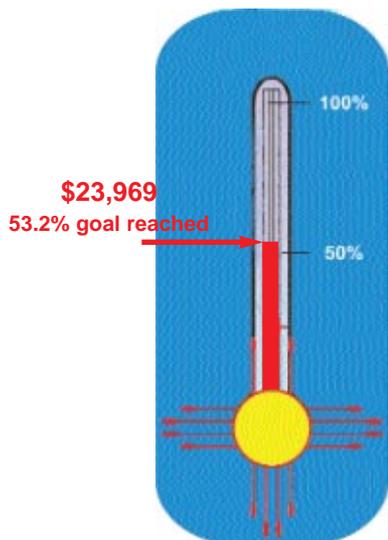


AFAF Update**Goal - \$43,031****Community News****Easter chapel services**

Protestant — Good Friday Service at noon today at the base chapel.

Easter Sunrise Service at 6 a.m. Sunday at the Whispering Winds Golf Course.

Easter Service at 9 a.m. Sunday at the base chapel.

Catholic — Good Friday Service at 8 p.m. today at the base chapel.

Easter Vigil Mass at 8 p.m. Saturday at the base chapel.

Easter Mass at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the base chapel.

Neighborhood watch

The 27th Security Forces Squadron will hold a Neighborhood Watch meeting at 3:30 p.m. today in Bldg. 575 for residents of Clovis and Portales 801 housing.

Representatives from the Clovis and Portales Police Departments, the Curry and Roosevelt County District Attorney's offices, base housing, and 27th SFS will discuss recent changes to New Mexico laws on personal property and residential protection.

Positive Parenting class

Learn positive parenting tips during a two-part class at 2 p.m. Tuesday and April 17 at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

For more information or to register, call 784-4228.

Dad's Class

All dads are invited to attend a Dad's Class from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. April 13 at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. The class will offer a variety of

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AFAF donations help Airmen, families

By Capt. Christine Seinkowski
27th Comptroller Squadron

Cannon Airmen are slightly ahead of target as they head for the second-half homestretch of this year's Air Force Assistance Fund (AFAF) campaign. Team Cannon has donated \$23,969 so far, 53.2 percent of its goal of \$43,031.

The AFAF drive raises funds for charitable affiliates that provide support to Air Force Airmen and families in need.

One Airman who received this support is Senior Airman Carolina Del Pardo of the 27th Communications Squadron.

On Feb. 13, Airman Del Pardo learned that her grandmother had passed away.

"The [first sergeant] said I could fly out, but wanted to know if I could afford it. I told him I had an emergency credit card I could use for the plane ticket," said Airman Del Pardo.

The first sergeant suggested speaking with the Air Force Aid Society (AFAS) about an interest-free loan.

"The lady there asked how much I could afford to pay back each month," said Airman Del Pardo. "I walked out with a check and paid my credit card off that week."

Without the help of the AFAS, it would have taken months to pay off the credit card interest.

Another Airman touched by the help of the AFAF is Senior Airman Jenita Carter, 27th Comptroller Squadron.

Upon arriving at Cannon at the end of May 2006, she waited until late August for her vehicle to arrive from overseas. When she went to pick it up, the vehicle did not run.

"I knew that the reason was entirely the shipping company's fault, but of course they blamed it on wear and tear since my car wasn't new," said Airman Carter. "I had no money set aside for such an emergency."

Yet again, a first sergeant suggested the AFAS. With an estimate from a mechanic, the AFAS gave Airman Carter check in less than one hour.

The AFAS worker did not stop there. "She even called the mechanic to ensure that the estimate wouldn't be too far from the actual cost," said Airman Carter, "so I wouldn't have any more surprises once I got back down there."

The AFAF campaign supports four charities:

— The AFAS is the official charity of the Air Force. It is chartered to assist in relieving financial emergencies faced by active duty members and their families. It also assists



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS THOMAS TROWER

Col. Scott West, 27th Fighter Wing commander, makes a donation to the Air Force Assistance Fund. AFAF program managers Capt. Christine Sienkowski, 27th Comptroller Squadron (left) and Master Sgt. Fred Cloaninger, 27th Medical Group, stand by ready to accept.

Reserve and Guard personnel who face unique emergencies. For more information, visit www.afas.org.

— Air Force Villages provides widows of career retired Air Force officers with dignified, appropriate and cost-effective living options. For more information, visit www.airforcevillages.com/about.html.

— The Air Force Enlisted Village is a non-profit organization that provides a home to enlisted widows and indigent enlisted widows of the Air Force. They also provide housing and services to spouses of enlisted members who die on active duty. For more information, visit www.afenlistedwidows.org.

— The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation enables surviving spouses to continue living in their own home and community and not struggle to meet daily living needs. They help with monthly supplemental grants to assist with food, rent, utilities and possibly health care. For more information, visit www.lemayfoundation.org.

Cash donations are accepted, but payroll deductions are preferred. Individuals interested in donating should contact their unit representative.

Easter activities hosted in Cannon, Clovis**Clovis Community Center**

The CCC is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt and Carnival from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. today. The egg hunt will be divided by ages.

3 and under — 10-10:30 a.m.

4 to 6 — 10:45 to 11:15 a.m.

7 to 9 — 11:30 a.m. to noon

10 to 12 — 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.

Cannon Youth Center

The Cannon Youth Center is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday.

The egg hunt begins at 10:30 a.m. for newborns to age 12.

The Easter bunny will be on hand to meet the kids and take photographs.

Airman and Family Readiness Center

Spouses and family members of deployed or remote personnel are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday.

There will be more than 200 eggs and extra items for families. Sign up by calling 784-4228.



NEWS

F-16 accident report released

Courtesy of Air Force News

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. — Air Force officials recently completed an investigation of the F-16C Fighting Falcon accident 20 miles northwest of Baghdad Nov. 27, which resulted in the death of the pilot, Maj. Troy Gilbert.

The official cause of the accident was Major Gilbert's "channelized attention manifested by his desire to maintain a constant visual positive identification of targeted enemy vehicles and subsequent target fixation on these vehicles while they were traveling at a high rate of speed," said the report. These two factors, when combined, caused Major Gilbert "to begin, and then press his attack below a recoverable altitude."

In a telephonic press conference April 2, Brig. Gen. David Goldfein, commander of the 49th Fighter Wing, Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., and president of the accident investigation board, said Major Gilbert was fully qualified, fully focused and well rested prior to taking part in his final sortie.

The sortie began as a non-traditional intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, or NTISR mission, where pilots use targeting pods and visual means to find, track and potentially target threats to any coalition ground troops.

At that point, Major Gilbert found the situation turning from "benign" to "very intense" in a matter of minutes, General Goldfein said.

According to the accident investigation board report released April 2 by Air Combat Command, Major Gilbert led a flight of two F-16s in an aerial combat mission near Taji, Iraq. On the ground, insurgents were unleashing truck-mounted heavy machine guns, rocket-propelled grenades, small arms fire and mortars to attack Coalition troops. In addition, a downed Army helicopter crew was in danger of being overrun.

Major Gilbert quickly transitioned his peacetime training to his wartime environment. "I found no fault with his adjustment of the mission plan," General Goldfein said.

The report said Major Gilbert engaged the insurgents, launching a strafing attack against enemy vehicles, striking a truck with the F-16's 20-millimeter Gatling gun.

Major Gilbert then conducted a second strafing pass from an extremely low altitude that was not recoverable, impacting the ground. He died immediately on impact. Operating in a dynamic and stressful environment, Major Gilbert's motivation to succeed saved the lives of the helicopter crew and other Coalition ground forces, said General Goldfein said.

"[Fighter pilots] train to a very strict standard in peacetime in terms of how we execute various attacks, and then we adjust from that point when we get into combat in order to accomplish the mission," he said. "[Major Gilbert] was operating in a very dynamic environment and responding to the requirement to maintain 100 percent positive identification on a very, very difficult target to acquire."

According to a vignette in the Air Force's Portraits in Courage, Major Gilbert, a 12-year Air Force veteran, had already completed 21 combat sorties in the F-16 supporting ground forces under enemy fire. On one mission, he found and identified anti-Iraqi forces, then passed critical targeting information to Coalition forces, who attacked and eliminated the threat. In another time-sensitive mission, he destroyed 10 insurgents concealed in a palm grove with the pinpoint delivery of a laser-guided weapon.

Major Gilbert, who was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with Valor, deployed in September 2006 from Luke AFB, Ariz., to the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing, Balad Air Base, Iraq. He was assigned as the 332nd Expeditionary Operations Group chief of standardization and evaluation. On the day of the accident, he was flying with the



COURTESY PHOTO

Maj. Troy Gilbert, an F-16 pilot, was killed Nov. 27 in an F-16 crash 30 miles southwest of Balad Air Base, Iraq. Major Gilbert was the standardization and evaluation chief for the 332nd Expeditionary Operations Group and was deployed from the 309th Fighter Squadron at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz. The jet he was flying was deployed from the 524th Fighter Squadron at Cannon Air Force Base, N.M.

524th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron.

The aircraft was assigned to the 524th EFS deployed from Cannon AFB, N.M. The aircraft was destroyed on impact.

For more information, contact the Air Combat Command Public Affairs office at (757) 764-5007 or e-mail acpa.operations@langley.af.mil.

AFSO 21 money-saving initiative increases capabilities

By the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA — A cross-squadron team of Airmen from the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing have succeeded in another Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century (AFSO 21) initiative that will continue to increase combat capability for the wing, and save money which can be diverted into Air Force recapitalization priorities.

An initiative was submitted to revise how some specialized heavy equipment is leased. The squadron uses specialized construction

equipment to dig trenches for communications conduits and manholes.

New units such as the 71st Expeditionary Air Control Squadron rely on this communications infrastructure for radar feeds, telephone and network service.

Before the initiative, the heavy equipment was leased on an annual basis. Since the vehicles were infrequently used, the 379th Expeditionary Communications Squadron wanted to check if there was a more cost effective way to retain their mission capability and save

money at the same time.

A cross-functional team from contracting, vehicle fleet management and the communications squadron met to identify alternative leasing



Contract revisions for four pieces of heavy equipment can save the Air Force about \$300,000 in a single year.

methods for the infrequently used, yet necessary heavy equipment.

It was discovered that a blanket purchase agreement would allow the 379th ECS to lease the vehicles on a daily, weekly or monthly basis. These options give the flexibility to pay for the equipment only when it is needed.

The 379th ECS returned the four infrequently used vehicles and agreed to pursue one of the other options on the existing blanket purchase agreement. Assuming the 379th ECS will lease the equipment for only one month this year, the ini-

tiative will save the government about \$300,000 per year.

“Air Force Smart Operations is about eliminating non-value added work and retaining combat capability,” said Maj. Joel Rudy, base AFSO 21 project officer. “This is just one more success story for the 379th AEW. The combined savings for the successes of the entire wing are approaching \$20 million, which is more than enough money to fund one of the MQ-1 Predator UAV’s in the Air Force’s fiscal year 2008 budget request.”



NEWS

AF celebrates Month of the Military Child

By Staff Sgt. Jeremy Larlee
Air Force News Agency

SAN ANTONIO — They never raised their right hands and pledged to defend their nation, but they still make sacrifices for their country.

The contributions of military children will be celebrated across the Defense Department as April is designated as Month of the Military Child, and the spirit of the event will be felt by military families, including members at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo.

Officials at Whiteman AFB are conducting a mock deployment April 28, named Operation Spirit, to celebrate the month. Operation Spirit will give military children a chance to tour the flightline, process through a deployment line, see a pallet building demonstration, and watch a military working dog demonstration. The goal of the event is to educate children about the military, said Tech. Sgt. Karen Simpson, the readiness NCO at the Whiteman AFB Airman and Family Readiness Center.

“As military members, I think we sometimes take for granted some of the great things we do on a daily basis,” she said. “Often we don’t realize how much our children don’t understand our jobs.”

The sergeant is a mother of three and said she believes there is nothing more important than educating military children about what their parents do for a living.

Children can sometimes draw negative conclusions about the military through coverage in the media, Sergeant Simpson said. By simply talking to your children and explaining to them how the military works, you can greatly drop a child’s level of anxiety before a big deployment.

“They are devastated that you have to leave and don’t understand why you have to go,” Sergeant Simpson said. “If you make them feel special and help them understand your mission, it helps make the separation more tolerable for them.”

Amy Howard is also a mother of three. Her husband, 2nd Lt. Joseph Howard, is currently training to become a pilot. She is not new to the military environment, though, as her husband was previously enlisted. She said she thinks it is great military children have their own month to be recognized, but believes the children should be thought of all year.

“Parents should do the same things they do every month, which is provide a stable, loving and secure home environment,” she said. “All children, especially military children, need to know that



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April is celebrated as the Month of the Military Child.

their needs will be met. They need to know that no matter what happens, they are loved and they will be taken care of.”

Sergeant Simpson said it is a great feeling to see a child recognize what their parents do for the country and their part in supporting that mission.

“They realize the positive things that the military does and that they are exceptional people for what they have to sacrifice for their parents,” she said.

Former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger established the commemoration in 1986.

DoD observes April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Courtesy of the DoD Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office

This April, the Department of Defense takes a concerted stand against sexual assault as it observes Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM).

This annual event provides officials with the opportunity to increase knowledge and promote prevention of this crime through special events and public education.

This year’s theme for SAAM is “Stand Up Against Sexual Assault ... Make a Difference” which encompasses an attitude toward prevention of this violent crime.

This theme also reminds all Airmen that each of them — leaders, peers and subordinates — can make differences through their actions.

Airmen are also reminded that lack of action can exacerbate the crime.

DoD policies address sexual

assault prevention, seeking to establish a climate of confidence in which:

— education and training create an environment in which sexual assault and the attitudes that promote it are not tolerated;

— victims of sexual assault will always receive the immediate and follow-up care, and support that they need; and,

— offenders are held accountable to the full extent of the law for their actions.

Airmen are asked to take an active stand in learning more about sexual assault and its prevention by participating in local SAAM events during the month of April.

The efforts of a single individual could have a long-term effect on a fellow servicemembers life. Prevention is the key. Make a difference.

For more information, contact the Cannon Sexual Assault Prevention and Response office at 784-1014

Program goal — safety, dignity for all

Courtesy of the DoD Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office

Sexual assault is one of the most underreported violent crimes in America today. Since the military is not impervious to this trend, the Department of Defense strives to ensure that servicemembers are aware that sexual assault crimes are not tolerated.

To combat sexual assault, the DoD has implemented the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program, which incorporates a comprehensive policy that reinforces a culture of prevention, response and accountability.

The goal of the SAPR Program is to ensure the safety, dignity and well-being of all members of the Armed Forces through training and education programs, treatment and support of victims.

Since 2004, advancements in reporting options have helped create a climate of confidence in reporting.

One of the policies implemented in 2005 was the restricted reporting option, which enables victims to come forward without triggering the investigative process, yet still receive the care that they deserve.

Sixty-five percent of the increase in sexual assault reports involving members of the Service can be attributed to the restricted reporting option that began in June 2005.

This alternate choice, coupled with enhanced awareness of sexual assault and vigorous training, has encouraged more victims to take a stand against their assailant.



COMMENTARY



PHOTOS BY TECH. SGT. SCOTT STURKOL



Airmen practice squad and fire team maneuvers as part of a tactics and patrolling class for the Advanced Contingency Skills Training Course March 14, on a range at Fort Dix, N.J. The

course, trained more than 300 Airmen for upcoming deployments through teaching areas such as deployment tactics, patrolling, convoy operations and self defense.

The Advanced Contingency Skills Training Course at Fort Dix, N.J. is taught by the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center's 421st Combat Training Squadron. It is

required for all deploying AMC Airmen as well as all public affairs, chaplains, chaplain assistants, legal and legal assistants.

Contingency skills training provides valuable experiences for Airman

By Staff Sgt. Craig Seals
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

As an Airman, I did not relish the experience of Army-based training for my upcoming deployment.

But the Army changed my perspective of the Air Force after two weeks of tactical movement training, urban combat training, combat first aid, convoy training and even a bit of hand-to-hand combat.

The Air Force's Air Mobility Command conducts this Contingency Skills Training course at its Air Mobility Warfare Center at Fort Dix, N.J.

The training is "purple" in

the sense that the training is more traditional for the Army. We use Army equipment and its installation to accomplish the mission.

As I attended this course, I must admit that low-crawling through the mud and the snow with a litter, while under fire seemed like something out of an action film.

I realized something new during those two weeks. The instructors were not aiming to teach it to me, but it is an eye-opener.

I learned that today's Air Force is nothing like yesterday's Air Force. Though it seems like trite rhetoric to some, the expeditionary needs

of today's fight requires a differently trained Airman than the Air Force I joined in 1998.

Today's Global War on Terror requires Airmen to have a combat awareness more akin to that of a Soldier. More Airmen are being tasked to help their sister services during their deployments, which requires them to go "outside the wire."

To be combat effective, Airmen must be trained on the specific tasks and tactics they might face outside the wire.

One of the more common tasks Airmen are being assigned to is convoy duty. If an Airman has never been in a HUMVEE or never been trained

on fire-team tactics, then how effective will that Airman be should something unexpected occur? Will their lack of experience help or hinder the Soldiers they are there to assist?

These convoys face many dangers but Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) are the most common in today's combat zones. If an Airman on a convoy has never received training on, at the very least, the basics of how to spot an IED, how effective will that Airman be in the protection of the servicemembers?

AMC requires this training for all of their Airmen, the Air Force requires it for all public affairs Airmen, legal

and legal assistants Airmen, and chaplains, chaplain assistants as well.

I feel this training is something every Airman, regardless of their normal duties, should attend. The benefits go beyond the simple learning and practical application of the training.

It gives Airmen the opportunity to train alongside commanders and leaders, from the airman just out of basic training to seasoned colonels.

This training did more than just prepare me for the eventuality of going outside the wire. This training gave new meaning to the term "Combat Airman."

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ROLL CALL

Knowing what's important



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Courtesy of Air Force News
Week of March 28 – April 3

The Air Force's global air, space and cyberspace missions are what make the Air Force unique.

As Airmen who are part of the joint and coalition team, our mission is to fly, fight and win, to provide global vigilance, global reach and global power.

In this day and age, when it seems we are constantly moving and constantly working hard to meet our mission requirements, it's important that as Airmen, we

Roll Call is posted online every other Friday, so supervisors can read it to their Airmen at morning roll calls or weekly formations. It is available at www.af.mil.

never lose sight of our service's priorities.

These priorities include but are not limited to:

1) **Fight and win the war on terrorism** — We must all work to fight this long war on terrorism in a lethal and aggressive manner alongside our sister services and allies. We must bring all elements of appropriate power to bear at critical points and keep our eyes on the next war to ensure we're ready.

2) **Develop and care for our Airmen** — By providing proper training for the 21st century Airmen in language, culture and technology, we are fostering warriors who are ready for anything. Air Force leaders continually strive to provide the best equipment today for tomorrow's fights.

3) **Recapitalizing and modernizing our Air Force** — The Air Force needs to "reset" and build for the future, thinking beyond the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. We must remember the entire strategic field, and that means looking toward the future, anticipating future attacks and preparing for them.

The Air Force is constantly building a force for the future with range and payload, following our top five procurement priorities: a new tanker fleet, the KC-X, the CSAR-X rescue helicopter, space-based electronic warfare and communications systems, the F-35 Lightning II, and a new U.S. bomber.

Every Airman should know and understand these priorities.

By knowing what's important to us and our fight, we become a more capable and lethal force, building a stronger future by being strong warriors today.

This week's Viper Volunteer is



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS RANDI FLAUGH

Darci Steinmetz

Col. Scott West, 27th Fighter Wing commander, presents Darci Steinmetz, 27th Services Squadron, the Viper Volunteer award.

Ms. Steinmetz has provided free child care for a single parent, allowing them to go shopping and take care of personal needs.

She has also provided "foster care" to animals, caring for them until the animal shelter has room, and provided free tax preparation for low income New Mexico residents.

To nominate a Viper Volunteer, call 784-4228.



NEWS FEATURES

When big things happen in life, don't lose out

By Jenna Holtz
TriWest Healthcare Alliance

The big events in life are busy times, but don't forget one important thing to avoid losing TriCare health care coverage eligibility — keep TriCare information current.

It's simple to do. Just notify the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) when life's big events occur.

The following Qualifying Life Events (QLE) require updates of personal information to DEERS:

- marriage
- divorce or annulment
- moving
- having a baby
- adopting or obtaining legal custody of a child
- a death in the family
- a child reaching age 21

QLE changes should be made in DEERS as soon as possible, but enrolling newborns or adopted children in

TRICARE Prime or Prime Remote must be completed within 60 days of the birth or adoption to continue Prime or Prime Remote coverage.

After adding a spouse or a child to DEERS, enroll them in TriCare Prime or Prime Remote by visiting a TriCare Service Center or mailing an enrollment form to the address on the form. The form is available online at www.triwest.com.

Updating DEERS is simple, using any of the following options:

- Call the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office (DSO) at (800) 538-9552
- Fax address changes to DEERS at (831) 655-8317
- Mail address changes to:

Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office
Attn: COA
Seaside, CA 93955-6771

Make changes online at www.tricare.mil/DEERS

Beneficiaries may also visit the nearest uniformed services personnel office (ID-card issuing facility).

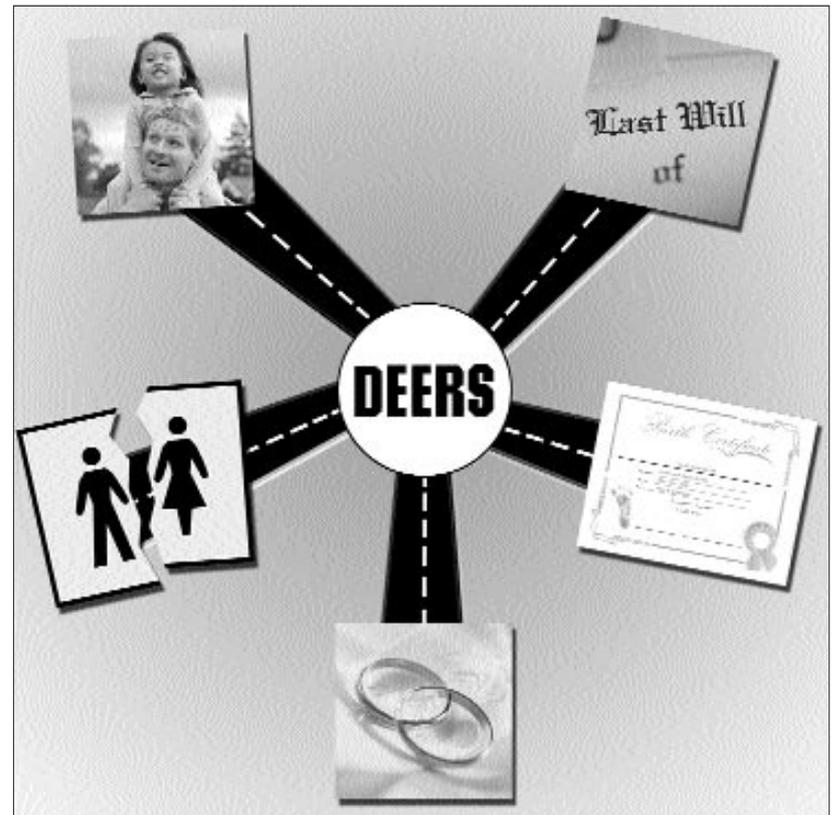
If information is incorrect, only registered family members can make the address changes. This can be done on their Web site at www.tricare.mil/DEERS.

The military sponsor (or someone with the sponsor's power of attorney) is the only individual who can add or delete a family member from DEERS. To do so, be prepared to provide such documents as:

- an original marriage license
- divorce decree
- adoption papers
- death or birth certificate

and DD Form 1172 (Application for Uniformed Services Identification Card and DEERS Enrollment).

For more information visit triwest.com, or call TriWest at (888) Tri-West.



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Keep TriCare information current to avoid losing coverage. Notify the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System when an event such as marriage or moving occurs.

Tax deductions save Airmen money

By Maj. Lawrence Spinetta
1st Operations Support Squadron director of operations

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. — Knowing what credits and deductions to claim allows Airmen to keep more of their own money.

The Heroes Earned Retirement Opportunities, or HERO Act signed by President George Bush in 2006 allows military members to count tax-free combat pay when determining whether they qualify to contribute to either a Roth or traditional individual retirement account.

Additionally, the act allows members of the armed forces to retroactively make retirement contributions for tax years 2004 and 2005. Those eligible have until May 28, 2009, to make these special back-year contributions.

Another important retirement tax credit is the Retirement Savings Contributions Credit. The IRS now gives taxpayers a credit up to \$1,000 for making eligible retirement contributions, such as to the Thrift Savings Plan and IRAs, if their adjusted gross income is less than \$25,000 for single taxpayers or less than \$50,000 for married filing jointly.

DoD investigates computer hacking Viruses, spyware suspected in information theft

By Carmen Gleason
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Department officials have launched an investigation into recent computer hackings of servicemembers' home computers that compromised personal information and led to the redirection of funds from their military pay accounts.

During the past eight months, nearly two dozen Defense Finance and Accounting Service "myPay" participants have had their accounts accessed by unauthorized personnel, officials said. The myPay program allows DFAS users to manage pay information, leave and earnings statements and W-2s online.

The compromise likely came from personal information being stolen from home computers via spyware and keystroke-logging viruses, DFAS officials said.

A hacker redirected one servicemember's pay to a credit card vendor by changing account information the day before pay day, said Tom LaRock, DFAS spokesman. However, he added, DFAS quickly worked with his bank to have funds returned to his account within two days.

When suspicious activity is detected under the current system used by DFAS, Ms. LaRock explained, financial institutions are immediately notified so reversals can be made to servicemembers' accounts. DFAS plans to launch a new program soon that will increase the ability to detect unauthorized changes prior to processing by pay systems. This will make the system for myPay's 3.7 million users even more responsive, Ms. LaRock said.

"This won't completely stop compromises," he said, "but it will help alert us more quickly so appropriate actions can be taken."

Key-logging software often is installed on systems when an individual simply views e-mails or clicks links that look and seem like reputable sites. Hackers then are able to detect passwords and other personal information, DFAS officials said.

DFAS offers tips to all of its users about security and protection on its Web site, <https://mypay.dfas.mil/PersonalData.htm>.

The Defense Department also offers free downloads of antivirus and firewall software programs to servicemembers and civilians under terms of the DoD enterprise antivirus license with supporting companies.



Unit Spotlights

Airman Leadership School Class 2007-D graduates

John Levitow Award
Senior Airman Joseph Hall,
27th Maintenance Group

Distinguished Graduate
Staff Sgt. Dustin Jarvis,
27th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Distinguished Graduate
Senior Airman Rachael Theobald,
27th AMXS

Distinguished Graduate and Academic Achievement Award winner
Senior Airman Matthew Wheeler, 27th Operations Support Squadron

Leadership Award winner

Senior Airman Benjamin Reavis, 27th OSS

Remaining Graduates:

Staff Sgt. Jakarsha Carter, 27th Component Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Martin Casias, 27th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. La Meisha Davis, 27th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Staff Sgt. Louis Dewitt, 27th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Michael Duque, 27th LRS

Staff Sgt. Kathleen DiGiovanni, 27th LRS

Staff Sgt. Laura Flanagan, 27th Fighter Wing

Staff Sgt. Jenice Gathing, 524th Fighter Squadron

Staff Sgt. Marquia Giles, 27th AMXS

Staff Sgt. Joshua Graham, 27th EMS

Staff Sgt. Stephen Hartwick, 27th AMXS

Staff Sgt. Justin Miller, 27th AMXS

Staff Sgt. Tyler Nunes, 27th Civil Engineer Squadron

Staff Sgt. Jesse Opena, 27th EMS

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Staff Sgt. Christopher Stell, 27th EMS

Staff Sgt. Brian Vasvary, 27th EMS

Senior Airman Derek Dean, 27th CES

Senior Airman Matthew Desilets, 27th Communications Squadron

Senior Airman Jason Ferri, 27th AMXS

Senior Airman Steven Graff, 27th CMS

Senior Airman John Groves, 27th CMS

Senior Airman Craig Hall, 27th EMS

Senior Airman Jerimie Harms, 27th AMXS

Senior Airman Jonathan Heinze, 27th EMS

Senior Airman Brandon King, 27th CES

Senior Airman Thomas Lee, 27th AMXS

Senior Airman Eric McLaren, 27th AMXS

Senior Airman Nicolas Restrepo, 27th EMS

Senior Airman Adam Settingsgaard, 27th AMXS

Senior Airman Zachary Snook, 27th AMXS

Senior Airman Ryan Van Vels, 27th CMS

Congratulations Cannon 90+ percent Club members

*Top Score 97 percent: Airman 1st Class Peter Guillen,
27th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron*

*Airman 1st Class Edward Andresen,
27th AMXS, 96*

*Senior Airman Judd Sticknet,
27th AMXS, 96*

*Airman 1st Class Jeffery Haviland,
27th AMXS, 95*

*Airman 1st Class Kelly Banonis,
27th AMXS, 94*

*Airman 1st Class Michael Clinton,
27th AMXS, 94*

*Staff Sgt. Pedro Ramirez,
27th Component Maintenance Squadron, 94*

*Airman 1st Class Rene St. Julien,
27th AMXS, 93*

*Airman Amarachukwu Nwoke,
27th Civil Engineer Squadron, 93*

*Airman 1st Class Keith Deering,
27th CMS, 92*

*Staff Sgt. Ricky Frye,
27th CMS, 92*

*Senior Airman Craig Hall,
27th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, 92*

*Airman 1st Class David Huber,
27th AMXS, 92*

*Senior Airman George McMillen,
27th EMS, 92*

*Staff Sgt. Peter Spoelstra,
27th AMXS, 92*

*Senior Airman Brian Sturdivant,
27th Maintenance Operations Squadron, 92*

*Airman 1st Class Matthew Wheeler,
27th EMS, 92*

*Staff Sgt. Michael Degroat,
27th AMXS, 91*

*Airman Shakera Elrington,
27th Services Squadron, 91*

*Staff Sgt. Zachary Skrede
27th AMXS, 91*

*Airman 1st Class Dewayne Thomas,
27th AMXS, 91*

*Airman 1st Class Jessica Williams,
524th Fighter Squadron, 91*

*Senior Airman Erick Yantis,
27th AMXS, 91*

*Airman 1st Class Ryan Harms,
27th AMXS, 90*

*Senior Airman Thomas Lee,
27th AMXS, 90*



PHOTO BY GREG ALLEN

Pet of the Week

This female Shih Tzu has a long black and white coat. Many animals were made stray by the recent tornado and are in need of homes. For information on how to save this or another animal's life, call 784-4228.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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tips for first time and seasoned dads. Lunch is provided and participants receive a four-day pass for attending.

For more information or to register, call 784-4228.

Recycling contest

The 27th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight is sponsoring a "Caught in the Act" recycling contest Monday through April 13. Squadrons will be evaluated on programs by volunteers who will observe recycling efforts. Areas evaluated will be availability of recycling containers, use of recycling containers versus trash cans, knowledge of recyclables and recycling attitudes. Recognition will be given to individuals Caught in the Act of recycling. For more information, call 784-1096.

Marriage workshop

A marriage workshop, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 20 at La Quinta Inn in Clovis, will address communication issues, conflict resolution and marriage danger signs.

For more information or to register, call 784-2507 by April 18.

Volunteer opportunity

The Cannon Community Center is seeking volunteers for the 4th Annual Kite Carnival April 28 at Doc Stewart Park.

Volunteers are need for set up, parking, game monitors and tear down. Volunteers will be divided up into shifts.

For more information, call 784-6381.

Family Web site

The Airman and Family Readiness Center has launched a new Web site to promote its programs. Visit it at www.cannonfsc.org.

Final Mach Meter

The Mach Meter's final issue will be distributed April 27. As part of an Air Force wide move toward electronic publications, all base news articles will be produced and posted on the Cannon Web site at www.cannon.af.mil.



SERVICES

Outdoor Recreation survey provides crucial feedback

By Jeanette Hattan
Outdoor Recreation director

Outdoor Recreation wants to thank the 129 members of Team Cannon that took their personal time to be part of the Focus Group Survey that was recently conducted.

Responses are important to the Outdoor Recreation staff and help them provide Airmen and their families with the best Outdoor Recreation program possible. The results have been compiled and a selection of the findings are listed below, along with possible corrective efforts in progress or planned for the near future.

There were lots of great ideas and suggestions that came out of the survey. These items will highlight the actions Outdoor Recreation has taken for some of the suggestions and future plans to address other issues addressed during the survey.

Current projects

Survey comment: Not many family or couples trips.

Action taken: Our planning matrix has always included trips for families and couples, but we were not making that clear in our marketing so we changed our marketing strategy to include "tag lines" that will readily identify Adventure Programs that are family, adult or couple friendly.

Survey comment: Everything is too far to travel by bus. Cannot find trips that I would like to participate in

Action taken: So that we can optimize our time

away and expand our program we created new trips that are multi-adventure weekends. Look for the Airmen's Expedition weekend in May (see page 18) and the Chama Narrow Gauge/Music Fest weekend coming in June.

Survey comment: I would like to see a multi-sport event planned at Cannon, a triathlon or adventure race type. This would allow everyone to be involved, squadrons for competition and families.

Action taken: This data was shared with other facilities so that they are aware of your needs. For example, a customer wanted to help and obtain more information regarding the Fitness Center's Triathlon's. The Fitness Center director, Rob Ewers, has already established contact with that person and is actively seeking input from them.

Survey Comment: There is a limited amount of equipment to rent.

Action taken: Outdoor Recreation has purchased four more inflatable rentals for birthdays and social events. They even purchased one that fits inside Doc Stewart Park; great for those winter birthday parties.

Future plans

Survey comment: Somehow we need to get the word out more about the trips. Every once in a while, I receive information about an upcoming ski trip, but I never really hear of anything else.

Action planned: A work request has been submitted with the 27th Civil Engineer Squadron to install a double sided LED Marquee for advertisement. This will help get the word out more efficiently and keep customers informed about upcoming programs at all

the Outdoor Recreation facilities.

Survey comment: I have no time to use Outdoor Recreation programs.

Action planned: Outdoor Recreation will continue to work with wing leadership to avoid any conflicts with the wing's scheduled events. This will program events and adventures to meet the changing operations tempo and customers will soon have the option of a custom tour.

Survey comment: It is a pain to find the Trap and Skeet range.

Action planned: Yet another work request has been submitted to the 27th CES for signage to direct patrons to facilities.

Survey comment: I didn't know the Trap and Skeet range existed. I am interested but I don't know how to shoot and my kids are afraid of guns.

Action planned: Events are being programmed at the Trap and Skeet range that will help educate adults and children on Hunter Safety Education. "How to" classes will also be scheduled on shooting trap and skeet.

Outdoor Recreation appreciates the efforts of all Airmen and families in providing feedback to help the staff make this a better program.

The 27th Services Squadron is always looking for ways to improve its' service to the community.

Participation in this and future surveys provides important information on how 27th SVS events can improve for Airmen and it also provides an opportunity to share program ideas for future development.

Again, thanks for participating in this survey and Outdoor Recreation looks forward to support on future surveys about other 27th SVS activities.



What's happening?



Today

Conversational Language Skills Japanese – 11 a.m. at the Cannon Library
World Wide Bowling – 3:30 p.m. at Cannon Lanes
Karaoke – 5 p.m. at The Landing



Saturday

Old Mill Trade Day – 8 a.m. with Information Tickets and Travel
Easter Egg Hunt – 10 a.m. at the Youth Center
Easter Egg Surprise Price – 6 p.m. at Cannon Lanes

Sunday

Easter Brunch – 10:30 a.m. at The Landing
Dart League – 6:30 p.m. at the End Zone

Monday

Homestyle Buffet – 11 a.m. at The Landing
Conversational Language Skills Arabic – 11 a.m. at the Cannon Library

Tuesday

Chef's Choice – 11 a.m. at The Landing
Bread Bowl Soup – lunch at the End Zone

Conversational Language Skills Spanish – 11 a.m. at the Cannon Library

Wednesday

Italian Pasta or Fajita Bar – 11 a.m. at The Landing
Conversational Language Skills Chinese – 11 a.m. at the Cannon Library
Wild Wednesdays – 1:30 and 9 p.m. at Cannon Lanes
Kid Care Room Appreciation Day – all day at the Fitness Center

Thursday

Story Time – 10:30 a.m. at the Cannon Library
Conversational Language Skills French – 11 a.m. at the Cannon Library
Drop Everything and Read – 4 p.m. at the Cannon Library.



FEATURE

From stripes to brass

One Cannon Airman follows life-long dream of becoming an aviator

By Capt. Rebecca Garcia
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Jonathan Martinez-Paez had what many would consider a successful career and a promising future. He had a high paying job with a software company working out of Birmingham, Ala., and Buffalo, N.Y., as a software consultant and developer.

A successful career had been one of his top three goals since his early teen years and although everything seemed to be going well, he couldn't escape the nagging memory that his goals and dreams never actually involved being a software developer. Ever since Martinez-Paez was a young boy he had dreamed of being a commissioned officer in the Air Force and an aviator.

With the thought that whether or not you achieve your goals, "It's better to look back in the future and say, 'I tried and gave it all I had,' instead of, 'What if I had tried?'" Martinez-Paez went to his nearest recruiter.

Although enlisting offers no guarantees, Martinez-Paez knew that "It was a strategy and an opportunity that would grant me the chance to serve my country, earn my naturalization faster and become eligible for a commission." In June of 2004, Martinez-Paez rolled the dice, signed his enlistment paperwork and crossed into the blue as an Airman 1st Class.

The journey that took now Senior Airman Martinez-Paez from dream to reality actually began at age seven when he and his family took a one-way flight from Panama City, Panama, to what they called "The land of opportunities" to begin a new life in America.



AIR FORCE PHOTO

Senior Airman Jonathan Martinez-Paez traded a promising civilian career as a software developer for the chance to fulfill a dream of becoming an aviator.

Airman Martinez-Paez's path to navigator school hasn't been easy, but by following his heart and sticking to his goals he has found himself at the doorstep of his childhood dream.

"I never would have achieved any of my goals without taking risk, having faith, and fighting hard enough," said Airman Martinez-Paez.

He has faced a myriad of adversities during the pursuit of his goals — any one choice; any wrong turn could have been the end of his dream to being an aviator.

The first roadblock Airman Martinez-Paez came upon was in his junior year of college in 2000. He was in ROTC and working toward the requirements to graduate with a commission when he was informed that he would not receive a commission upon graduation because his naturalization paperwork process was still at least another five years away. Upon this unsettling news, Airman Martinez-Paez remembered and took comfort in the words of a past coach, "Never let yesterday's disappointment overshadow tomorrow's dreams." Keeping those words in mind, he graduated in 2002 and worked in the civilian sector for two years before enlisting in 2004.

Once Airman Martinez-Paez was in the Air Force he came upon another challenge, humility. He enlisted as an information manager, but his first assignment was in the post office "pitching mail." He went from a high profile civilian job to the mail room because without a security clearance, he was limited in the nature of his work.

Things changed drastically after his citizenship and security clearance paperwork went through. Two weeks later he found himself deployed to Iraq fixing computers for the entire deployed wing. While deployed, Airman Martinez-Paez continued taking steps to apply for Officer Training School. After months of studying he took the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test and the Test of Basic Aviation Skills. Both of these tests can only be taken twice in a lifetime. Performance was crucial.

Airman Martinez-Paez came home last year after a successful deployment, but to another challenge. He had not scored well enough on the verbal portion of the AFOQT and had only one more chance to succeed.

Airman Martinez-Paez gave significant kudos to all the individuals who helped him study for the retest. Lt.



COURTESY PHOTO

Jonathan Martinez-Paez boards his first airplane with his grandmother in Panama City, Panama. This was their first trip to the United States.

Col. Reynald Lops, 27th Fighter Wing director of staff "was a huge influence." He quizzed him daily and offered him "great leadership advice as an officer," said Airman Martinez-Paez. Master Sgt. Cynthia Mateka, 27th FW administration, was also of great help by supporting him with time management.

When he retested he scored three times higher on the verbal portion. "Still not a great score, but it was high enough to apply for aviator training," said Airman Martinez-Paez.

In December of 2005, with the prayers and blessings of his family, Senior Airman Martinez-Paez turned in his application for OTS and aviator training. He received word March 2 when Col. Scott West, 27th FW commander took him into his office and gave him the good news that all of his efforts had paid off. Out of 269 applicants, 216 were selected across the U.S. for OTS. Only 55 were active-duty Airmen. He was one of the individuals selected, and now Airman Martinez-Paez is on his way to achieving his dream of being an Air Force aviator.



COURTESY PHOTO

After attending ROTC in college, Cadet Martinez-Paez learned that he would not be able to become an officer until his U.S. citizenship was finalized. This would take five years unless he enlisted to speed the process.



Unit Spotlights

Congratulations Cannon Diamond Sharp Award Winners



PHOTOS BY AIRMAN ERIK CARDENAS

Airman 1st Class Marc Bryan,
27th Civil Engineer Squadron

Award presented by Col. Scott West, 27th Fighter Wing commander (right), and sponsor, Kim Neiss, Cannon Army and Air Force Exchange Service manager.



Airman 1st Class Marc Hightower,
27th Component Maintenance Squadron

Award presented by Col. Scott West, 27th Fighter Wing commander (right), and sponsor, Kim Wilson, Cannon Federal Credit Union manager.



Airman 1st Class Robert Morris,
27th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Award presented by Col. Scott West, 27th Fighter Wing commander (right), and sponsor, Master Sgt. John Skaggs (left), 27th Operations Group first sergeant.

*Sponsors donate \$50 in cash or gift certificates to a winner. Cannon Federal Credit Union contributes to a celebration breakfast as well. No federal endorsement intended.



Come worship with us

CATHOLIC

- Religious Education 9:15 a.m.
- Sunday (Kindergarten thru Teens)
- Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.
- Reconciliation 9:30 a.m.
- Weekday Mass (M,W,F) 12:05 p.m.

PROTESTANT

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

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

104 W. Trident Ave., Cannon AFB, N.M.

At the Movies

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

Music and Lyrics

Today and Sunday at 6 p.m.

Description: Alex Fletcher is a washed-up '80s pop star who's been reduced to working the nostalgia circuit at county fairs and amusement parks. The charismatic and talented musician gets a chance at a comeback when reigning diva Cora Corman invites him to write and record a duet with her, but there's a problem — Alex hasn't written a song in years, he's never written lyrics and he has to come up with a hit in a matter of days. Help comes as Sophie Fisher, Alex's quirky plant lady, whose flair for words strikes a chord with the struggling songwriter.

PG-13 – sexual content
Running time: 106 min.

The Astronaut Farmer

Saturday at 2 p.m.

Description: From the time he was a child, Charles Farmer had only one goal: to be an astronaut. Earning his degree in aerospace engineering and joining the Air Force as a pilot, Farmer was a natural for NASA's astronaut training program and was well on his way when a family situation forced him to drop out. But Farmer was not a man to let anything stand in the way of a dream. He spent the next decade building his own rocket in a barn on his ranch in Story, Texas, working toward the day when he could triumphantly launch it into space. Farmer knows this is his only chance to break through the Earth's atmosphere, and instill in his children the courage to pursue their ideals and never give up.

PG – thematic material, peril and language
Running time: 105 min.

The Number 23

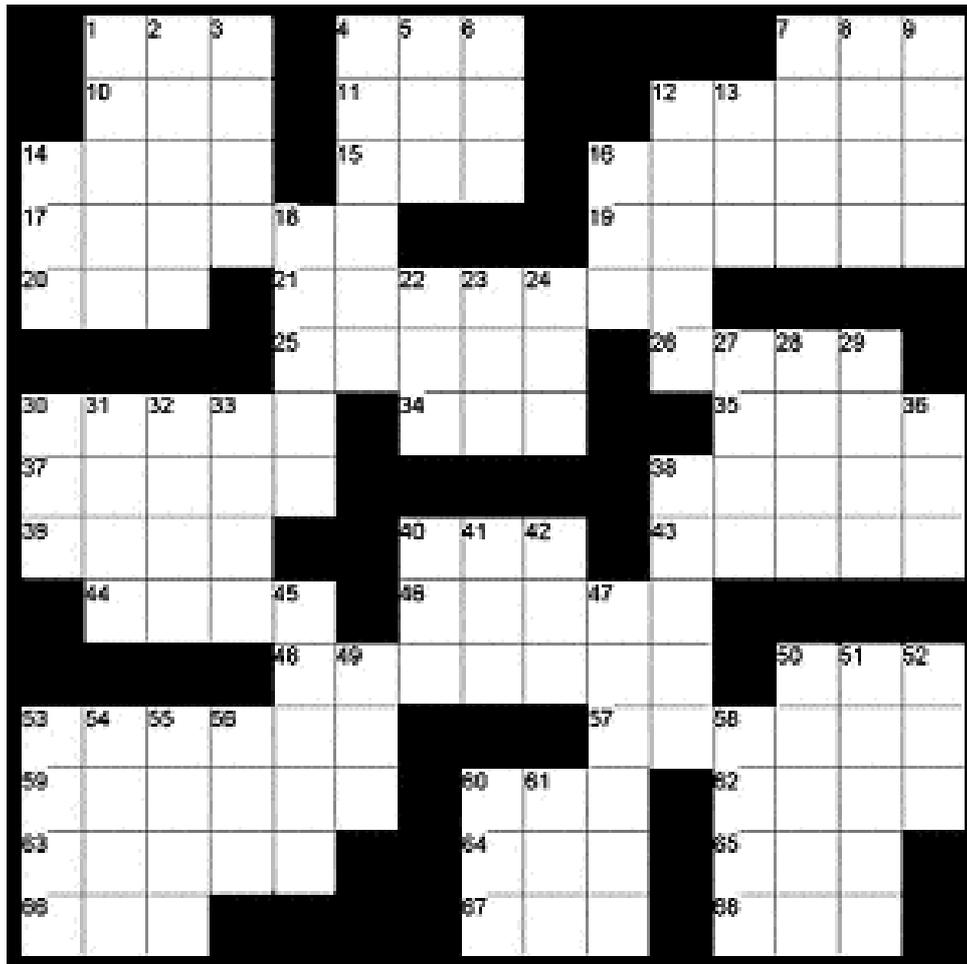
Saturday at 6 p.m.

Description: A man's life unravels after he comes into contact with an obscure book titled "The Number 23." As he reads the book, he becomes increasingly convinced that it is based on his own life. His obsession with the number 23 starts to consume him, and he begins to realize the book forecasts far graver consequences for his life than he could have ever imagined.

R – violence, disturbing images, sexuality and language
Running time: 102 min.



THE LIGHTER SIDE



ANSWERS ON PAGE 20

CSAFs

By Capt. Tony Wickman

71st Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

ACROSS

- 1. Crunches work these muscles
- 4. Rapping doc?
- 7. Sandwich type
- 10. USAF Gen. ___ Eaker
- 11. Charged particle
- 12. Caribbean country; site of Operation _____
- 14. Roberts movie ___ Brochovich
- 15. Conjunction
- 16. Fourth CMSAF
- 17. Twelfth CMSAF
- 19. Speaks
- 20. Farewell
- 21. Seventh CMSAF
- 25. Subscription request
- 26. Soccer star Mia
- 30. Cooking spice
- 34. Mock
- 35. Asserts
- 37. Sixth CMSAF
- 38. Leans
- 39. This and ___
- 40. Sixth sense
- 43. Vows
- 44. Greek letters

- 46. Sap
- 48. Third CMSAF
- 50. In shape
- 53. Fifth CMSAF
- 57. Eighth CMSAF
- 59. Angst
- 60. Winter illness
- 62. For your eyes ___
- 63. Averse
- 64. Dine
- 65. Pilot with 5+ kills
- 66. WWII prez.
- 67. O'Neil and Harris
- 68. DoD partner in protecting America
- DOWN**
- 1. First CMSAF
- 2. Salt water
- 3. Went down with the ship
- 4. Calif. senator Feinstein
- 5. Director Howard
- 6. Terminate
- 7. Clue
- 8. Fits to _ _ _
- 9. Damsel
- 12. Draconian
- 13. Notre Dame great Pargh-sian
- 14. Tide type
- 16. Arrow launcher
- 18. Prematurely

- 22. Genetic strand
- 23. Congressional mem.
- 24. Female sheep
- 27. Largest continent
- 28. Alcohol type
- 29. Legend
- 30. Training at Lackland, in brief
- 31. Sore
- 32. Jazz type
- 33. Greek letter
- 36. Draft org.
- 38. South Pacific island
- 40. Places where MDs work
- 41. Former French coin
- 42. Greek letter
- 45. Crumb
- 47. Enters into the system
- 49. Wrath
- 50. Thirteenth CMSAF
- 51. Man and Wright
- 52. Hallow be ___ name
- 53. Mexico or Aden
- 54. Slight head movement (two words)
- 55. Remote tour length
- 56. Long. partner for coordinates
- 58. Path
- 60. Compensation for work
- 61. Young boy

SPORTS AND HEALTH

Golfers qualify for Cannon golf team

By Dennis "Chris" Christensen
27th Services Squadron

Thirty-two Cannon golfers teed up for the first major event of the golf season on March 17-18 at the Whispering Winds Golf Course.

The format for this tournament was medal play, flighted by handicap, with the low 10 medalists being selected to represent the 2007 Cannon Varsity Golf Team.

The first round of competition ended with Ken Eveland in the lead at a three over par 73, while Larry Looney was in at 74 and Greg Pusateri shot an opening round 75. The second day, Eveland followed up with a round of 74 to edge out both Looney and Pusateri by two strokes to claim the championship.

Gift certificates were awarded to the first and second low gross and net scores in each flight and closest-to-the-pin contest winners.

Results by flight for the field and base golf team members are as follows:

Championship Flight:

First low gross — Ken Eveland, 147
Second low gross — Larry Looney, 149
First low net — Greg Pusateri, 131
Second low net — Keith Kiser, 133

First Flight:

First low gross — Chet Spear, 157
Second low gross — Roy Pfingston, 159
First low net — Josh Jacobson, 138
Second low net — Steve Gallegos, 140

Second Flight:

First low gross — Bruce Vincent, 174
Second low gross — John Pike, 179
First low net — Yoko Vincent, 141, he also won the scorecard playoff
Second low net — Al Beaulieu, 141

Closest-to-pin winners were:

First day — hole three Tim Bloink, hole seven Larry Oehm, hole 11 John Pike, hole 15 Greg Pusateri and hole 17 Pete Wilt Sr.

Second day — hole three Brent Murray, hole seven Pete Wilt Sr., hole 11 Pete Wilt Jr., hole 15 Larry Looney and hole 17 Tim Bloink.

Players who qualified for the varsity golf team are Scott Brooks, Josh Creeger, Ken Eveland, Michael Grant, Daniel Grigsby, Joshua Jacobson, George Jones, Dan Merrill, Chris Mosley and Braden Taylor.

The next events coming at the Whispering Winds Golf Course will be the Earth Day Golf Scramble on April 13 and a Texas Scramble on April 14.

Also, the Monday night two person scrambles begin Saturday and will continue through the second week of September.

Tee times for the Monday night scrambles are at 5 p.m. Golfers are asked to sign up no later than 3 p.m. each Monday afternoon.

For more information or to sign-up for any of the tournaments, call the Pro Shop at 784-2800.

Fitness Center upcoming events

Kid Care Room Appreciation Day

In an effort to promote the facilities available to families, all kids will receive free T-shirts Wednesday in the Kid Care Room.

Ab's Class

An Ab's Class for all fitness levels is held from 2 to 2:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Participants are asked to arrive 15 minutes early for their first class.

Prenatal Yoga

Prenatal Yoga classes will be forming this month. Class days and times will be announced as soon as enough participants sign up at the Fitness Center front desk.

Participants must pick up a doctors release form.

For more information on any of these or other classes available at the Fitness Center, call 784-2466.



MACH METER FILE PHOTOS



Laughlin Air Force Base Adventure Race

Approximately 60 to 70 teams from different Air Force bases are scheduled to take on the Laughlin Air Force Base, Nev., Adventure Race April 28. This 26-mile bike, and eight-mile run and raft event is open to teams of four to eight members. There are two divisions to compete with.

Registration is \$80 per team and must be completed by April 14.

Call (830) 298-8530 or e-mail william.goins@laughlin.af.mil to register.



SPORTS SHORTS



**Earth Day
5K Fun Run or
1 Mile Walk**

8 a.m. April 19 at
the Fitness Center

Cannon Lanes 784-2280

Easter Egg Surprise — Pick an egg and open it to find the price of bowling from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday.

There will be a basket of plastic eggs that will have game prices from 50 cents to \$2.

Wednesday Specials — Students receive discounts from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Bowl four games and receive free shoes and a drink for \$5.

Everyone can bowl as many games as possible from 6 to 9 p.m. for \$5 per person.

Youth Center 784-2747

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

Today — FitFactor Activities, 3-on-3 Basketball

Saturday — FitFactor Activities

Tuesday — Chess and FitFactor Activities

Wednesday — Board Games, Skating and Scooters

Thursday — FitFactor Activities and Dart Challenge

Whispering Winds

Golf Course 784-2800

Texas Scramble — Play with a four-person team in a Texas Scramble format golf tournament with a 9 a.m. shotgun start April 14. Each player tees off and the best tee shot is selected for the team to play from. Full handicaps will be used.

The \$15 entry fee includes closest to pin contests and lunch. Sign up by April 13.

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.

Retiree Wednesdays — Golfers

with retired military identification cards receive \$2 off daily green fees and 50 percent off electric cart rentals.

End Zone 784-4283

DJ — A DJ plays from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays at the End Zone.

Outdoor Rec. 784-2773

Airmen's Expedition — This is a Project CHEER event to White Sands, the Museum of Space History/IMAX Theater and Carlsbad Caverns and is geared for single Airmen living in the dormitories, but others may attend.

Depart the base May 4 and return May 6. The price is \$100 per person and includes lodging, transportation, a self-guided tour of Carlsbad Caverns, an IMAX movie, entry to the museum and White Sands, and lunch both days. For \$20 more, take the Spider Cave Tour for a more hands on glimpse of Carlsbad Caverns.

Sign up by April 27 at the Discover Home Travel Fair at The Landing.

Boater's Safety Class — Anyone interested in renting powered watercraft from Outdoor Recreation must attend this training on April 28, May 18 or June 29. Call to sign up.



ANSWERS TO PUZZLE ON PAGE 18



Hearts Apart

Left behind doesn't mean left alone



Key Spouse Program

Morale Calls

Give Parents a Break

Car Care Because We Care

Deployed/Remote Quarterly Family Meal

Find out more about *Hearts Apart* by calling the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 784-4228.