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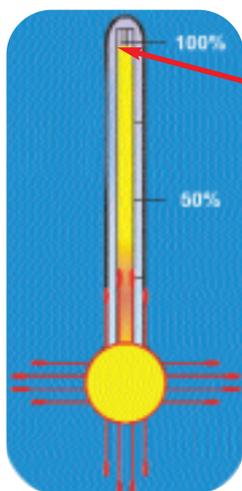


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Community Events

Holy Week schedule

The base chapel will hold several special services in observance of the Easter holiday. See schedule on page 10.

Easter Brunch

The Landing will host an Easter brunch from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday. The cost is \$12.95 for adults and \$6 for children five to 12. Club members receive a special \$5 price. Cupcake contest participants can bring in decorated cupcakes and they will be judged at noon. Make reservations at 784-2853.

More Community Events on page 10



PHOTO BY AIRMAN THOMAS TROWER

Crawling across the finish line

Airman 1st Class Ryan Sollars, 27th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, high-crawls in a line of his teammates while one of their 27th Security Forces Squadron instructors, Senior Airman Brian Flanagan, makes sure nobody raises too high. The high-crawls were part of a Warrior Week training course held here Monday through today.

Warrior Week keeps Team Cannon prepared

Skills enhance Airmen's survival

By Capt. André Kok
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

More than 1,600 Airmen from throughout the 27th Fighter Wing set aside their usual duties over the last five days to participate in Warrior Week.

"I'm proud of the men and women of the 27th Fighter Wing," said Col. Scott West, 27th Fighter Wing commander. "This week we pre-empted our operation and maintenance training to enable us to focus on combat skills all Airmen need to have. Thanks to the work of multiple squadrons and agencies, we were able to train a large number of Airmen at Cannon in one week in the areas of Self-Aid and Buddy

Care, Anti-terrorism and Force Protection, Convoy basics, Expeditionary Combat Skills, and chemical and biological warfare readiness."

A favorite of many Airmen was the Expeditionary Combat Skills course, which ran daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Students spent the day in the field, using skills vital to their safety and success at deployed locations.

"We really got a feel for what things could be like in a deployed environment" said Staff Sgt. Aleric Hebert, 27 FW Chapel.

Self-aid and buddy care was another hands-on training experience, said Lt. Col. Jimmie Bailey, 27th Aeromedical Dental Squadron commander and instructor for the course.

"Our goal was to expose the students to how important their actions are in an emergency situation," he said. "Students were able to use components

of the new first aid kits being used in the field, and practice litter carries, as well as one and two person carries."

The real life examples and approach paid off, with students educated and impressed by the class.

"It was awesome, I liked the hands-on nature of the course," said Tech. Sgt. Scott Mackay, 27th Communications Squadron. "We actually got to touch the equipment we would use in an emergency in the field."

Overall, Warrior Week met the objectives it set out to meet, said event planner Maj. David Cobb, Wing Inspection director. "It was great to get out and really engage in our training. Overall, things went really well."

Cannon's leadership agreed.

"I couldn't be happier with Team Cannon's positive attitude and approach to a readiness initiative of this magnitude," said Colonel West.



NEWS

Earth Day support

By Janet Taylor-Birkey
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Cannon supports Earth Day in a big way. From sports activities to children's story hour, Earth Day has a base-wide focus, providing something for almost everyone on base to participate in.

Part of Cannon's effort to involve base personnel is the 2006 Earth Day "Caught in the Act" Recycling Contest, which takes place through Saturday.

Sponsored by the 27th Civil Engineer Squadron's Environmental Flight, squadrons are evaluated on their recycling programs by volunteers visiting selected buildings and observing their recycling efforts, according to a poster by 27th CES.

"The purpose of the contest is to evaluate Cannon's knowledge and participation in the base recycling program [which is] to promote recycling, not an inspection," said Gene Smith, 27th Civil Engineer Squadron.

The winner in the large and small squadron category will be recognized and awarded prizes based on the units' overall recycling efforts.

Items considered in the judging are the availability of recycling containers, use of recycling containers vs. trash cans, knowledge of recyclables and recycling attitudes.

Other activities in celebration of Earth Day include:

- 5K Fun Run at 8 a.m. Wednesday at the fitness center.
- Children's Story Time at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Cannon Library and Clovis Carver Library.
- Environmental Awareness Booths from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at the Cannon Base Exchange.

For more information on recycling or Cannon's Earth Day activities, contact Mr. Smith at 784-1096 or e-mail him at gene.smith@cannon.af.mil.

Clinic fights breast cancer

Courtesy Cannon Clinic

Early detection saves lives. Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer in women, affecting approximately 10 percent of all women in the Western world, said Tech. Sgt. Andrea Lee, 27th Medical Operations Squadron. While efforts have been made to achieve early detection and effective treatment, about 20 percent of all women diagnosed with breast cancer will die from the disease, making it the second most common cause of cancer deaths among women.

The staff of the Cannon Women's Health Clinic has established walk-in services from 1:30 to 3:15 p.m. the third Friday of every month.

They will serve all 27th Medical Group beneficiaries (including active duty, retirees and dependants). In addition to walk-in breast exams, the clinic will also provide mammogram referrals to one of four locations based on the patient's choice.

Monthly examinations are important to detect breast cancer early, when it's most likely to be cured, said Sergeant Lee. Not all cancer is found this way, but it is a critical step women should take for themselves. "The more they examine their breasts, the more they will learn about them and the easier it will be to notice changes," she said.

In addition to self exams, annual breast exams by a provider, with recommended mammogram screenings, also play a vital part in detecting and treating breast cancer.

The U.S. National Cancer Institute recommends a screening mammography with a baseline mammogram at age 35, a mammogram every two years after age 40 and annual mammograms after 50.

Breast cancers detected by mammography are usually smaller than those detected clinically. Mammography has been proven to reduce the mortality rates from breast cancer and is the first choice for screening of early breast cancer, said Sergeant Lee.

The next walk-in service will be held April 21. For more information, call 784-2778.



PHOTO BY AIRMAN THOMAS TROWER

Load Crew of the Quarter

Senior Airmen Albert Lopez (left) and Aaron Schloser, 523rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit, race to finish first in the quarterly Load Crew of the Quarter competition. Each AMU selects their best four-person crew of a crew chief and three specialists in electronics, avionics and engines to compete. The winners of the load and Proud Falcon competitions will be announced at 11:30 a.m. April 21 at The Landing.



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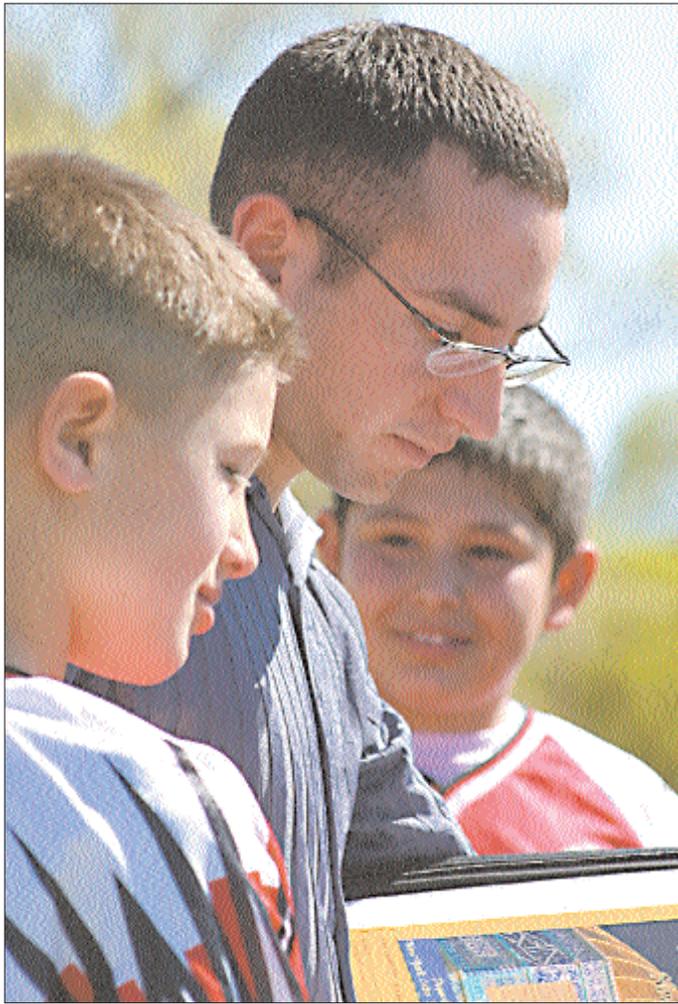
Proud Falcon

Airmen from the 523rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit are inspected by Chief Master Sgt. John Woods, 27th Maintenance Group and Maj. Kurt Conklin, 27th Equipment Maintenance Squadron commander, for the Proud Falcon competition. Airmen are inspected on their dress and appearance, toolboxes and a written exam, as well as showcasing their cleanest and most well-maintained operational jet.



NEWS

Cannon volunteers mentor nation's future



Volunteering helps Airmen live lives of no regret

Story and photo by Janet Taylor-Birkey
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Stationed on the high plains of eastern New Mexico, some Airmen may fume and complain there is nothing to do. But something must be happening somewhere nearby to keep more than 500 Cannon volunteers in demand.

"I tell them if they're bored to come visit me. I'll keep them busy," said Ellen Saccoia-Smith, Cannon community readiness consultant. With volunteerism as her weapon of choice in fighting the war on boredom, Ms. Saccoia-Smith stays current with opportunities where Airmen can participate in the Clovis and Portales communities.

Cannon volunteer Airman 1st Class Emilio Becerra, 27th Comptroller Squadron, found several ways to give back to his adopted community of Clovis through volunteering. Airman Becerra occupies some of his free time by coaching for the American Youth Soccer Organization and volunteering on his church's drama team. Producing flyers along with shooting and editing video clips allows Airman Becerra the use of a variety of skills to meet the needs of groups with whom he works.

"I think it gives Airmen a sense of commitment to do something they feel good about. [Their satisfaction is in] what they are giving back to the community," said Ms. Smith. But the sense of commitment is not always easy to

muster.

"Sometimes I have a bad day and I have to hide it. [The soccer team kids] keep my spirits up," said Airman Becerra.

In spite of bad days and plans gone awry, Airman Becerra knows the impact volunteering has on others. Recalling the impact older cousins had on him, Airman Becerra said he wants to mentor other kids in the same way. His efforts have not gone unnoticed.

"Parents come up to me and tell me how much the kids like soccer practice. I didn't realize they look up to me so much," said Airman Becerra. "It's rewarding to know someone looks up to you; being a mentor to kids and showing them a better life than doing drugs."

Airman 1st Class Justin Musall, 27th Component Maintenance Squadron, also volunteers as a way to better the lives of others and make his own more meaningful.

"If I've got free time, I'd rather spend it helping people whose situations are worse than mine, rather than complain about things that aren't going well in my life," said Airman Musall.

As an Airman who volunteers for Animal Rescue, and Airmen Against Drunk Driving, and mentors children at Parkview Elementary, Airman Musall also participates in a variety of squadron activities, which leaves little time for complaining or lamenting over how he would like things to be.

"I try to live my life with no regrets. I know that tomorrow isn't guaranteed, so I like to do what I can to be alright with what I've done in my life, if tomorrow never comes," said Airman Musall.

Airmen interested in any type of local volunteer opportunities may contact Ms. Saccoia-Smith at 784-4228.

Airman 1st Class Emilio Becerra (center), is a volunteer coach for the American Youth Soccer Organization when he is not working at the 27th Comptroller Squadron.

Keesler Airmen answer call for help

By Tech. Sgt.
Larry Simmons
Air Force Print News

After the devastation from Hurricane Katrina left Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., and the surrounding area in dire straits, the community desperately needed help to recover. Airmen have answered that call.

"We were in crisis mode right after the hurricane trying to make sure people had the bare minimum to survive," said Maj. Teresa Roberts, director of the family support center.

Since Hurricane Katrina, the center has logged more than 38,000 volunteer hours supporting all facets of the rebuilding effort.

They are still handling about 10 requests per week to assist in clearing hurricane debris and programs by Habitat for Humanity and the Salvation Army.

Major Roberts credits the overwhelming numbers of volunteers from Keesler in the success of their efforts not just on base, but in the surrounding communities as well.

"Their hearts are so in it, we have people coming out on their down days to help. They just have the desire to do more and more," she said.

Many of those volunteers include Airmen attending Keesler's technical training schools.

One of those volunteers, Airman Marcus Straughn, an

aviator resource management trainee from Georgiana, Ala., said he is happy to be part of the recovery effort.

"It all goes back to elementary school where I learned to do unto others as you would have them do to you," he said. "It gives me a warm feeling in my heart knowing I have been able to make a difference."

With the recovery effort still going strong and volunteers still doing what they can to make a difference, Major Roberts summed up the process.

"Being a volunteer is being a part of a winning team," she said. "As a community we are starting to rebuild, but the need is going to be here for a while."

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

— To find out how to receive less junk mail, go to www.recyclemore.org.

— Buy only what is needed. Think before buying. "Do I really need this? How much will I use it? Can I borrow it from someone instead of purchasing my own?"

— Use less packaging. Ten cents of every dollar spent goes toward packaging, which most people will promptly throw into the garbage. Look for items with less packaging and save money while reducing waste.

Look for reusable or recyclable packaging and packaging with recycled content.

— Say, "No, I don't need a bag, thank you." Bring reusable bags from home for groceries. Small items, like those three nails from the hardware store or a candy bar, can easily fit in pockets, handbags or backpacks.

— Avoid disposable items. Rechargeable batteries can be used over and over and recycled when they've been exhausted. Use durable plastic containers or recyclable aluminum foil instead. Invest in a refillable razor rather than disposable razors.

Information taken from www.recyclemore.org.



COMMENTARIES

Air Force Smart Ops 21: already on track

By Maj. Lisa Pike

27th Mission Support Squadron commander

We've all heard the saying "change is the one constant in life." Think about it and you'll see it's true; the one constant in our lives is change.

If you think back over your life, you will no doubt have more changes than you can count. Go back over the last century and think about the major ones we've seen. Arguably, some are better than others.

Change just for the sake of change is not necessarily a good thing. However, change to more efficiently use resources and simplify tasks makes sense and we should look for and embrace such change.

We in the Air Force deal with change constantly and are faced with the challenge of doing things smarter and better with fewer people.

Early this year the Air Force initiated Smart Operations 21, with the goal of enhancing resource management in support of combat effectiveness. You can already see direct impacts of this initiative here at Cannon as processes in the Military Personnel Flight (MPF) change.

In recent years we have experienced, and will continue to do so, a drawdown in our strength. That, coupled with the ever increasing deployment pace, requires us to continually look for better ways of doing business so Airmen can focus on learning their jobs and getting their units mission ready. This concept is a big part of Smart Ops 21.

We must be open to new and better ways of doing things and not get stuck in the "that's the way we've always done it" mode. Our willingness to look for these better ways and embrace change will be

crucial to mission success in the future.

One of the most recent changes orchestrated by leadership is the transformation of how personnel services are delivered. On March 31, the Air Force launched the first of a series of steps toward more efficient and customer-oriented avenues for accomplishing routine personnel actions.

Though there will be growing pains as with any transformation, this is a very positive step for us as we minimize and change our processes and provide service in a modern, Web-based environment, taking out the "middle-man."

What this means for the individual Airman is to continue to be responsible for careers as they have in the past, but to accomplish the actions differently.

For instance, for retiring members you still provide the same information as

before March 31, but instead of transferring that information in person to an MPF member who then transfers it to Air Force Personnel Center (AFPC), you provide the information directly to AFPC via a transaction from any computer.

This same change is true for other processes traditionally accomplished in person at a local MPF. Twenty-four-hour Internet access to information and applications backed by 24-hour live-person help from the Contact Center brings the Air Force in line with private applications that many of us now use regularly. The access that is being given via the new personnel services changes will soon become an ingrained way of doing business for us.

As we implement Air Force Smart Ops 21, and a new way of doing business in the MPF, I encourage you to embrace the change.

Sexual assault awareness keeps one's world upright

By Laura McGowan

Aeronautical Systems Center Public Affairs

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Air Force officials are aggressively educating Airmen about sexual assault prevention and the barriers that prevent victims from reporting the crime.

"Sexual assault turns the victim's world upside down, and the trauma of being assaulted is a shock from which many victims never fully recover," said Brig. Gen. K. C. McClain, Joint Task Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response commander. "And the thought that you're going to have to talk to your commander, supervisor, the investigators — all of these people are going to know — is overwhelming for some people, and they don't want to deal with it."

It has been widely documented and discussed with criminal psychologists that people who inflict the crime of rape usually begin their "careers" early in life. Unfortunately, by the time individuals

with this mindset are old enough to enter the Air Force, they may have transgressed the law already and expect to do so again.

Here are some common-sense safety practices that can help military members reduce the possibility of becoming victims of sexual assault:

- If you consume alcohol, do so in moderation. Studies indicate that a high percentage of all sexual assaults in the U.S. involve the use of alcohol by the offender, the victim or both.
- Do not leave your beverage unattended or accept a drink from an open container.
- When you date someone, communicate clearly with that person to ensure he or she knows your limits from the beginning. Both verbal and nonverbal (body language) communication can be used to ensure the message is understood.
- If you go on a date with someone you do not know very well, tell a close friend about your plans.
- You have the right to say "No" even if you: Say yes, but change your mind; have had sex with this partner before; have been kissing or "making

out"; are wearing "provocative" clothing.

— Always have extra money to get home. Have a plan for someone you can call if you need help.

— If you feel uncomfortable, scared or pressured, act quickly to end the situation. Say, "Stop it" and leave or call for help.

— When you go to a party, go with a group of friends. Arrive together, watch out for each other and leave together.

— Be aware of your surroundings at all times.

— Do not allow yourself to be isolated with a person you do not know or trust.

— Travel with a friend or in a group.

— Plan your outings and avoid getting into a bad situation.

— Walk only in lighted areas after dark.

"Commanders are the key to sexual assault prevention and response." Gen. McClain said. "Everyone from our most junior member to our most senior member has a role in prevention and response. It's not a commander's program; it's everyone's responsibility."

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Military Child Education Coalition

The Military Child Education Coalition action plan was signed April 7 by Col. Scott West, 27th Fighter Wing commander and Dr. Rhonda Seidenwurm, Clovis Municipal School superintendent.

The action plan is a milestone in the continuing partnership between Cannon and Clovis Municipal Schools.

The purpose of the plan is to ease the transition of military dependant school children as they move into community schools and activities.

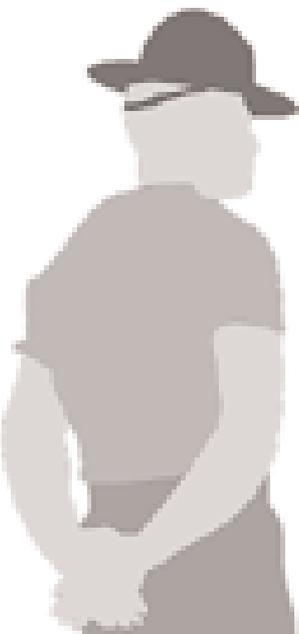
"I appreciate the commitment of Clovis Municipal Schools to expand opportunities for all students," said Colonel West. "The plan required a lot of discussion on the balance between fairness and opportunity".

Lt. Col. James Lewis, 27th Mission Support Group deputy commander, who serves as a liaison between Cannon and Clovis Municipal Schools said Cannon is "fortunate to have such a strong relationship with the school administration. We have worked so closely in so many things," adding that he thinks this relationship is one of the strongest in the country.

Sgt. Afi's 36-2903

Tip of the Week

In accordance with Air Force Instruction 36-2903, table 2.7, BDUs may be worn when eating lunch in local establishments where patrons wear comparable attire, or to make short convenience stops.





FEATURE

Weather watchers

Story and photo by
Janet Taylor-Birkey
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A misconception about the job of forecasters at Cannon is that they simply look at the weather outside and tell everyone the obvious, said James Kratzer, Cannon meteorologist. But the Cannon Weather Station does not deal in the obvious; Their job is to examine and interpret weather data, for the safest execution of the 27th Fighter Wing mission.

"Forecasts we provide are a lot more specific than what you see on weather.com or the weather channel," said Master Sgt. Larry Rodgers, 27th Operations Support Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge of station operations.

"That's what we bring to the table: a sense of precision to this general nebulous business of trying to forecast weather," said Mr. Kratzer.

Specificity in military forecasting helps determine when aircraft may or may not be able to fly. "We can't just say it's going to be cloudy, or it's going to be foggy. We have to let them know heights of the clouds are going to be for the day. Not just for the day, but for specific time frames they are actually flying," said Sergeant Rodgers.

But again, weather station personnel are only the messengers, not the determiners of who flies. "The weather and the pilot's experience level determines whether they are allowed to fly in certain weather conditions. If they are not rated for certain levels, they cannot take off or land in certain weather," said Mr. Kratzer.

Occasionally the weather turns unpredictable and changes while pilots are in flight, and still, the weather forecasters are able to lend a hand. "We also give them alternates, so that if the weather does turn [bad] and they're not able to land [here], we give them various [locations] around us and what their conditions are so they may be able to go there to land if they can't land here," said Sergeant Rodgers.

Temperature and wind speeds not only have a bearing on flying conditions, but they determine maintenance actions an F-16 maintainer may or may not take to remain safe.

"They can get blown off the aircraft. That's the reason we have to know the wind threshold, so they're not placed in danger from doing their jobs out on the flightline," said Sergeant Rodgers.

Other weather concerns at Cannon are snowfall, spring time thunderstorms with hail, winter with low visibility, snow and fog, said Sergeant Rodgers. Ground weather monitoring is important for aircraft protection against elements such as freezing precipitation, tornadoes and hail. Aircraft must be put in the hangar for hail greater than 1/2 inch or they will be damaged, he said, adding that this requires a two-hour notification.

Required notifications are possible by observing weather conditions through computer technology and weather models. But technology does not replace human observance where "you actually go out and see what the clouds are doing, the wind, what visibili-



Staff Sgt. Michael Anderson, 27th Operations Support Squadron weather forecaster, monitors weather conditions for flight safety. The weather team provides information to help pilots determine whether they should fly or not.

ty is like," said Sergeant Rodgers. "Sometimes you have a model moving slow or too fast, and that is where the hands-on experience helps. You have to use the knowledge you have learned over the years and the experience."

Several Cannon forecasters will deploy in September with the 523rd Fighter Squadron and a solar powered deployable system that can be plugged into a laptop. "The forecasters that support the fighters in garrison deploy with them and support them overseas. You deploy with your folks to the Gulf, so they are used to you, they know how you work," said Sergeant Rodgers.

Whether locally or abroad, Cannon forecasters describe themselves as an "eyes forward section," watching the weather locally, and giving other bases a heads up with information not yet seen on their own radar.

The goal of weather observation is being prepared for any situation. "Based on the expertise we have in the weather shop, there are not too many situations where we are caught totally off guard," said Mr. Kratzer.

While they don't often get caught completely off guard,

there are still times when the weather does not cooperate with their years of experience, human observation and high-tech gadgets. When asked if people get mad at Cannon weather reporters as they get mad at weather reporters "in the real world", the men responded with a communal laugh. "I think some people think we control the weather," said Staff Sgt. Michael Anderson, 27th OSS weather forecaster.

"A lot of folks can't handle

this kind of pressure, because it's constant and you have to digest a lot of information and constantly evaluate the situation. [There are] many what-ifs, many uncertainties. It's a Sherlock Holmes clues game, then you have to produce finite answers to philosophical questions," said Mr. Kratzer.

Following an Air Force career, weather forecasters can branch into other areas of forecasting such as working for a weather service or broadcasting.

... and the forecast is ...

James Kratzer, Cannon meteorologist, gives his observations on early spring weather:

"Recent rain and snow didn't make a dent, since it wasn't widespread enough nor deep enough. We've received less than one inch of precipitation since late October 2005. This is well below what we should have received.

"The rain did put a momentary damper on the extreme fire activity but since then, strong westerly winds evaporated the rain. We need sustained rains for a couple of weeks to allow the vegetation to start the 'green-up' process.

"To recharge the aquifers, we'll need above-average rainfall amounts for several months. The recent drought has also resulted in the lowest measurable snowpack depths in New Mexico which aggravates the drought even more."

And the good news is....

"It looks like we are gradually easing into a wetter pattern. Since we've already had a couple of decent rains, in the past week and a half, there is evidence looks like we should persist in that pattern."



NEWS

Mission to Mars gives children new view of universe

Story and photos by Janet Taylor-Birkey
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

On April 7, Cannon's Hangar 208 briefly changed its mission from storing F-16's to setting up a Martian colony.

As 350 fifth-grade students converged in the hangar to participate in Mars Missions Flight (MMF), they were grouped with children from other schools.

MMF is a phase of the Air Force STARBASE La Luz Academy, a DoD program sponsored by the Air Force Research Laboratory at Kirtland and managed by New Mexico Tech, said Ronda Cole, Air Force Research Lab, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.

There was no time for shyness; these students had a job to do and only one hour in which to get it done.

While the element of competition exists to build the Mars colony in just one hour, it is with each other, not against each other, said Gerald Mora, program manger, Air Force

STARBASE La Luz Academy at Kirtland AFB.

In this project, every fifth grade student can learn there is a place for them in space as they construct a colony to house scientists and engineers who will build and maintain an imaging station on Mars, said Mr. Mora.

"Our goal is to raise student interest and enthusiasm for science, math, engineering and technology careers through unique, fun, hands-on experiences. The Mars Missions Flight provides these types of activities for fifth grade students," said Ms. Cole.

Onsite at Hangar 208, students began the final countdown by giving a technical briefing, after which they are given the go ahead to build their colony, said Mr. Mora.

But it has taken six months of work with students at other schools, via e-mail, to plan and design their habitat before getting to the "all systems go" stage.

After constructing and linking the habitats, students



Across the back row: Mychelle Simms, Mesa Elementary School teacher, Ronda Cole, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., Lt. Col. James Lewis, 27th Mission Support Group deputy commander, Rhonda Seidenwurm, Clovis Municipal School superintendent, Jane West and Col. Scott West, 27th Fighter Wing commander, visit with a team from one of the habitats on display.

give a saga of their journey to Mars. This year, many student groups incorporated music into their saga by singing and playing guitars.

But it's not just student and teacher participants who are involved in the production of MMF; Missions to Mars garners a number of outside volunteers and distinguished visitors.

On the Cannon level, volunteers 2nd Lts. Jarret Flexman, 27th Logistics Readiness Squadron, and Benjamin Sears, 27th Contracting Squadron, worked the logistics of securing Hangar 208 for MMF.

The lieutenants provided a clean & safe hangar from both man-made and natural hazards, and provided volunteers for judging, safety and cleanup, along with equipment needed to host MMF, said Lieutenant Flexman.

"Everyone's coordination guaranteed a safe and successful mission which ensures a strong bond with the community and local area. This year was even more special due to several [distinguished visitor] school board members coming to view the Mars Mission," said Lieutenant Flexman.

One DV to visit MMF was Clovis Municipal School Superintendent Rhonda Seidenwurm. "This is just an incredible experience for the kids," said Dr. Seidenwurm, adding that she has never met a fifth grader who did not enjoy the MMF project.

Cannon leadership, including Col. Scott West, 27th Fighter Wing commander, and his wife Jane, and Lt. Col. James Lewis, 27th Mission Support Group deputy commander, also visited the various habitats.

"I am very impressed. I am happy the base was able to support the program; I think the kids got a lot out of it," said Colonel West. "They are very enthusiastic about what they are presenting."

"The sense of accomplishment that students have after completing the simulated mission to Mars on Link-Up Day is a good measure of the impact this type of activity has on students," said Ms. Cole.

The MMF is based on the Challenger Center for Space Science Education's Marsville, the Cosmic Village program, which is modified to reflect Air Force terminology and core values, according to promotional materials from STARBASE La Luz.

For more information about the program, call (505) 846-6936 or e-mail afstarbase-laluz@kirtland.af.mil.



The children who participated in the Mars Mission Flight began planning for the trip months ago. The students had to weigh the food they brought with them and trash they took away. Classes were teamed up with other schools and each team was graded on their performance.



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Easter egg hunt

The Cannon Youth Center will hold its Spring Fling Easter Egg Hunt Saturday. Age groups will be released at different times. Children newborn to two years old start at 12:30 p.m. Ages three to five start at 1 p.m. Ages six to nine start at 1:30 p.m. Ages 10 to 12 start at 2 p.m. Ages 13 and up start at 2:30 p.m. There will be games, prizes, a bouncy castle and pictures with the Easter Bunny.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Chapel holy week schedule

Catholic:

Good Friday — Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 8 p.m. today.

Holy Saturday — Easter Vigil at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Easter Morning — Mass of the resurrection at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

Protestant:

Good Friday service at 1 p.m. today.

Easter sunrise service at 6 a.m. Sunday at the golf course

Combined protestant service at 11 a.m. Sunday.

All other programs and faith groups will be held at their normal times. For more information, call the chapel at 784-2507.

Barber Shop closure

The base barber shop will be closed Sunday in observance of the Easter holiday. They will resume normal operating hours at 9 a.m. Monday.

Professional Enhancement

Seats are available for the 2 to 4 p.m. Monday Understanding the Enlisted Assignment Process class.

The class will be held in the Professional Enhancement Center over The End Zone. To sign up, call Senior Master Sgt. Jill Helm at 784-7041.

Bracelet sold at AAFES recalled

Reebok announced a voluntary recall of a heart-shaped charm bracelet given away with various styles of children's Reebok sneakers and sold through the Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

The bracelets have been given away since the beginning of May 2004 and were recalled due to high levels of lead in the paint.

There has been one reported death of a 4 year old who swallowed a piece of the bracelet. Consumers should immediately throw the bracelet away.

For additional information, contact Reebok at (800) 994-6260 or go online at www.reebok.com/Static/useng/Initiatives/Recall/Recall_0323.htm.

Manpower career opportunities

There are openings for qualified noncommissioned officers in the Manpower career field. People with above-average mathematical and communicative skills qualify for a career opportunity in this field.

For more information, call Mr. Jim Lewis at 784-2589 or Tech. Sgt. Sarita Phillips at 784-4342.



SERVICES

Las Vegas game comes to The Landing

By Yolanda Romero
27th Services Squadron

Tonight players will have the opportunity to take their chances at a \$300 prize in a Texas Hold'em Tournament at The Landing. Tickets go on sale at 6 p.m. and the tournament starts at 7 p.m. A disc jockey will perform at 9 p.m. in the Pit.

The basics of the game are simple but can take a lifetime to master according to Chief Master Sgt. Gary Ashmore, 27th Mission Support Group, who has been involved in assisting The Landing with the past four Texas Hold'em events.

Events at The Landing are modeled after tournaments played in Las Vegas. Chief Ashmore has a great love for the game, evident by his dedication to ensure that everyone has a good time at the club.

The game is open to the first 100 players. Players get \$1,500 in funny money plus dinner, which consists of several choices such as barbecue beef sandwich, turkey legs, meatball hoagies, roasted new potatoes and more for \$20. Players may also purchase additional chips to stay in the game.

A Texas Hold'em poker game goes as follows:

— The betting structure can vary. Sometimes antes are used, but most games start with two players to the left of the dealer placing out a predetermined amount of chips so there is an initial amount to get things started. This is called posting the blinds.

— The dealer shuffles a complete deck of 52 playing cards.

— Each player is dealt two cards face down. These are called hole or pocket cards.

— Then there is a round of betting. This starts with the person to the left of the two who posted the blinds. This round is usually referred to by the term pre-flop.

— The amount a player can bet depends on what kind of game it is.

— Like most games of poker, players can check, raise or fold.

— After the betting round ends, the dealer discards the top card of the deck. This is called a burn card and is done to prevent cheating.

— The dealer then flips the next three cards face up on the table. These cards are called the flop and are communal cards that anyone can use in combination with their two pocket cards to form a poker hand.

— There is another round of betting starting with the player to the left of the dealer.

— After the betting concludes, the dealer burns another card and flips one more onto the table. This is called the turn card. Players can use this sixth card to form a five-card poker hand.

— The player to the left of the dealer begins another round of betting. In many types of games, this is where the bet size doubles.

— Finally, the dealer burns a card and places a final card face up on the table. This is called the river. Players can now use any of the five cards on the table or the two cards in their pocket to form a five-card poker hand.

— There is one final round of betting, starting with



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the player to the left of the dealer.

— After that, all of the players remaining in the game begin to reveal their hands. This begins with the player to the left of the last player to call. It's called the showdown. Players use a combination of their pocket cards and the community cards to form a poker hand.

— The player who shows the best hand wins.

Volunteers are needed to work as dealers each month. All that is needed is to know the fundamentals of the game and working knowledge of procedures. Contact Chief Ashmore at 784-6599 to volunteer.



What's happening?



Today

Seafood Buffet — 11 a.m. at The Landing
Yu-Gi-Oh Challenge Plus — 4 p.m. at the Clovis CC*
Movies — 5 p.m. at the Portales CC, ages 13 and up
Steak Special — 5 p.m. at The Landing
Texas Hold'em — 6:30 p.m. at The Landing
Penny Pincher Daily Lunch Special — \$4 at The Landing

Saturday

Yard Sale — 8 a.m. at the Clovis CC
Texas Scramble — 9 a.m. at WWGC*
Easter Egg Hung — noon at the youth center
Moonlight and Music — 6 p.m. at Cannon Lanes

Sunday

Easter Brunch — 10 a.m. at The Landing
Free Billiards — 3:30 p.m. at The End Zone
Dart League — 6:30 p.m. at The End Zone

Monday

Jr. & Sr. Cheer — 4 p.m. at the Clovis CC

Chess Club — 5 p.m. at the Portales CC
Community Theater — 6 p.m. at the Central CC
Penny Pincher Daily Lunch Special — \$4 at The Landing

Tuesday

Oriental Buffet — 11 a.m. at The Landing
Pool Tournament — 4 p.m. at the Portales CC
Country Fried Steak — 5 p.m. at The Landing
Penny Pincher Daily Lunch Special — \$4 at The Landing

Wednesday

Earth Day Run — 8 a.m. at the fitness center
Italian Buffet — 11 a.m. at The Landing
Country Fried Steak — 5 p.m. at The Landing
Penny Pincher Daily Lunch Special — \$4 at The Landing

Thursday

Story Time — 10:30 a.m. at the Cannon Library
Mexican Buffet — 11 a.m. at The Landing

Tween Torch Club — 4:30 p.m. at the youth center
XBox Challenge — 5 p.m. at the Portales CC
Pasta Bar — 5 p.m. at The Landing
Book Club — 6 p.m. at the Cannon Library
Chess Club Casual Play — 6 p.m. at the Central CC
Teen Keystone Meeting — 6:30 p.m. at the youth center
Penny Pincher Daily Lunch Special — \$4 at The Landing



* CC — Community Center WWGC — Whispering Winds Golf Course CDC — Child Development Center



FEATURE

Kite Karnival makes a hit for third year

By Janet Taylor-Birkey
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

It has been said the wind always blows in this part of New Mexico. Unless the wind is needed for Cannon's 3rd Annual Kite Karnival.

While there was little wind for the Karnival at Doc Stewart Park, attendees enjoyed a variety of activities such as free games and rides, entertainment by the Dance and Cheer Force, making their own miniature kites and, catching the occasional breeze to briefly fly their kite.

Some took the lack of wind in stride, but some of the children did not.

"Why is there no wind? [My daughter] is yelling at me because it's not working," laughed Vickie Winters who was at the Kite Karnival with her daughter, Isabelle, 9. "It's a pretty day at least. There was so much wind yesterday and none today."

Not just the young had fun at the Karnival, but also the young at heart. Even with little wind, Thomas Lipinski, of Clovis, retired

Air Force, who was out for the day with his wife, Gloria Zolman, said, "It's still fun though. I haven't done this in twenty years."

Walt Mitchell, from Lubbock, retired Air Force, brought his kite known as a Cody war kite, which took him about 100 hours to make. Mr. Mitchell said he needed "a 10 mile per hour wind, [but] we're not going to have that today." While he

was not able to fly the 21-foot wing span, 10-foot high kite, Mr. Mitchell

nival since it was first held three years ago. Pointing to the kite-making tent where children design their own kites, "The first year we had [the Kite Karnival] here, I gave them this design," said Mr. Mitchell.

An avid kite hobbyist, Mr. Mitchell gives kite making classes and demonstrations to schools and retirement villages. For "most of the people in their 70s and 80s, all they can remember about making kites are the paper kites made out of newspaper and sticks ... so they are intrigued when they see something new and more engineered," he said.

This year's Kite Karnival attracted almost 3,000 attendees, more than double last years attendance, and more than 300 kites were made in the kite making workshop, according to Sheri Hayes, Cannon's Community Center director.

"People loved the fact that the rides were free, the carnival games were cheap and everyone won something. One person said, 'You can entertain your kid all day for \$5, this is great!'" said Ms. Hayes.



PHOTO BY JANET TAYLOR-BIRKEY

Above: Isabelle Winters, 9, took advantage of sparse breezes to fly her butterfly kites Saturday. Isabelle enjoyed the day with her mom, Vickie Winters, at the 3rd Annual Kite Karnival.

Below: The Dance and Cheer Force entertained audiences Saturday. The Dance and Cheer Force is for girls ages three to 16 in the Clovis and Portales base housing and Cannon's youth program.



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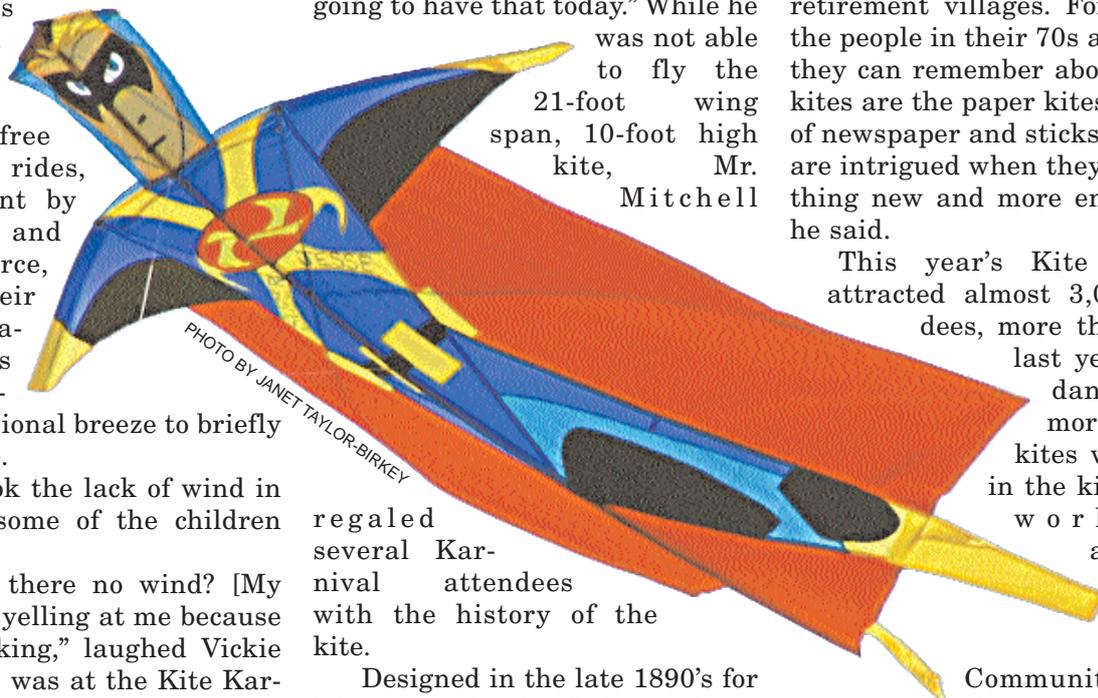


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regaled several Karnival attendees with the history of the kite.

Designed in the late 1890's for lifting people, the Cody war kites were stacked five deep to lift "a 100 pound man in a basket for observing ground scrimmages in the war," said Mr. Mitchell.

Mr. Mitchell has not only been a kite flying participant, but has contributed to Cannon's Kite Kar-



PHOTO BY AIRMAN THOMAS TROWER

Almost 3,000 people attended the 3rd Annual Kite Karnival Saturday, said Sheri Hayes. Ms. Hayes, Cannon Community Center director, organizes many functions for the base.



Unit Spotlights



Congratulations NCO Academy Class 06-2 Graduates

Tech. Sgt. Ricky Bardwell,
27th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Tina Brown,
27th Medical Support Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Kyle Brownstead,
27th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. John Clark,
27th Civil Engineer Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Timothy Coulman,
27th Civil Engineer Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Roy Galloway,
27th Communications Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Shane Hall,
27th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Daniel Henderson,
27th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Daniel Kerr,
27th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Scott Mackay,
27th Communications Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Marvin Morrow,
27th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Eddie Roberts,
27th Maintenance Operations Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Timothy Sabelfeldt,
27th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Darrin Sommer,
27th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. David Whaley,
27th Component Maintenance Squadron

Congratulations Load Crew of the Year

Staff Sgt. Michael Sabin, 523rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit
Senior Airman Jimmy Martinez, 523rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit
Airman 1st Class Jessica Crossman, 523rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit

TAXES DUE MONDAY

Congress enacted the first federal income tax in 1862 to support the civil war effort.

How many states do not have separate taxes?

- A. Three
- B. Seven
- C. Eleven

The correct answer is (B) seven.

Alaska, Florida, Nevada, South Dakota, Texas, Washington and Wyoming do not withhold separate taxes.

Two other states, New Hampshire and Tennessee, tax only dividend and interest income.

At the Movies

The Cannon Movie Theater is located on the corner of Torch and D.L. Ingram.
 Movie prices are \$3.50 for adults, \$1.75 for children and \$1 for all viewers on Thursdays.

Madea's Family Reunion

7 p.m. today and 4 p.m. Saturday

Description: While planning her family reunion, a pistol-packing grandma must contend with the other dramas on her plate, including the runaway who has been placed under her care and her love-troubled nieces.

Rated: PG-13 (mature thematic material, domestic violence, sex and drug references)

Running time: 107 minutes

16 Blocks

7 p.m. Saturday and 4 p.m. Sunday

Description: A troubled NYPD officer is forced to take a happy, but down-on-his-luck witness 16 blocks from the police station to 100 Centre Street, although no one wants the duo to make it.

Rated: R (violence, intense sequences of action and some strong language)

Running time: 118 minutes

Running Scared

7 p.m. Sunday

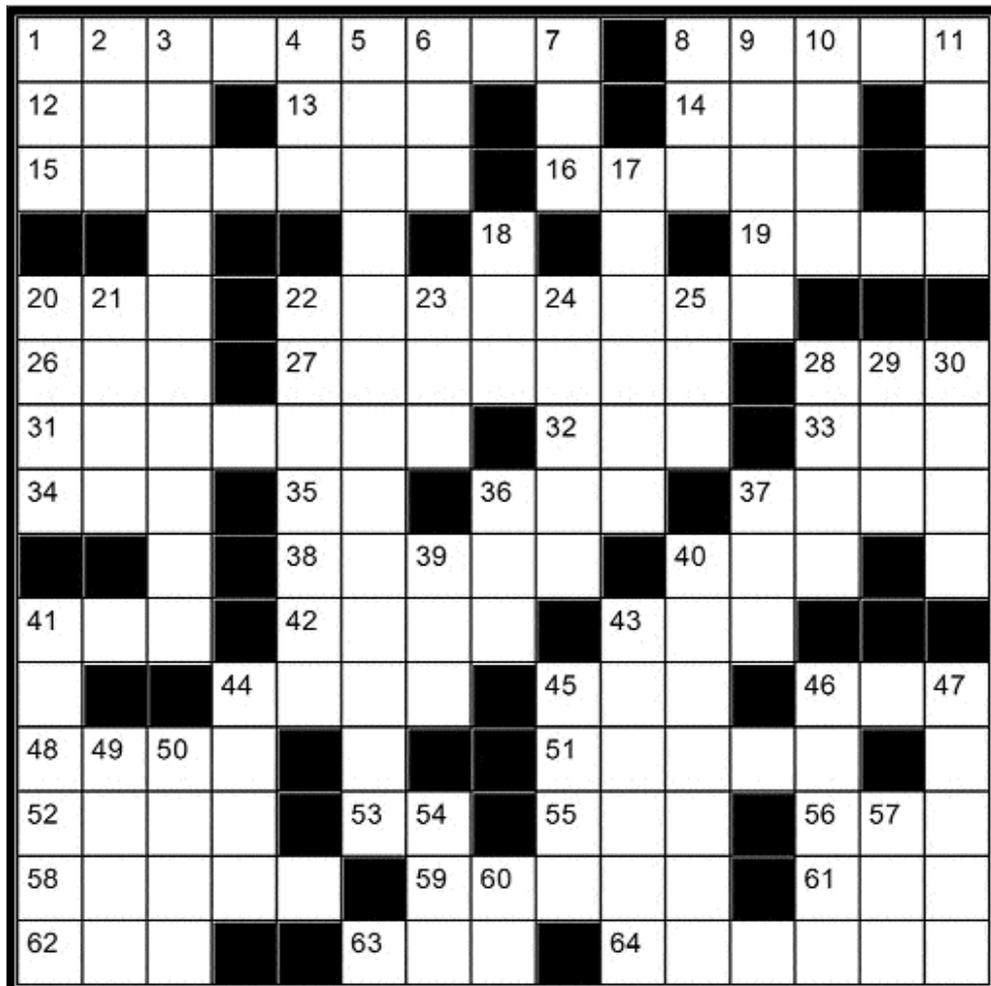
Description: For over a decade Joey Gazelle has successfully juggled his conflicting roles as both loving family man and a low-level employee of the Italian Perello mob in Grimley, N.J. However, when Joey ignores the mob's explicit instructions to dispose of a gun used in the fatal shooting of a corrupt cop during a bungled drug buy, he unwittingly puts his entire family in immediate danger.

Rated: R (strong brutal violence and language, sexuality and drug content)

Running time: 119 minutes



LIGHTER SIDE



Little-known USAF places

ACROSS

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

44. '30s actress ___ May Oliver

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

DOWN

1. Driving crime
2. Pot
3. USAF location in Alaska
4. Distant
5. AF auxiliary field in Nev.
6. Time to separation
7. Home to Dover AFB
8. New Hampshire AFS: pt.1
9. Wicker twig
10. Thorny flower

11. Towel marker
17. Summation
18. Marmalade
20. Lincoln and Vigoda
21. '99 movie Run ___ Run
22. Massachusetts AFS
23. Contest
24. Frilly fabrics
25. Third eye?
28. Rodents
29. Summer drink
30. Scarce
36. Public TV network
37. Compute
39. Pie ___ mode
40. California AFS
41. Part 2 of 8 DOWN
43. Extracted by a solvent
44. Fashion magazine
45. Kitchen extension
46. Poets
47. Sing
49. Smidgen
50. NFL Famer Ronnie
54. Hole-in-one
57. Before, in olden days
60. Tail mark for 388th FW

Puzzles compiled by
Capt. Tony Wickman
71st Fighter Wing



SPORTS & HEALTH

Keeping fit, healthy the safe way

By 1st Lt. S.J. Brown
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

A common focus for men and women this time of year is getting ready for swim-suit season. Several magazines offer quick fixes, magic diets, miracle pills and more for people wanting to get slim. But, beware.

"The safest way to lose weight is to eat a healthy diet and increase the amount of exercise you do, as there is no magic involved," said Robert Pagenkopf, 39th Medical Group fitness program manager and exercise physiologist. Mr. Pagenkopf helps people reach their fitness goals at the health and wellness center.

"Safety is first, so start slowly and increase your time of exercise to 20 to 30 minutes a day," he said. "Never starve yourself and skip meals. This will only put you in a downward spiral of unhealthy weight loss."

The main thing he wants people to remember when they are trying to lose weight is that a healthy lifestyle change is important and that goals must be simple and realistic.

"We did not wake up one morning with 20 extra pounds on our body, therefore it will take time to lose that extra weight safely," he said.

"Miracle" weight loss regimens, often called fad diets, are harmful for many different reasons, according to Staff Sgt. Karen Garza, a diet technician. She said the high protein/low carbohydrate diet is still popular among Americans, but the

results from using these types of diet are short-term.

"Once they lose the achieved weight loss, people usually go back to eating the way they used to, which will cause the weight to come back, if not more," said Sergeant Garza, who works at the HAWC with Mr. Pagenkopf. "Some dieters will experience low blood pressure because they are also cutting out important food groups from their diet when eliminating carbs. This means the body is getting deprived of those nutrients."

Other issues associated with a low-carb diet include an increased risk of heart disease and cancer, as well as reduced athletic performance, rising blood pressure, kidney stones, osteoporosis and fainting, she said. Lifestyle changes that include proper portion sizes, eating "nutrient foods," and increasing fiber intake and water consumption are safer approaches, Sergeant Garza said.

To lose weight safely and get in shape, Mr. Pagenkopf and Sergeant Garza suggest losing only one half to two pounds per week. Any more would result in muscle and water loss.

Another suggestion they both make is to make only short-term weight loss goals.

This lets people obtain realistic, obtainable goals without getting disillusioned or discouraged. They said when people get discouraged, they start seeking alternative

ways to obtain those goals. That might mean a "quick fix."

"When someone thinks of a quick fix, liposuction comes to mind," Mr. Pagenkopf said. "However, studies have shown that 43 percent of all individuals who get liposuction will gain the weight back within six months. It is also a surgery and therefore carries the risk of death. Most people will achieve their desired weight loss through eating a well-balanced diet and with regular exercise."

Mr. Pagenkopf recommends a reasonable workout regimen that includes cardiovascular exercise, resistance training and flexibility exercises.

Start off slowly, perhaps three days a week, with 20 minutes a day of aerobic exercise. Gradually increase the frequency of days to five with 30 to 45 minutes of exercise. These changes should be made every week or two. First increase the frequency, then the amount of time.

"Once you reach your desired aerobic goals, resistance training should be included to increase calorie expenditure and raise metabolic rate," he said. "The more lean muscle a person has increases (his or her) caloric burn and enhances a body-composition change. Combine this fitness regime with proper diet and you have a winning combination for that swimsuit-season body."



PHOTO BY AIRMAN THOMAS TROWER

Earth Day golf tourney

The 27th Civil Engineer Squadron held their 6th Annual Earth Day Golf Tournament April 7. Coming out as winners were Larry Looney, Josh Creeger, Jim Leiberick and Len Curtis. Next week, the 27th CES will hold a 5K Fun Run at 8 a.m. Wednesday at the fitness center and environmental awareness booths from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at the base exchange.

Fitness Center events calendar

Today

Yoga

5:30 - 6:30 a.m.
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Saturday

Yoga

8 - 9 a.m.

Sunday

No Classes

Monday

Yoga

5:30 - 6:30 a.m.
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Cardio Cycling

11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Yoga

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Cardio Cycling

5:30 - 6:15 a.m.
9 - 10 a.m.

Aerobics

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Yoga

5:30 - 6:30 a.m.
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Cardio Cycling

11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
4 - 5 p.m.

Aerobics

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Cardio Cycling

5:30 - 6:15 a.m.
Step Aerobics

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Yoga

6:45 - 7:45 p.m.



SPORTS SHORTS



10,000 steps a day

Strive for 70,000 steps between April 24 and 30 to promote Medical Fitness Week. Participants may sign up at the Cannon Health and Wellness Center and receive a pedometer to track their steps. Prizes will be awarded for most steps.

Cannon Lanes

Moonlight and Music — Bowl from 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday for \$1.75 per game with the lights over the lanes turned off and music to bowl by. For more information, call 784-2280.

Month of the Military Child — To celebrate Month of the Military Child, Cannon Lanes offers 50 cent games with free shoe rental from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday to children 16 years old and under, when accompanied by a paying adult.

Outdoor recreation

Tax Day Shoot — Play one round of trap, skeet and sporting clays from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday at Trap and Skeet on Perimeter Rd.

Cost is \$25 and includes a barbeque and winners receive awards. For more information, call 784-2819.

Horseback Ride in Cerrillo, N.M. — Trot, canter or gallop through Santa Fe County on a registered Missouri Foxtrotter or Tennessee Walker May 6 in Cerrillo, N.M.

Riders of all skill levels are invited. The group leaves Cannon at 7 a.m. and return at 9 p.m.

Cost is \$85 and includes transportation and riding. Everyone should bring a hat, water, layers of clothing and a change of shoes.

Sign up deadline is May 1. For more information, call 784-2773.

Boater Safety Course — Receive a U.S. Coast Guard boaters safety certificate and On-Water Familiarization certification April 22 at Fort Sumner Lake in Fort Sumner, N.M.

This daylong trip costs \$20 and is required to rent outdoor recreation

powered water crafts. Price includes transportation, sack lunch and courses. Sign up deadline is Tuesday.

Youth sports

Dodgeball — Play a game of dodgeball from 4:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday in the youth center gym.

For more information, call the youth center at 784-2747.

Tee Ball and Baseball — The tee ball league is for players ages five to six and baseball league is for players ages seven to nine.

The cost is \$25 and players can register through April 22. Leagues begin games on April 29.

There must be enough players for four teams in each league.

For more information, call Lionel Alston at 784-2485.

Instructional programs — Sign up for cheerleading, dance, yoga and preschool tumble at the youth center.

Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays and cost \$30 per child.

Whispering Winds

Texas Scramble — Whispering Winds will establish the players for the four-person teams at 8 a.m. Saturday.

Each player tees off and the best tee shot is selected. From that spot, everyone plays their own ball into the hole. Sign up by noon today.

Monday Night Scrambles — Nine hole scrambles begin at 5 p.m. Mondays for two-person teams. Handicaps will be used and players may pick their own partners.

Players must sign up by 3 p.m.