

Community Events

Clinic upgrades

The plumbing and heating and air conditioning systems at the Medical Group are being upgraded. These upgrades are expected to last through June 2007. During this time, minor delays, detours around the most direct route to the clinic and construction noises may be experienced. Some restrooms may be temporarily out of service and temperatures indoors may be cooler or warmer than normal.

The quality of care we provide will not be compromised and we will do our best to ensure your visit to the Medical Group is as pleasant as possible.

27th MXG holiday party

Airmen and their families assigned to the 27th Maintenance Group are invited to its annual children's party from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Hangar 208. There will be arts and crafts and photos with Santa at this free event.

For more information, call 784-2165 or 784-4410.

College registration

Registration for the spring semester at Clovis Community College is under way. Online and on-campus registration continues through Jan. 22. To register online, go to www.clovis.edu/register.

For more information, call 769-4025.

Family meal

Family members of Airmen deployed to Iraq or remote facilities are invited to a family meal at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Pecos Trail Dining Facility.

For more information, call 748-4228.

Healthcare Council meeting

The Community Healthcare Council meets at 2 p.m. on Wednesday in the Escape Room at The Landing.

All 27th Medical Group beneficiaries are invited to attend.

The Community Healthcare Council is a forum for the 27th Medical Group to interact with beneficiaries.

FWP meeting

The monthly Federal Women's Program meeting is at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Mission Support Group conference room.

Trina Miller, National Emergency Grant coordinator for the Eastern Plains Council of Governments will discuss available funds from the state and federal government.

For more information, call 784-2555.

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Cannon Airman killed in Iraq

By Janet Taylor-Birkey
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Capt. Kermit Evans, 31, of Hollandale, Miss., was killed Dec. 2 when the Marine CH-46 helicopter he was traveling in was forced to make an emergency water landing near the shore of Lake Qadisiyah in western Al Anbar Province, Iraq, according to a U. S. Central Command Air Forces Public Affairs release.

Captain Evans was one of 16 military personnel aboard the helicopter and one of four servicemembers killed as a result of the landing that happened at approximately 2:30 p.m., Baghdad time.

Deployed from the 27th Fighter Wing, 27th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD)

unit, Captain Evans was assigned to the 732nd Expeditionary Mission Support Group, a unit of the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing, Balad Air Base, Iraq.

"The loss of any Airman is shared by the entire Air Force community," said Col. Valentino Bagnani III, 27th Fighter Wing vice commander. His sentiments were echoed by Lt. Col. Stephen Wood, 27th Civil Engineer Squadron commander who said Captain Evans' "untimely death ... has affected us all. His loss is felt by the entire unit and their families."

Captain Evans was born April 15, 1975 in Hollandale, Miss. After graduating from Mississippi State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in chemical engineering, he entered Officer Training School in 2001 at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.,



COURTESY PHOTO

Capt. Kermit Evans and received his commission as a second lieutenant in November of 2001.

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Be safe this holiday season

By Michael W. Wynne
Secretary of the Air Force and
General T. Michael Mosely
Air Force Chief of Staff

The holiday season gives many of us the well-deserved opportunity to relax and celebrate with friends and family. But for some the holidays can be stressful, especially when heightened by separation from loved ones. This time of year includes unique opportunities for activities and emotions that we should be both grateful for and wary of. We're asking you once again to keep a close eye on your Wingmen - your friends, loved ones and fellow Airmen - this holiday season, thus continuing to play an important role in preserving the Air Force's most precious resource - you.

Although we already put a lot of emphasis on safety, we can all do more to look out for our Wingmen. Eight of our precious Airmen have committed suicide this fiscal year. Many of these heartbreaking tragedies could have been avoided if Wingmen had intervened.

In FY06 we lost 45 Airmen to private motor vehicle mishaps and countless others were injured. Most of these could have been avoided with proper risk management decisions. During this season, in particular, many off-duty activities carry significant inherent risk that can easily be compounded by exceeding individual capabilities, drinking alcohol, failing to follow proper procedures or wear the proper gear, and failing to plan for winter travel.

It takes leadership - both from individuals and the chain of command - to prevent needless losses. Leaders at all levels must focus attention on sound individual decision making, a disciplined approach to risk management, and the importance of Educating, Motivating, and Activating. Educating means building the knowledge, skills, and character to behave safely and decrease risk exposure. Motivating means giving fellow Airmen the incentive to make the right decisions. Activating means providing the tools to act safely and ensuring each Airman understands the importance of making the right choice.

Ultimately, we can all make a difference, both for the friends and families of our Airmen and for the nation as a whole. Each life we save and each mishap we prevent translates directly into preserving combat capability for our nation. We are at war and need every Airman combat ready and in the fight.

We are grateful for the friends and family who understand and support your sacrifices, and wish them warmth and comfort this season under the blanket of security you provide. And we're grateful for Airmen who demonstrate that the defense of freedom is an unyielding endeavor and live by ideals that never take a holiday. Today, nearly 700,000 total force Airmen are answering the call to serve as part of the Joint Team, defending our nation here at home or deployed a world away. Wherever your service takes you this holiday season, be safe, proud and certain that all Americans value and appreciate you. We remain amazed by what you do every day for our great nation. You have our heartfelt thanks.



NEWS



PHOT BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS RANDI RICKARDS

The flag flew at half staff over Cannon Wednesday in honor of Capt. Kermit Evans who was killed Dec. 2 in Iraq.



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS RANDI RICKARDS

Airmen from the 27th Civil Engineer Squadron stand at parade rest during retreat ceremonies Wednesday honoring Capt. Kermit Evans, Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit, who was killed as a result of an emergency water landing.

Master Sgt. Eric Butt, Cannon Honor Guard, cradles the flag after being lowered during retreat ceremonies Wednesday. It will be presented to Perneatha Evans, wife of Capt. Kermit Evans.

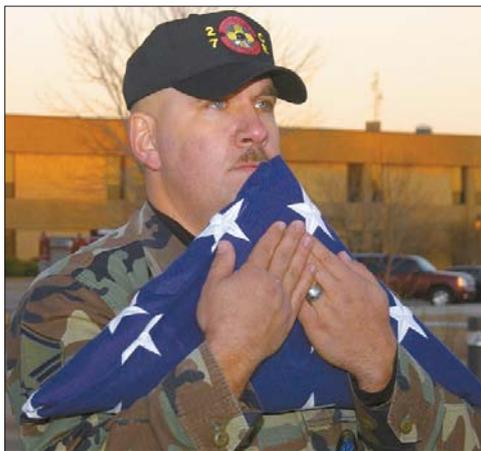
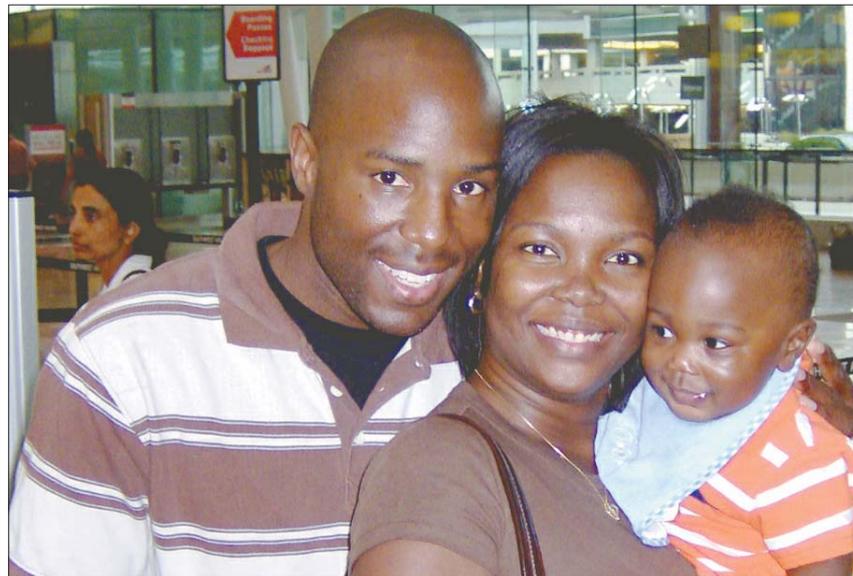


PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN HEATHER REDMAN



COURTESY PHOTO

Capt. Kermit Evans is survived by his wife, Perneatha, and son, Kermit Evans Jr.

CANNON AIRMAN

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Captain Evans began his Air Force career as a general engineer, but after meeting (now retired) Master Sgt. John (J.J.) Holland, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., Explosive Ordnance Disposal team, realized he should make a career field switch to EOD. Sergeant Holland described Evans as “a very motivated, gung-ho civil engineer officer who was not satisfied with the status-quo.”

Captain Evans questioned Sergeant Holland about EOD when the two men met after a staff meeting. Sergeant Holland said he believes it was after a tour of the EOD squadron at Nellis that Evans wanted to “go

blow some stuff up.” It was on a follow-up experience on the explosives range where Evans told Holland that this was what he wanted to do.

Retired Capt. Roger Christiansen also saw the motivation in Captain Evans, but tried to dissuade Evans by stressing the difficulties of being an EOD officer, the challenges of school and the dangers associated with the work.

“He wasn’t phased by any of it,” said Captain Christiansen, so he took a different approach, this time a more positive one. “Once I realized he was serious and that this was his true desire, I strongly encouraged him to do so. His attitude, humor and energy made him a natural.”

It was this attitude, humor and

energy that made Captain Evans a leader to be respected among not only fellow officers, but the men and women he led as the EOD flight commander.

“Every time we ran into a major obstacle or pitfall, he loved to say, ‘Bring it on!’” said Tech. Sgt. Garett Vannes, 27th FW EOD. If there were problems, Sergeant Vannes said Captain Evans let his folks know, “I’ll take the heat on that.”

“(That was) just another example on how he felt that we were his team, and nobody was going to mess with his EOD folks,” the sergeant said.

This attitude and determination led Captain Evans to be decorated with awards including major decorations such as the Bronze Star, the Mer-

itorious Service Medal and the Commendation Medal. He led his unit to the 2005 Senior Master Sergeant Stryzak Award as the “Best Explosives Ordnance Disposal Flight in Air Combat Command.”

“The Cannon EOD flight and EOD career field are going to miss a great leader, mentor and friend. Captain Evans’ comrades will always remember the big smile he had on his face since setting off his first detonation. It never wore off,” said Master Sgt. Harold Hailer, 27th FW EOD flight chief. “He had it on every day he was here, no matter how mundane the task.”

Captain Evans is survived by his wife, Perneatha and a 13-month-old son, Kermit Evans Jr.



NEWS

Community rolls out the holiday carpet for Cannon Airmen

By 2nd Lt. George Tobias
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Clovis community will once again play Santa for Cannon Airmen who will remain at the base during the holidays.

The Single Airmen's Christmas dinner, at 6 p.m. Thursday at the base chapel, will once again provide Airmen with a touch of home and care. A traditional dinner with all the fixings and door prize gifts that range from a 26-inch HDTV to digital cameras and iPod gift baskets will be some of the highlights of the evening.

For the past 12 years, the chapel, with the support of the Clovis Committee of 50, has hosted the dinner, said Chaplain (Capt.) Eusebia Rios, 27th Fighter Wing Chapel. Though the evening is geared primarily for single Airmen who live in the dormitories, single Airmen who live off base are also invited.

The group donated more than \$4,100 to the event.

"The Committee of 50 has been instrumental and a driving force in

reaching out to Cannon Airmen through a large variety of charitable events, especially the Single Airmen's Christmas Dinner," said Chaplain Rios. "We are extremely appreciative of their extreme generosity."

"[The Committee of 50] has been very supportive of Cannon Airmen," she continued, "especially Mr. [Al] Jolly."

Mr. Jolly, who got the Committee of 50 involved in supporting the event years ago, will attend the dinner once again this year to share in the festivities.

He was stationed at Cannon for his first duty station in 1951 and said, "Spending Christmas [at the base] was no fun. It was pretty bad," he said, remembering his first holiday away from home.

Mr. Jolly said he wants Airmen to come to the dinner for a good time, share in the Christmas spirit and maybe win a great prize.

"We want to live out the meaning of Christmas," said Chaplain Rios, "the giving and the sharing."

The Single Airmen's Christmas Dinner will also feature the annual



FILE PHOTO/GREG ALLEN

Al Jolly and his wife Freddie are surrounded by Airmen who won prizes that ranged from PlayStations to a 27-inch television at last year's Single Airmen's Holiday Dinner. The dinner begins this year at 6 p.m. at the base chapel and all single Airmen are invited to attend. iPods and a 26-inch HDTV will be among the door prizes provided to Airmen by the Clovis Committee of 50.

"Punch Off." The four groups within the 27th Fighter Wing will present a punch bowl, representing the significant mission of each group and with imagination alone, capture the essence of each group's mission statement. "The

announcement of the winner will be made at the dinner," said Chaplain Rios.

For more information about the Single Airmen's Christmas Dinner call Chaplain Rios or Staff Sgt. Kevin Anderson at 784-2507.

A legend returns to commemorate Air Force anniversary

By Maj. David Malakoff
11th Wing Public Affairs

WASHINGTON – During World War II, a special wartime publication, limited to 5,000 copies, brought some welcome light in the allies' darkest days. But this "rarest of the rare" books appealed to more than just yesterday's Airmen – it charmed their children.

Now, after 63 years, and the hard-fought efforts of one Air Force historian, the book will again be made available to Airmen in time for the holiday season.

The gremlins have returned.

In commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the U.S. Air Force, the Army Air Force Exchange Service is distributing a limited edition of the 1943 children's book, "The Gremlins: A Royal Air Force Story."

children's book, "The Gremlins: A Royal Air Force Story." Roald Dahl wrote the book and later went on to write "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," "James and the Giant Peach" and other children's classics.

The book is now available at base exchanges. The print run is limited and advance ordering of the book is not possible.

"The Gremlins is unique on many levels," said Andrew Stephens, 11th Wing historian and the man behind the Gremlins project. "The 1943 edition only had 5,000 copies published worldwide and was never again reprinted, making it one of the rarest children's books in existence.

"The illustrations in the book were all done by Walt Disney Studios, many coming from the storyboards for an animated feature about the interaction between World War II allied flyers and their magical little friends.

Mr. Stephens began the Gremlins Project in February 2006, finding a rare copy of the Dahl book in the National Archives. His research showed that Dahl, then a Royal Air Force flight lieutenant, had served in Washington, D.C., when the book was written.

"Dahl was an air attaché here during the war," said Mr. Stephens. "His duties had him working closely alongside Air Force visionaries at Bolling Field on Operation Bolero, as well as other critical needs. Bolero was an important mission, providing flyers, airplanes and other equipment to Britain for the extensive buildup of the Normandy invasion over a long period of time. It is likely that then-Lieutenant Dahl wrote this book as a way to de-

stress from the demands of mission planning, as well as a tongue-in-cheek ribbing of mechanical problems that plagued Allied airmen."

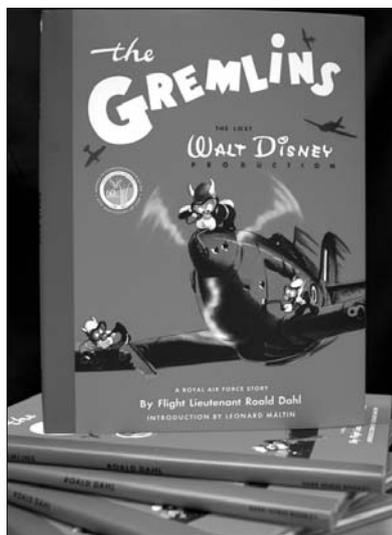
The story goes that, after Lieutenant Dahl crashed an airplane earlier in the war, he blamed gremlins – little magical creatures that injected mischief into the everyday operations of pilots. The concept had universal appeal: a scapegoat for when things don't go the way they're supposed to, and was embraced by pilots everywhere.

But Dahl's story goes further, Mr. Stephens said. The book delivers a moral lesson as well – that those problems that plague pilots can be overcome through cooperation and that building a friendship can turn a problem into a winning solution.

The message for children is different, said Mr. Stephens.

"Airmen can read this book to their children and explain that they always have someone looking out for them. Children worry that their parents go into battle alone, because they don't understand the social structure of the military. The gremlins then become a metaphor for the wingmen who serve alongside us, comforting our children in the process. It's an unrivaled opportunity for parents to bond with their children in a military setting; a real win-win for the Air Force."

The book is available through AAFES main exchange stores.



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COMMENTARY

Remember to keep safety on your holiday wish list

By Bruce Ford

Assistant fire prevention chief

As the holidays approach we should all look for and eliminate potential dangers from holiday lights and decorations.

Each year, hospital emergency rooms treat about 8,100 people for injuries, such as falls, cuts and shocks related to holiday lights, decorations and Christmas trees. In addition, Christmas trees are involved in more than 400 fires annually, resulting in 30 deaths, 90 injuries and causes an average of more than \$17 million in property loss and damage.

To have a safe and happy holiday season consider the following safety tips:

Trees

– When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label "Fire Resistant." Although this label does not mean the tree won't catch fire, it does indicate

the tree will resist burning and should extinguish quickly.

– Check for freshness if you get a live tree. It needs to be green and the needles should not easily fall from the branch. A fresh tree is green, needles are hard to pull from branches and do not break when bent between your fingers. The trunk is sticky with resin, and when tapped on the ground, the tree does not lose many needles.

– When setting up a tree, place it away from fireplaces and heat sources. Because heated rooms dry live trees out rapidly, be sure to keep the stand filled with water. Place the tree out of the way of traffic and do not block doorways.

Lights

– Indoors or outside, use only lights that have been tested for safety by a recog-

nized testing laboratory, which indicates conformance with safety standards. Do not use outdoor lights for interior applications unless approved for interior use.

– Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections, and throw out damaged sets.

– Use no more than three standard-size sets of lights per single extension cord.

– Never use electric lights on a metallic tree.

– Fasten outdoor lights securely to trees, house walls or other firm supports to protect the lights from wind damage. Do not use nails or tacks to hold light strings in place. Run strings of lights through hooks or other approved anchors.

– Turn off all lights when you go to bed or leave the house. The lights could short

out and start a fire.

– For additional protection, plug outdoor electric lights and decorations into circuits protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs). Portable outdoor GFCIs can be purchased where electrical supplies are sold.

Decorations

– Use non-combustible or flame-resistant materials to trim a tree. Choose tinsel or artificial icicles of plastic or nonleaded metals.

– Never use lighted candles on a tree or near other evergreens. Always use non-flammable holders, and place candles where they will not be knocked down.

– In homes with small children, take special care to avoid decorations that are sharp or breakable, keep trimmings with small removable parts out

of the reach of children to avoid the child swallowing or inhaling small pieces, and avoid trimmings that resemble candy or food that may tempt a child to eat them.

– Wear gloves to avoid eye and skin irritation while decorating with spun glass "angel hair." Follow container directions carefully to avoid lung irritation while decorating with artificial snow sprays.

Fireplaces

– Use care with "fire salts," which produce colored flames when thrown on wood fires. They contain heavy metals that can cause intense gastrointestinal irritation and vomiting if eaten. Keep them away from children.

– Do not burn wrapping papers in the fireplace. A flash fire may result.

Airmen deliver hope

By Col. Samuel Cox

436th Airlift Wing commander

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. – I had the privilege of participating in the Falcon

Heritage Forum at the United States Air Force Academy, to interact with people who have participated in operational missions, specifically, humanitarian airlift missions.

This diverse group included individuals who had been involved in a variety of missions including the Berlin Airlift, post 9-11 daily ration airdrops in Afghanistan, natural disaster assistance for hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and combat rescue in Vietnam.

The most decorated

speaker was Col. Joe Jackson, a Medal of Honor recipient who risked his life to rescue a 3-man combat control team in Vietnam.

The most famous speaker was Col. Gail Halvorsen, who commanded of hundreds of missions during the Berlin Airlift in 1948 to 1949.

A single thread was common in every message – hope

Colonel Jackson and his aircrew not only saved three combat controllers but sent a

clear message to everyone in uniform – our United States military will never leave you behind.

In Berlin and Afghanistan, life was not easy. The supplies represented hope. A small piece of candy in Berlin and a small packet of daily rations in Afghanistan was a collective light that shined brightly into the future and provided a hope for democracy and freedom.

Today, all of us in the United States Air Force are a part of something bigger than

ourselves; we provide a beacon of light to millions around the world.

Every time an Airman deploys, he or she is an integral part of the delivery of hope. Moreover, all of us who wear the uniform of the United States Air Force walk in the proud footsteps of Colonel Joe Jackson and Colonel Gail Halvorsen. Take this responsibility seriously and don't forget how important you are as a component of this formidable team.

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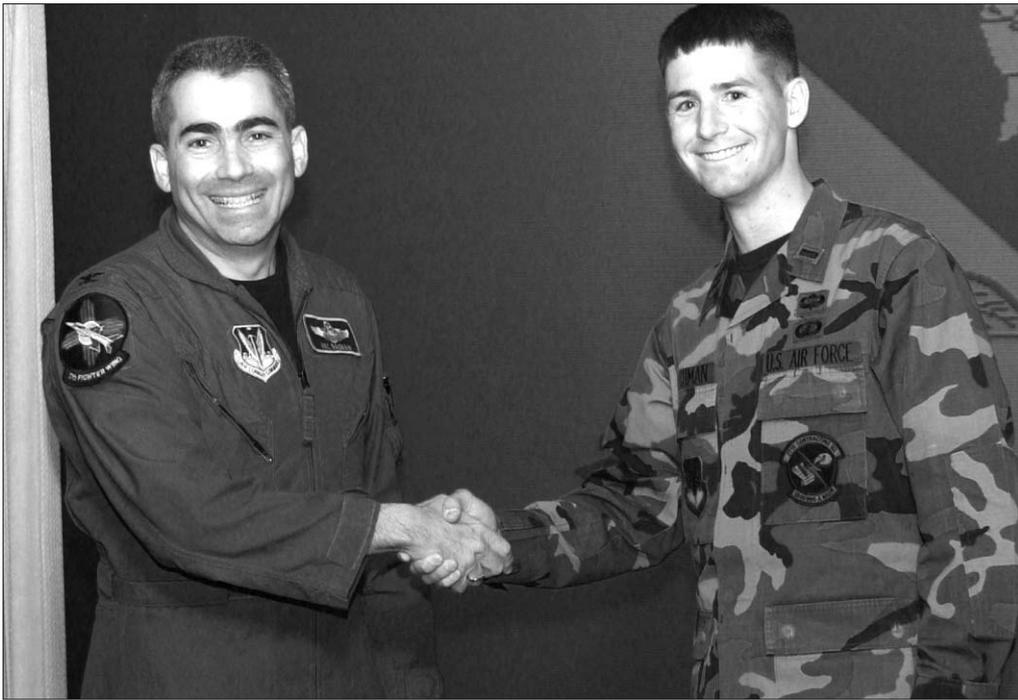
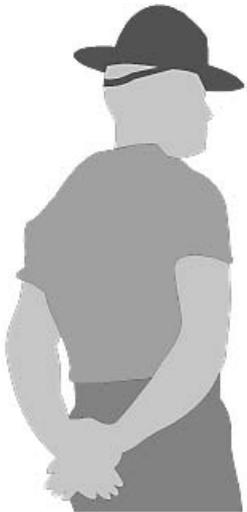


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Viper volunteer

Col. Valentino Bagnani III, 27th Fighter Wing vice commander, congratulates 1st Lt. Jeremiah Kirschman, 27th Mission Support Group, for his selection as Viper Volunteer of the Week Tuesday. Lieutenant Kirschman was recognized for his volunteer work for the Eastern New Mexico University soccer team as well as coaching an under-12 boys' team in Amarillo. He also escorted several dignitaries during the Base Realignment and Closure visits and, dressed as Santa, drove with the Portales mayor to deliver gifts to children.



Sgt. Afi's 36-2903 **Tip of the Week**

Sideburns will be neatly trimmed and tapered in the same manner as the haircut. They will not extend below the lowest part of the exterior ear opening (this does not apply to individuals with shaving wavers).



Energy-Saving Tip of the Week

Here are ways to save energy while cooking.

- Use flat-bottomed cookware for the stove's burner
- Cover cookware and use the steam inside it to cook food
- Turn down the heat when food reaches cooking temperature and use the lowest possible heat to maintain temperature



FEATURE

Higher education leads to success

Ample school opportunities continue to abound for Airmen

By Tech. Sgt. Steven Wilson
28th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE, S.D. – Today's air expeditionary Airman is deploying longer and more often than ever before in a world of shrinking budgets, bonuses and manpower.

However, one benefit that hasn't gone away in these changing times is the educational opportunities offered by the Air Force. Those opportunities are becoming more important for anyone considering the profession of arms as a career.

Effect on military career

"The secretary of the Air Force and the chief of staff's decision to make academic degree information available to officer promotion boards is an obvious signal of the value they place on educated Airmen," said Col. Bruce Emig, 28th Bomb Wing vice commander. "Given two officers with otherwise comparable records, it's clear that advanced education will become a key discriminator in determining promotion opportunities."

A higher education for career-minded Airmen isn't stopping at the officer ranks. Enlisted Airmen with the ambition to advance to the senior NCO corps should get in school, too.

"Current Air Force leadership recognizes that senior non-commissioned officers with higher education usually bring increased capabilities to their position and have mandated a Community College of the Air Force degree before receiving a senior rater endorsement, said Chief Master Sgt. John Gillette, Ellsworth AFB's command chief.

Without a senior-rater endorsement, Airmen will not get promoted, the chief said.

While promotions and pro-

fessional development are always important, there are many other advantages obtaining advanced degrees.

The bottom line

Between 1980 and 2004, earnings increased proportional to education for all young adults ages 25 to 34 who worked full time, said Paula Howard, Ellsworth's Base Training and Education Services flight chief.

What does this mean in real numbers?

Males with a four-year degree or higher earned 67 percent more than males in the same age range who had a high school diploma only, Ms. Howard said.

"In 2004, a male with a high school diploma earned \$30,400 while a male with a bachelor's degree or higher earned an average of \$50,700," Ms. Howard said.

CCAF

For enlisted Airmen, another benefit offered by the Air Force is the Community College of the Air Force degree. This is a bona fide degree from an accredited university available to the enlisted force. CCAF is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Chief Gillette summarized the importance of a degree like CCAF for both career-minded Airmen and Airmen who choose to separate after serving.

"Education is what broadens our perspective and enhances our abilities to perform our mission," he said. "Our enlisted force has taken on increasingly demanding roles in the Air Force and I believe that trend will increase. I believe most of our Airmen today recognize the importance of education to help them advance their career in the Air Force and the value it has if they choose to separate after their enlistment."

To complete the CCAF degree a member must have 64 semester hours.

"Certain career fields receive enough credit hours from technical school to complete the 24 semester hours needed for technical education and most of the program electives, leaving only six semester hours in general education and 15 semester hours in program electives to complete," said Ms. Howard.

One concern Airmen may have in today's high operations-

to complete [the course] the first term available after returning."

Virtual education

Another option for today's busy military member is an online academic education.

"Online programs have come a long way in the past five years," said Ms. Brown. "There are hundreds of accredited institutions now that are offering online courses and degrees. Every day state and private schools are looking at ways to provide students with online programs."



COURTESY GRAPHIC

tempo environment is starting class and not having time to finish it before heading out for a deployment or temporary duty.

But, Ms. Howard says most institutions are very aware of this issue and can work with deploying Airmen to find a solution that makes sense.

"If you start school and find out you're deploying during the term, the local schools are very willing to work with you to complete [the courses] successfully, either by e-mail or some other distance learning program," she said. "If this isn't possible, and you're progressing as expected in the class, an instructor can give you an incomplete until you return and then you would have

Ms. Howard cautions that a prospective military student should do some research before deciding on an online university.

"There are, of course, the dubious academic institutions that say they have certain [degree granting] credentials and don't. Before ever committing to a school, the Air Force member should always take the time to come to BTES and talk with me or our counselor to get a better picture of the school they're attending," she said.

Financial advantage

One concern the Air Force can nearly eliminate for the uniformed member is the cost associated with attending a univer-

sity.

"The military member receives \$4,500 per fiscal year toward his tuition," Ms. Brown said. "A person in the military has a wonderful advantage over those who graduate from high school and immediately go to college.

"Granted, normally an active-duty student can only

Chief Master Sgt.
John Gillette

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— Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., command chief

take part-time classes but, for the most part, with 100 percent tuition assistance the member doesn't have any college debts except to purchase books."

Colonel Emig echoed Ms. Howard's thoughts.

"Think of your education benefits as part of your pay," he said. "If you don't use them, you lose that pay."

The cost of books shouldn't deter the military student either.

"Many times our active-duty members are eligible for Pell Grants based on their income by applying for federal financial aid," said Ms. Brown.

Airmen interested in learning more about accredited distance learning programs can log on to www.petersons.com/distancelearning/code/search.asp.

For more information on starting a degree program, Airmen can call their local education and service center.



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Tuesdays and Thursdays
5 – 6 p.m. (Beginners)
6 – 7 p.m. (Advanced)

Classes are geared for those 8 years of age and up.

Payment for class to be made at the
Central Community Center
\$40 PER MONTH

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Center hosts 'Pied Piper,' featuring 6-14 year olds Aspiring actors, actresses shine at Kirtland Youth Center

By Mara Minwegen
Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M. Public Affairs

"If you can see the audience, they can see you. No peeking!" Stephanie Storhaug said, as she coached a group of future stars sitting in front of a banner for Hamelin Town at the Rio Grande Conference Center.

The Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., Youth Center hosted a production of "The Pied Piper," featuring Youth Center participants and community members.

Between 6 and 14 years old, the performers were coached by Ms. Storhaug and Maxwell Burnham of the Missoula Children's Theatre.

Based in Missoula, Mont., the group tours the United States, Canada and 15 other countries, mounting productions of plays suitable for young people.

The 42 teams of two arrive at a hosting organization such as the Kirtland Youth Center on a Sunday, hold auditions on Monday, practice and teach through Friday and hold the performances Friday or Saturday.

The schedule is rigorous, but enjoy-

able for the MCT members, Ms. Storhaug said.

"If theater is what you love, it's the best job I can imagine," she said.

Part of the requirement for the base was to have a musical accompanist, which gave Peggy Freeman, a pianist and Kirtland community member, an opportunity to participate in the show.

"I still like to keep my hand in with what they're doing here and they were kind enough to call me again. It's a terrific experience for the kids," she said.

Although the MCT has put on productions before, Ms. Storhaug had never been to a military base before, and found the experience very positive.

"I was pleasantly surprised. Neither of us has been on a base before. Everyone's been great," she said.

There may be some outstanding performers in the group, who worked especially hard learning multiple parts to make up for a small turnout.

"I'm very proud of all of them. Some of the kids are really coming into their own and realizing that theater is something they really like," Ms. Storhaug said.



Today

Conversational Language Skills Japanese – 11 a.m. to noon at the Cannon Library
Seafood Buffet – 11 a.m. at The Landing
DJ – 7 p.m. at the End Zone

Saturday

Green Pin Strike Night – 6 p.m. at Cannon Lanes

Sunday

Winter Workout Week – through Dec. 16 at the Fitness Center
NFL Football – 10 a.m. at the End Zone
Dart League – 6:30 p.m. at the End Zone

Monday

Colossal Cookie Comfort and Care – donate cookies all week at the Central Community Center
Conversational Language Skills Arabic – 11 a.m.

What's happening?

to noon at the Cannon Library

Melba's Choice – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Landing
Football Frenzy – 6 p.m. at the End Zone

Tuesday

Chef's Choice – 11 a.m. at The Landing
Conversational Language Skills Spanish – 11 a.m. to noon at the Cannon Library
Pool Tournament – 4 to 6 p.m. at the Portales Community Center
Foosball Tournament – 5:30 p.m. at the Clovis Community Center
Kids Craft – 5:30 p.m. at the Clovis Community Center

Wednesday

International Buffet – 11 a.m. at The Landing
Conversational Language Skills Chinese – 11 a.m. to noon at the Cannon Library

Wild Wednesdays – 1:30 p.m. at Cannon Lanes

Foosball Tournament – 3 to 5 p.m. at the Portales Community Center

Thursday

Conversational Language Skills French – 11 a.m. to noon at the Cannon Library
Scrapbooking – 6:30 p.m. at the Clovis Community Center
Chess Club Casual Play – 6 p.m. at the Central Community Center



COURTESY GRAPHIC



COMMUNITY EVENTS



PHOTO BY GREG ALLEN

Pet of the Week

This puppy is a female Labrador retriever mix and is available for adoption. For more information, call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 784-4228.

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Commissioning briefing

The quarterly enlisted commissioning briefing is from 11 a.m. to noon Dec. 15 at Bldg. 600, Suite 2099 for interested Airmen. For more information, call 784-4184.

Caprock Inn available during the holidays

The Caprock Inn has rooms available during the holiday season for visiting guests. Cannon's lodging office is temporarily relocated to Bldg. 1800 next to the Airman and Family Readiness Center due to a facility renovation project. For more information or to make a reservation, call 784-2919

Angel Tree

The Angel Tree is once again on display at the base exchange. Make a military family member's holiday memorable. Presents can be placed under the tree until Dec. 17.

To self nominate, or nominate through the Airman and Family Readiness Center, call 784-4228.

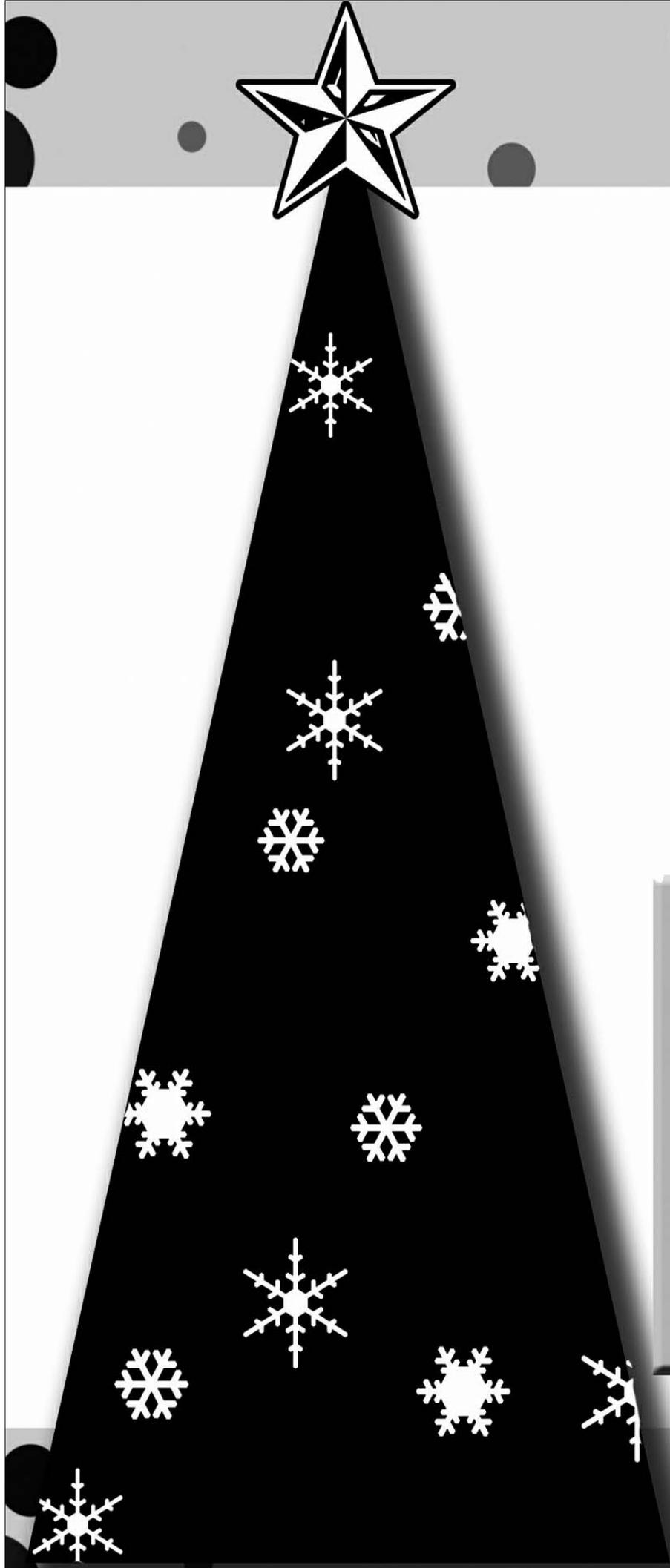
Two volunteers are needed to sit by the Angel tree from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily for a week.

To volunteer, call 784-4228.

Morale calls

Morale calls must go through the new automated "Morale Minder" system. Families making morale calls can call 784-4228 to get a personal identification number.

<i>Base Chapel</i>	
<i>Holiday Schedule</i>	
	
Protestant	Catholic
Dec. 24 Regular Sunday Services Candlelight Christmas Eve, 7 p.m.	Dec. 24 4th Sunday of Advent Mass, 10:30 a.m. Christmas Eve Family Mass, 5 p.m. Christmas Solemn Mass, 10 p.m.
Dec. 31 Regular Sunday Services New Year's Eve Watch Night, 10 p.m. to midnight	Dec. 25 No services
	Dec. 31 Feast of the Holy Family Mass, 10:30 a.m. Solemnity of Mary Mass, 5 p.m.
	Jan. 1 No services



*Single Airmen's
Christmas Dinner*

*6 p.m.
Thursday
Base Chapel*

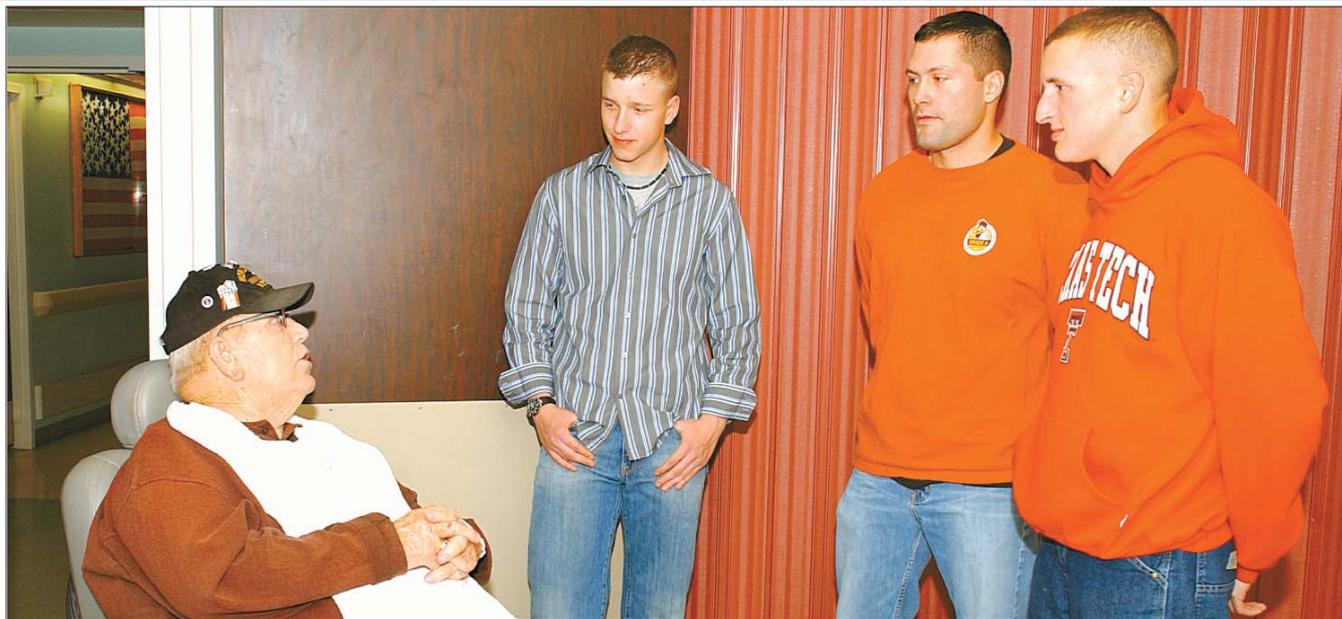
*Free food
Prizes include an
HDTV*



FEATURE



Airman Charde Ray, 27th Mission Support Squadron, visits Veteran Spurgeon Jackson at Amarillo Veterans Medical Center Dec. 1, part of a trip organized by the Cannon Air Force Sergeants Association.



From left to right: Airman Davis Chopik, Staff Sgt. Douglas Palmisano and Airman J.C. Hodges, 27th Civil Engineer Squadron, visit Milton McRady at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Amarillo Dec. 1.

Airmen bring holiday cheer to veterans

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. April Wickes
27th Communications Squadron

Cannon Airmen spread a bit of holiday cheer with a visit to veterans at the Thomas E. Creek Veterans Administration Medical Center in Amarillo Dec. 1.

The trip was organized by the Air Force Sergeants Association as part of its commitment to the community and was the group's first visit to the center.

"It was nice to come out here," said Airman Charde Ray, 27th Mission Support Squadron, one of 16 Airmen from Cannon who made the trip. "They

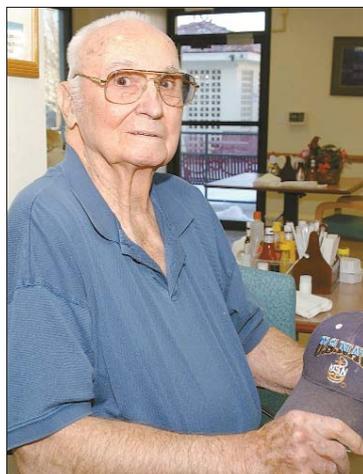
enjoyed it and we did, too."

Jack Husband is a resident at the center who has no remaining family. He told the visiting Airmen that while he relished his experiences as a Naval pilot, "I was scared to death." He earned 23 battle stars and three presidential citations during his time in the service.

Veterans from throughout the United States live at the center, but few have families that visit them regularly, so the visit from Cannon Airmen was appreciated.

"I'll be hearing about it for the next week," said recreational team leader Frank Chavez.

Navy veteran Jack Husband, a resident at the Amarillo Veterans Medical Center, was one of the several veterans Cannon Airmen visited Dec. 1.



Courtesy Air Force Personnel Center
News Service

Families receive \$178 million in retroactive benefits

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Base-level casualty assistance representatives around the Air Force have been instrumental in identifying eligible families to receive more than \$178 million in retroactive death benefits.

The payments, made by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, come from recent changes enacted by Congress within the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance and death gratuity payment programs.

The retroactive SGLI and death gratuity payments to eligible beneficiaries of deceased servicemembers comes from legislation enacted since May 2005 that raised SGLI from \$250,000 to \$400,000 and gra-

tuity from \$12,000 to \$100,000. Additionally, the authorizations increased retroactive death benefits of up to \$238,000 to an ever expanding group of eligible beneficiaries going back to Oct. 7, 2001.

Regarding the retroactive provision, the May 2005 bill included only deaths in the Southwest Asia area of responsibility in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, while a January 2006 bill expanded eligibility to all deaths, regardless of where they occurred. The most recent bill in June eliminated an inadvertent window of eligibility gap contained in the second bill.

To date, DFAS has paid more than \$178 million to 1,944 of the total 2,066 eligible beneficiaries, about 94 percent of those identified for retroactive pay.

Of the remaining 122 beneficiaries, all but 28 can be paid as soon as the required guardianship documentation is received from the beneficiary, according to Tom Perry, the chief of the AFPC Casualty Matters Division.

"We have 28 remaining beneficiaries that, despite all our collective efforts, have yet to be found," said Col. John Kresek, the director of force operations at AFPC. "The search continues; we are in contact with other federal agencies to see if their name or address databases can be used. We'll continue the search until we locate and make payment to the remaining beneficiaries.

"The Air Force has the right sight picture in its commitment to supporting our warfighters and their families," the colonel added.



NEWS

27th FW holiday tree lighting

Right: Santa traded in his traditional sleigh and reindeer to arrive in a 27th Civil Engineer Squadron fire truck at the 27th Fighter Wing Annual Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony at 4:45 p.m. Dec. 1 at the Cannon Chapel. Santa visited and handed out candy canes to children in the the crowd and choir.



PHOTOS BY TECH. SGT. SCOTT MACKAY



Above: The Ranchvale Elementary School choir serenaded the crowd before the tree was lit Dec. 1. The First Sergeants Association provided hot chocolate to keep warm. Left: The 27th FW tree will remain on display at the chapel through the holiday season.



FEATURE

Carbon monoxide, the silent killer

27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs staff report

Along with frost bite and hypothermia, one of the biggest winter health dangers is the threat of carbon monoxide poisoning.

“CO (carbon monoxide) is a silent killer,” said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Shawn Varney, 59th Medical Wing Emergency Department Flight commander.

Before reaching the point of death, CO can lead to serious illness.

“People suffering from CO toxicity look and feel like they have the flu,” warns Dr. Varney. “A big clue to toxicity is when you say you feel ‘as sick as a dog,’ and then you realize that your dog is sick too!”

Depending on the amount of CO gas inhaled, victims will feel fatigue, headache, nausea, vomiting, weakness and confusion. At very high levels it can cause unconsciousness, heart attack, permanent brain injury and death.

The degree of illness from CO exposure varies greatly from person to person, depending on age, overall health, concentration of the exposure measured in parts per million and the length of exposure.

Deaths from unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning are fairly rare, about 700 in 1993 according to the National Safety Council. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas produced as a by-product of combustion. All fuel burning appliances, vehicles, gas operated

power tools and grills produce carbon monoxide as part of their normal operation. When used properly these devices are safe for you and your family however, each has the potential for producing hazardous levels when used improperly or malfunctioning. Some examples of CO producing devices found inside the home are fuel fired furnaces, gas operated hot water heaters and stoves.

Detectors are available for Military Family Housing at the Self-Help store or can be installed by Cannon Housing Maintenance personnel.

The following steps will help determine the action to take:

— If the alarm goes off, call 9-1-1.

— If the alarm is making a continuous sound, the dispatcher will send a fire crew to investigate the alarm and determine if service personnel are needed to check appliances or heaters.

— If the alarm is beeping with a 3-5 second sound every 5 minutes, the dispatcher will send a fire crew to investigate (this is an early warning signal). The dispatcher will instruct occupants to

evacuate the house and meet responders outside.

— If the alarm is “chirping” once a minute, the dispatcher will instruct you that this is a low battery warning and to pick up replacement batteries from housing maintenance during the next business day. This is not considered an emergency service call for the housing maintenance contractor, however, if you are unable to change the battery, it will be accomplished on an urgent basis.

CO detector batteries must be changed at least annually to maintain their effectiveness.

While carbon monoxide is a concern and everyone must be aware of its warning signs, reacting to a CO detector activation should be different than that of a smoke detector.

A CO detector is designed to warn before there is a severe risk from CO poisoning and to give time to take appropriate action.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact the Housing Office at 784-7532 or the Cannon Fire Department at 784-7449.

GRAPHIC BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS THOMAS TROWER



PHOTO BY 2ND LT. GEORGE TOBIAS

27th Mission Support Squadron Chili Cookoff

Left: Lt. Col. Beachel Curtis, 27th Fighter Wing Plans, and Christine Sapp, 27th MSS, try the six recipes that were entered in the 27th MSS Chili Cookoff Dec. 1 in Bldg. 600.

Below: Chief Master Sgt. Ray Clark, Maj. Donna Pike and Lt. Col. Charles Killion judged the anonymous entries.



PHOTO BY 2ND LT. GEORGE TOBIAS



PHOTO BY CAPT. REBECCA GARCIA

Above: Colonel Killion said the meals were “very, very good,” adding, “I want my taste-buds back.”

Tech. Sgt. Judy Bland, 27th FW Judge Advocate, won the hottest chili prize while the best tasting award went to Master Sgt. Colleen Ketchuck, 27th MSS. Chief Clark was unphased by the heat and requested the cooks “add more jalapeños” next time.



Unit Spotlights



2006 ACC Civil Engineer Award Winners



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS RANDI RICKARDS



Lt. Col. Stephen Wood, 27th Civil Engineer Squadron commander
Accepting the following awards for the 27th CES:
Maj. Gen. Clifton D. Wright Award (Outstanding Operations Flight)
Brig. Gen. Archie S. Mayes Award (Outstanding Engineering Flight)

Capt. Alesandra Neiman, 27th Civil Engineer Squadron
Receiving runner-up for the *Maj. Gen. Eugene A. Lupia Award (Outstanding Civil Engineer Military Manager)*

*Congratulations Senior NCO Academy graduate
Senior Master Sgt. Richard Bernet, 522nd Aircraft Maintenance Unit*

CANNON AIR FORCE BASE CHAPEL

Chapel services

CATHOLIC

- Religious Education 9:15 a.m.
- Sunday (grades K-6)
- Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Reconciliation 9:30 a.m.
- Weekday Mass (M,W,F) 12:05 p.m.
- Edge/LifeTeen youth ministry 6 p.m.
- Sunday (grades 7-12)

PROTESTANT

- Contemporary 9 a.m.
- Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
- Gospel 12 p.m.

For more information about other programs or other faith groups, call the chapel office at 784-2507.

At the Movies

The Cannon Theater is located on Torch and Ingram. Movie prices are \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children.

Flags of our Fathers

Today at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 4 p.m.

Description: February 1945. One of the most crucial and bloodiest battles of the war was the struggle for the island of Iwo Jima which culminated with what would become one of the most iconic images in history: five Marines and a Navy corpsman raising the American flag on Mount Suribachi. The inspiring photo capturing that moment became a symbol of victory to a nation that had grown weary of war and made instant heroes of the six Americans.

R – war violence and language — 132 min.

The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause

Saturday at 1 and 7 p.m., and Sunday at 1 p.m.

Description: It's Christmas time once again and Scott Calvin juggles a full house of family and the mischievous Jack Frost, who is trying to take over the holiday. At the risk of giving away the secret location of the North Pole, Scott invites his in-laws to share in the holiday festivities and upcoming birth of baby Clause. Along for the adventure are Scott's extended family, son Charlie, ex-wife Laura Miller, her husband, Neil Miller and their daughter, Lucy who, together with head elf Curtis, foil Jack Frost's crafty scheme to control the North Pole.

G – general audiences — 98 min.

Saw III

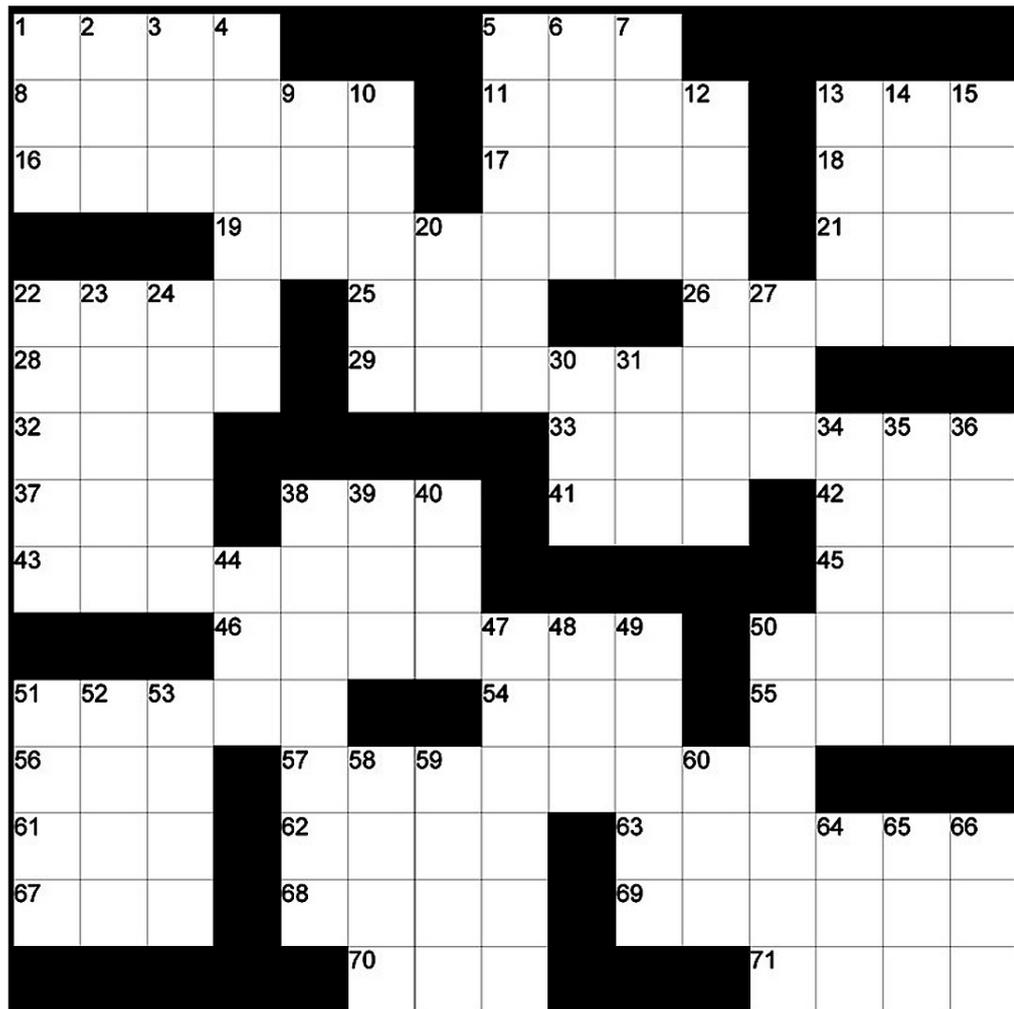
Sunday at 4 p.m.

Description: With his new apprentice Amanda — the puppet-master behind the cruel, intricate games that have terrified a community and baffled police — Jigsaw has once again eluded capture and vanished. While city detectives scramble to locate him, Dr. Lynn Denlon is unaware that she is about to become the latest pawn on his vicious chessboard. Racing against the clock of Jigsaw's own heartbeat, Lynn must struggle to make it through vicious tests, unaware that Jigsaw has a much bigger plan for her.

R – violence, gore, terror, torture, nudity, language — 107 min.



THE LIGHTER SIDE



ANSWERS ON PAGE 18

War Declared

By Capt. Tony Wickman
71st Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Across

- 1. In addition
- 5. Hawaiian acacia; used for making furniture
- 8. Second part of 26 ACROSS
- 11. Hip bones
- 13. Apex
- 16. Each
- 17. Recuperate
- 18. Lyrical poem
- 19. Japanese admiral who was architect for "day of infamy"
- 21. Fish egg
- 22. Void
- 25. Outrage
- 26. Site of "day of infamy;" launched US into WWII
- 28. Frosted
- 29. Skills
- 32. V for Vendetta actor Stephen
- 33. Form before transporting to building site
- 37. Tibetan wild ox
- 38. Possessed
- 41. Staff
- 42. Seventh letter of the Arabic alphabet
- 43. Declassifies
- 45. Internet provider
- 46. Looked at briefly

- 50. Shrek is one
- 51. Hazy
- 54. Norma ___
- 55. Pointed and threaded tools for drilling
- 56. Paddle
- 57. Strange
- 61. 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 62. ___ Man
- 63. Hateful; detestable
- 67. Shoveled dirt
- 68. Ate
- 69. Japanese admiral who led the attack
- 70. ___ Vegas
- 71. Epochs

Down

- 1. An exclamation of triumph
- 2. A place, environment, or situation of rest or nurture
- 3. ___ Lanka
- 4. Complied
- 5. Pacific Fleet commander during attack
- 6. Margarine
- 7. ___ That a Shame
- 9. South American wood sorrel
- 10. Transmit or send money to a place
- 12. Embraced
- 13. Commanded repeated 3x by Japanese pilots to signal attack
- 14. Smell
- 15. Rind
- 20. Notre Dame Fighting Irish

- coach Parseghian
- 22. One of six Japanese carriers to participate in attack
- 23. Pacific and Indian
- 24. Seeps
- 27. Computer key
- 30. NCO eval.
- 31. Org. that designs, builds and operates US recon satellites
- 34. One of six Japanese carriers to participate in attack
- 35. Commanding general of the army forces in Hawaii
- 36. Sagas
- 38. Lines for hoisting a spar or sail
- 39. State home to Air University, in brief
- 40. Mil. Telephone system
- 44. Breakfast item
- 47. Hags
- 48. Hearing tool
- 49. Fiend
- 50. Accommodate
- 51. ___ Island; naval air base attacked by Japanese
- 52. Island home to site attacked by the Japanese
- 53. Strong alcoholic drink; served in a bowl during Dining Outs
- 58. Jail collateral
- 59. One of Columbus' ships
- 60. Oklahoma town
- 64. ___ Town
- 65. Actress Thurman
- 66. ... --- ...



SPORTS AND HEALTH

TCU grounds Air Force in season finale

By Wayne Amann
U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs

FORT WORTH, Texas — In legal circles, possession is considered nine-tenths of the law.

In football it's considered the best way to control the game, the clock and ultimately the score.

Texas Christian University played keep away from the Air Force for the better part of the first half Dec. 2 on its way to a 24-0 intermission lead, then tacked on two more scores after the break thanks to Falcon turnovers, en route to a 38-14 Mountain West Conference route before 30,767 fans at the Amon Carter Stadium here.

TCU (10-2, 6-2 MWC), which has a Dec. 19 date against Northern Illinois in the Poinsettia Bowl in San Diego, scored on each of its four first-half possessions. Its most impressive drive covered 97 yards in 19 plays and took 7:03 to complete. The 19th play was Quentely Harmon's 14-yard touchdown reception.

The Horned Frogs were on offense for 20:24 in the first half. They gained 278 yards in offense while holding the Falcons to 45. TCU converted its first seven third-down situations.

TCU won the time of possession 33:28 to 26:32. Ironically, the Air Force entered the game leading the conference and ranked seventh nationally in time of

possession with a 32:24 per game average.

The loss capped a 4-8 season and 3-5 mark in the MWC. It was the third straight sub-.500 campaign for the Falcons.

"It stinks going out like that," Air Force senior Adam Zanotti said. "Four-and-eight is not how we wanted this season to be."

Thoughts of a rally by the Air Force were wiped out by an interception and two fumbles on the Falcons first three drives of the second half. The bluesuiters totaled just 128 yards of offense in the game, 220 below their season average.

"We got whipped in all three areas of the game," Air Force head coach Fisher DeBerry admitted. "It was tough for us, no question."

Air Force averted a shutout when Hunter Altman returned a blocked punt 15 yards for a touchdown early in the fourth quarter. The play extended the Falcons team scoring streak to 168 consecutive games. The Falcons were last shutout by Mississippi, 13-0, in the 1992 Liberty Bowl. The streak is the eighth longest in the country.

The Air Force's final score of the season came with 2:40 left in the game when backup quarterback Jim Ollis capped an eight-play, 74-yard drive with a 19-yard touchdown run. Ollis had a team-high 63 yards on 11 carries.



PHOTO BY CADET 2ND CLASS PAUL RUSSO

Chris Thomas returns a kick as Texas Christian University defenders Nick Sanders, 20, and Jerry Hughes, 98, close in for the tackle. The Horned Frogs handed the Air Force a 38-14 loss Saturday in Fort Worth, Texas.

The next Air Force football game will be the 2007 season opener Sept. 1 against South Carolina State at Falcon Stadium. Besides its eight conference games, the Falcons will play at Navy Oct. 6, home against Army Nov. 3 and at Notre Dame Nov. 10.



COURTESY PHOTO

World Champion powerlifter

Master Sgt. Steven Petersen, 27th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron assistant maintenance superintendent, participated in the 2006 World Championships for the World Association of Benchers and Deadlifters Nov. 18 in Las Vegas. Sergeant Peterson received second in the Masters deadlift, third in the Class 1 deadlift and 10th in the Masters bench press. His Class 1 deadlift was a Texas state record.



Youth Center Basketball Clinic Dec. 19-22

Ages 5-8 —
5 to 5:45 p.m.

Ages 9-12 —
6 to 6:45 p.m.

Ages 13-18 —
7 to 7:45 p.m.



SPORTS SHORTS



Turn slip in to the Public Affairs office by 4:30 p.m. today. They are located in Bldg 600, suite 1099.

The participant who picks the most winners will win a free large one-topping pizza from the End Zone. The name will be announced next week.

Week 14 Schedule

Thursday			
Cleveland at Pittsburgh	6 p.m.	NFL	
Sunday			
Atlanta at Tampa Bay	11 a.m.	Fox	
Philadelphia at Washington	11 a.m.	Fox	
N.Y. Giants at Carolina	11 a.m.	Fox	
Indianapolis at Jacksonville	11 a.m.	CBS	
New England at Miami	11 a.m.	CBS	
Minnesota at Detroit	11 a.m.	Fox	
Baltimore at Kansas City	11 a.m.	CBS	
Tennessee at Houston	11 a.m.	CBS	
Oakland at Cincinnati	11 a.m.	CBS	
Seattle at Arizona	2 p.m.	Fox	
Green Bay at San Francisco	2 p.m.	Fox	
Denver at San Diego	2 p.m.	CBS	
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets	2:15 p.m.	CBS	
New Orleans at Dallas	6:15 p.m.	Fox	
Monday			
Chicago at St. Louis	6:30 p.m.	ESPN	



Football Genie

Circle winners and turn into Public Affairs by 4:30 p.m. today.

Congratulations to last week's winner, Master Sgt. Ed Story, 27th Fighter Wing Safety.

Name/Unit/Phone _____

Total Monday points (tie breaker) _____

Cannon Lanes 784-2280

Green Pin Strike Day — from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday bowl a strike when the green pin appears as the head pin and receive a free game. Games are \$2 each.

Cosmic Bowling — From 9 p.m. to midnight, Saturday bowl for \$2.50 per game.

Bowl with the lights over the lanes turned off and blacklights turned on. Lively music will play in the background.

Wild Wednesdays — On Wednesdays in December receive discounts from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Bowl four games and receive free shoes and a drink for \$5.

From 6 to 9 p.m., bowl as many games as possible for \$5 per person.

Youth Center 784-2747

Youth activities for 'Tweens (ages 9-12) and Teens (ages 13-18)

Soccer — 5 p.m. Saturday for 'Tweens.

Volleyball — 4:30 p.m. for 'Tweens; 6:30 p.m. Tuesday for Teens.

Skating — 6:30 p.m. Wednesday for Teens.

Ping Pong — 7 p.m. Thursday for Teens.

Whispering Winds

Golf Course 784-2800

Senior Days — Senior golfers, 50

years and older, receive \$2 off daily green fees and 50 percent off electric cart rentals on Monday and Friday.

Member First discounts — 10 percent discount off annual, quarterly and monthly greens fees. Half-off club rentals. \$2 off cart rental for 18 holes.

Fitness Center 784-2466

Winter Workout Week — Get a punch card from the front desk at the Fitness Center. Fitness staff will give a punch for each event completed. When the card is full, turn it in for a prize drawing. Events are held Sunday through Dec. 16

End Zone 784-4283

Football Frenzy — Football Frenzy kicks off at 10 a.m. every Sunday. Don't forget to stop by for Monday Night Football at 5 p.m.

