Service Training: 1:30 to 3 p.m., Thursday
 - Families Apart Dinner: 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday at the Chapel Annex
- For more information, contact the FSC at 572-7754 or visit the website at wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/sptg/mss/fsc.

Road closures

49er Road
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.

Intersection closures
During the week of Aug. 16 to 20, the following intersections will be closed for one day each during the week: Fourth Street at New Mexico

Avenue intersection; Idaho Street at Sixth Street intersection; Second Street at Delaware Avenue intersection.

Exact dates of each intersection closure will be released as soon as they become available.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Lance Mayfield at 572-7773.

Eglin Court
There will be a road closure on Eglin Court from today to September 7 due to construction of a new manhole and lateral line installation.

Residents of Eglin Court will have one entrance accessible to get to their unit during the construction.

HOSC Thrift Store

The Holloman Officer's Spouses Club Thrift Store will be open from 9 a.m. to noon, Aug. 14.

Come to the Back-to-School Sale

for a discount and to preview the new pricing system for items such as men's and ladies' clothing.

The store will open for the fall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sept. 7.

Consignments will be accepted starting 10 a.m. to noon, Sept. 14.

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

The Notebook (PG-13)
6 and 9 p.m., today

White Chicks (PG-13)
6 and 9 p.m., Saturday and 6 p.m., Sunday

Tickets are 99 cents.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Mr. James Daniels uses a sander to strip the paint off the F-80 Shooting Star at Heritage Park Monday. Aircraft at the park are stripped and repainted every three years.

F-80 gets TLC at Heritage Park

by Senior Airman Martha Whipple
49th Fighter Wing
Public Affairs

A shower, haircut or afternoon at the spa can be a refreshing way to improve one's appearance, but you might want to run if a team of aircraft maintainers armed with power tools is doing the work ... unless you're the F-80 Shooting Star in Holloman's Heritage Park.

A Dyncorp maintenance crew is sanding, patching and repainting the aircraft as part of their aircraft maintenance contract. According to Mr. Larry Hilton, a structural repair technician, the makeover gives the

crew a chance to bring the airplane up to standards with Air Combat Command guidance for permanent display aircraft.

"We're removing the old paint and repairing dents," he said. "We're also sealing all the holes so no one is injured. Once the structural work is done, the plane gets a paint job."

Painting will begin later this month.

The Shooting Star, designed in 1943, was the first Air Force aircraft to exceed 500 mph in level flight, the first American jet airplane to be manufactured in large quantities and the first Air Force jet to be used in combat.



Photo by Mr. Tommy Fuller

Mr. Nick Hyde, Dyncorp employee, sands the tail of a vintage Heritage Park jet Monday to get it ready for a new paint job.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Mr. Mike Webster uses a sander to strip the paint off the F-80 Shooting Star in Heritage Park Monday. Aircraft at the park are stripped and repainted every three years. Mr. Webster has been an aircraft painter for almost 20 years.



Photo by Mr. Tommy Fuller

Mr. Mike Webster sands the wing of the F-80 Shooting Star at Heritage park to get it ready for a new paint job, scheduled to begin this month.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Senior Airman James Hennig brings aircraft into a holding pattern while training on the tower simulator. The simulator can hold about 20 aircraft in a single scenario and can manipulate weather and aircraft failures to challenge air traffic controllers.

Tower simulator trains Airmen to control skies

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

The 49th Operation Support Squadron continues to benefit from its latest training aide that puts air traffic controllers in the tower faster.

The tower simulator replaces the squadron's original map and airplane training system as a result of an Air Force-wide initiative to replace older systems.

The life-like simulator creates local weather conditions, aircraft and emergencies.

Staff Sgt. Erik Peacor, assistant air traffic control training chief, said Airmen in training gain more experience from the tower simulator.

"Trainees who come to us straight out of technical school are given a more viable and usable training tool," Sergeant Peacor said. "This allows them to be put in different positions

and scenarios in a tower environment."

Under the Air Force initiative, all installations will train under the same system.

Trainees coming to Holloman from the Air Traffic Control Training Flight, located at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., enter into the front load training program.

Designed to speed up the process of educating Airmen at one of Air Combat Command's busiest airfields, the tower simulator is integrated into training to become a more practical way of teaching, said Staff Sgt. Jenette Reitman, front load training administrator.

"You can get a lot more real-time training for different scenarios," Sergeant Reitman said. "If something out of the ordinary happens, they need to be able to react to it quickly. The simulator teaches them to do that."

Sergeant Peacor said the Air Force wanted a more life-like

training scenario that could complement each base's specific mission.

"By having simulated aircraft fly different patterns, we can train our Airmen to react to the several patterns Holloman's air space has to offer," he said. "We can then simulate various weather conditions such as dust storms and lightning."

More Airmen are trained everyday to take on Holloman's busy skies, said Maj. Thomas Schmidt, airfield operations flight commander.

Major Schmidt said the tower simulator is a valuable asset because it prepares air traffic controllers for live traffic environments.

"Our simulator administrators do an outstanding job in creating realistic scenarios for our Airmen," Major Schmidt said. "They provide our trainees with the best training possible to take on the challenges of controlling the skies."



Mr. Mark Sprayberry, 49th Fighter Wing Safety technician and motorcycle enthusiast, practices safety while riding. During the Air Force's 101 Critical Days of Summer, Holloman has had zero mishaps involving motorcycles.

Motorcycle safety is vital

by Airman 1st Class

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Since the start of the “101 Critical Days of Summer,” at least 16 Airmen have been injured or killed in motorcycle accidents, primarily because they lacked proper training or were not wearing all the required safety gear when they went down.

Rod Krause, the Minot Air Force Base, N.D., safety office manager and a motorcycle enthusiast, said the policies and clothing regulations are not meant to deter people from riding; they are in place to keep people safe.

“The rules are going to protect because the riding environment is more hazardous on a motorcycle than if the rider were riding in a car,” he said. “People aren’t watching out for bikers, which makes bikers more vulnerable for traffic mishaps.”

Before a person ever steps foot on a showroom floor, he or she should consider the necessary training and complete that training before driving a new bike home.

“To operate a motorcycle on or off duty, on or off base, ac-

tive-duty members must successfully complete a Motorcycle Safety Foundation course, either the basic rider’s course or the experienced rider’s course” Mr. Krause said.

Once people go through that training, they must go through a one-on-one motorcycle briefing with their squadron commander to demonstrate they understand exactly what they are dealing with, he said.

Along with the training comes the amount of personal protective equipment a person must wear when riding, said Mr. Krause.

“A Department of Transportation-certified helmet must be properly worn and secured, and the goggles and face shield must be impact or shatter resistant. A windshield or eyeglasses alone aren’t proper protection,” he said. “Over-the-ankle boots or shoes are strongly suggested, and a long-sleeve shirt or jacket and full-fingered gloves or mittens designed for use on a motorcycle must be worn.”

One of the biggest questions the safety office receives is on what riders must wear on their upper body, said Mr. Krause.

“A brightly colored upper outer garment [must be worn] during the day, and a reflective

upper garment [must be worn] during the night. The outer garment must be clearly visible,” he said. “Black leather jackets alone aren’t enough; something must be worn on top of the jacket to make it highly visible.”

Those who chose not to abide by the rules and clothing regulations can face military punishment if they are caught, said Mr. Krause.

“If you get hurt while riding a bike and you’re not wearing this gear, you could be held liable under the line-of-duty determination,” he said. “Beyond being in trouble with the commander for disobeying a direct order, you could be stuck with the medical bills.”

The rules apply both on base and off for active-duty Airmen. Civilians are only required to follow these rules when they ride on base or use their motorcycle for official government use.

“If Department of Defense or nonappropriated fund civilians are going to use their bike for official duties off base, they must attend a safety class,” he said. “[For example] if I need to make an office supply run downtown during the day, I must wear all the equipment, but once I hit the gate at 4:30 p.m., I can wear shorts and a T-shirt if I want to.”

Myth vs. Fact

Staying awake at the wheel

I can tell when I'm falling asleep.

If you're like most people, you believe you can control your sleep. In a test, nearly four-fifths of people said they could predict when they were about to fall asleep. They were wrong. The truth is: sleep is not voluntary. If you're drowsy, you can fall asleep and never even know it.

Coffee overcomes the effects of drowsiness while driving.

Stimulants are no substitute for sleep. Drinks containing caffeine, such as coffee or cola can help you feel more alert, but the effects last only for a short time. If you are seriously sleep-deprived, even if you drink coffee, you are still likely to have "micro-sleeps" - brief lapses that last 4-5 seconds. At 55 mph, that's more than 100 yards and plenty of time to kill you or someone else.

Young people need less sleep.

Males under 25 are at the greatest risk of falling asleep at the wheel. Half of the victims of fatigued-related

crashes are drivers under 25.

I'm a safe driver so it doesn't matter if I'm sleepy.

The only safe driver is an alert driver. Even the safest drivers become confused and use poor judgment when they're sleepy.

I get plenty of sleep.

Chances are good that you really aren't getting all the sleep you need. If you said "True", ask yourself: "Do I wake up rested?" The average person needs seven or eight hours of sleep a night. If you go to bed late and wake up early to an alarm clock you probably are building up a sleep debt during the week. If you spend eight hours in bed but still feel tired, you may have a disorder preventing you from getting enough sleep. Whatever the cause, avoid driving when you feel drowsy.

(Information provided by: American Trucking Association, Arizona Department of Public Safety, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau and the Governor's Office of Highway Safety)



Holloman

Hero

Mr. Kent Phillips 49th Civil Engineer Squadron

Duty title: Orderly room administrative assistant

Time at Holloman: 23 years

Hometown: Lovington, N.M.

Background

Mr. Phillips attended the New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped. Through the schools student worker program, he began working at Holloman. He started in the 49th CES sign shop and then moved to the housing office. Mr. Phillips now works in the orderly room, where he had to learn to use a computer with the screen-reading program.

What is your biggest challenge?

One challenge has been learning how to get around obstacles. For instance, I used to work in the sign shop, and there were a lot of things I couldn't do and a lot of things I could do. The challenge was finding different ways of doing things that I normally couldn't.

What accomplishment during your life are you most proud of?

I am proud to be an American. I'm proud that I live in a free country, where my visual handicap doesn't keep



Photo by Mrs. Laura Hunt

me from getting a job and supporting my family. In a lot of countries, the handicapped people are just by the way-side, or begging. In this country I have the opportunity to do what I'm doing.

Core value portrayed: "Excellence in all we do"

Kent runs our PHA, dental and leave programs. He does an excellent job and continually receives accolades

for his well-run programs. He takes pride in what he does. He makes us all realize there is no limit in what we can do if we don't set limits on ourselves. Kent is an inspiration to us all.

– **Capt. Marlene Hall**
49th CES section commander



Intramural Standings - Softball

Large Unit

Team	Win	Loss	Team	Win	Loss
49 MMG A	17	5	49 CES A	9	13
49 LRS A	16	5	49 SFS	9	11
AMMO A	10	8	AGE	6	8
49 MDG A	10	14	49 AMXS	4	17

(Current as of July 28)

Small Unit

Team	Win	Loss	Team	Win	Loss
46 TG	20	1	49 MXS/MXMTI	8	13
4 SPCS	17	5	49 LRS B	8	13
49 MXS/AVIONICS	16	6	49 MOS	7	15
49 MMG B	16	7	49 MXS AMMO B	3	9
49 SVS	16	7	9 FS	3	8
49 CS	15	6	49 MDG B	2	21
49 OSS	13	10	GAF	1	21
49 CES B	10	13			

(Current as of Monday)

World of Sports

**Congratulations to this year's Intramural Summer
Golf Season winner:**

49 FW staff

**Congratulations to the winners of the Airman
Advisory Council's 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament**

**Stacey Horton
Lateef Anderson
Derrick Walker
David Jones**

**The results are in from the 2004 Intramural
Summer Golf Base Championship Tournament**

First Place

49 MXS

Second Place

49 LRS A

Third Place

49 FW staff

Fourth Place

49 CES A

**The Sertoma Otero County Youth Football League
begins Sept. 11. The Holloman team will be signing
up players from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the
base exchange. Registration forms can be picked
up at the Youth and Teen Center. For more infor-
mation, call Mike Bolin at 434-2833.**

**Letters of intent are due for the 2004 intramural
flag football and soccer seasons. Coaches must
submit their letters by Aug. 16.**



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Catcher Justyn Asuncion, 49th Communications Squadron, smacks a floater past second base Tuesday night. Asuncion and his team fell four runs short, losing to the 49th Materiel Maintenance Group B team 17-13.

Clawing their way to a win

49th MMG B team takes down COMM 17-13

**by Airman 1st Class
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The 49th Materiel Maintenance Group B team defeated the 49th Communications Squadron 17-13 with a late, fifth-inning rally Tuesday night at Vandenberg Field during the final week of the regular intramural softball season.

COMM added runs to the board first with power hitter Chris Asuncion running home followed by teammates Brad Nimmo, Frank Walsh and Dave Samuels after a deep hit into center field by Samuels. COMM led by four.

Between the second and fourth innings, both defenses stepped up to fly balls in the outfield. A pass to COMM's Nimmo ended the second inning with MMG's third out, but MMG

left fielder Jake Coffman shut down COMM's strongman defense with a mid-air catch on hitter Clint Oppel.

MMG moved into the bottom of the fourth where they tacked on six runs with the help of a track-runner sprint around the bases by Denver Long.

Missed COMM tosses were taken advantage of after Samuels lost three chances during the night for outs on first, letting Joe Colander and Coffman take home in the fourth. Paul Conner made the last run of the inning after coming home behind teammates Brian Walker and Jaime Ham.

At the top of the fifth, a determined COMM team stepped up its hits with two RBIs by Frank Walsh to put his team up by two, 8-6. Walsh's team would add four more runs, including a hit by Justyn Asuncion past sec-

ond base for three RBIs.

MMG, losing time quickly, stepped up to bat and didn't look back as they pulled ahead with hits by Coffman and Walker, who added two RBIs before he ran in.

Down by two, an unexpected five-foot grounder down the right field baseline caught COMM off guard, letting three runs go to put MMG on top 13-12.

MMG ended the inning with four more runs before Walsh caught Coffman's pop-up hit to right field.

COMM couldn't bypass MMG's strong defense in the sixth and would only add one more run before their third out. MMG came out on top 17-13.

Monday marks the last day of the regular 2004 intramural softball season. The 49th MMG A team will take on the 49th Medical Group A team at 6:30 p.m.

