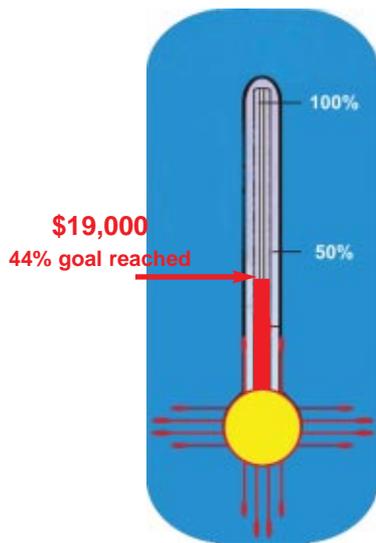


AFAF Update

Goal - \$43,031



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Legal assistance

Legal assistance by attorneys will not be available Monday or Tuesday. Notary service will still be given during normal business hours.

For more information, call 784-2211.

Work force investment

Training on the Work Force Investment Act will be conducted from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. This will cover opportunities provided to people affected by the mission change at Cannon.

For more information, call 784-4228.

VA benefits seminar

Veterans Administration representative John Fondrick will offer guidance on all VA benefits from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

For more information, call 784-4228.

Neighborhood watch

The 27th Security Forces Squadron will hold a Neighborhood Watch meeting at 3:30 p.m. on April 6 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 27 SFS will discuss recent changes to New Mexico laws on personal property and residential protection.

Easter chapel services

Protestant — Good Friday Service at noon on April 6

Easter Sunrise Service at the

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PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS THOMAS TROWER

More than 500 Airmen from Cannon have assisted Clovis residents in storm clean up. A tornado hit the town March 23 leaving homes, property and businesses in ruin. Airmen

will continue to assist in clean up efforts with the Airmen for an Afternoon program. For information, call 784-4228. For more on the tornado recovery, see pages 2, 24 and 15.

Airmen for an Afternoon to assist homeowners recovering from tornado

By Col. Scott West
27th Fighter Wing commander

Last weekend, our New Mexico friends and neighbors (including some of our Airmen) suffered significant physical and property damage as a result of Friday's tornado. I was very proud of the way we responded, with kindness and muscle to help our community recover. Saturday, Airmen volunteered to help with the process of discovery in Curry County and Clovis. Sunday, several hundred Airmen volunteered to help with debris removal in various tornado-damaged pockets of destruction. Monday, we shut down flying operations so we could voluntarily help again — by the hundreds, house by house, hand by hand or with

heavy equipment. And throughout the week, the Cannon volunteer spirit continued.

It's made a difference. Not only physically, but as a way of repaying the support our community gives to us, year in, year out. Appreciation for our tornado restoration help is echoed in a note below from one of our Medical Group members:

"I saw [a patient] this morning. Her home and neighborhood suffered very much damage; fortunately she and her family were not hurt at all. She asked me to convey her gratitude to those who volunteered to help. While crying, she described to me how she and her community felt when they saw the buses filled with military help and how words will never be able to

convey their thanks."

Our New Mexico community's restoration is not yet fully complete. Some families may need an afternoon of muscle to finish a job, so we've offered "Airmen for an Afternoon," 784-4228, a number tornado victims can call to get help from Airmen volunteers.

Airmen for an Afternoon is geared toward an individual property, home or business owner who needs four or so Airmen to help finish tornado-related work. We'll keep the line open as long as our community needs a hand. I know the volunteer spirit is strong at Cannon and hope you'll have an afternoon to give.

Cannon One



NEWS



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS RANDI FLAUGH



PHOTO BY 2ND LT. GEORGE TOBIAS

Volunteers help speed tornado recovery

Above: Senior Airman Christine O'Donnell, 27th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, clears out tumbleweeds during the Cannon clean up efforts Sunday. More than 500 volunteers began restoring Clovis after tornadoes swept through the town March 23.

Left: Staff Sgt. Gerri Finan loads up the arms of Master Sgt. Eric Butt with scrap wood from the piles of debris. These 27th Communications Squadron Airmen were part of the group who assisted in the clean up of Yucca Junior High Monday.

27 MDG addresses clinic patrons' issues

By Airman 1st Class Thomas Trower
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

First Call Resolution, quicker waiting times and fewer clinic visits were top subjects discussed at a Community Healthcare Council meeting with customers of the base clinic March 21 at The Landing.

In an open forum, Col. Kenneth Hall, 27th Medical Group commander, updated families on programs being implemented to decrease appointment wait times as well as make waiting environments more pleasant.

The meeting began with discussion about exploring an 800 number for patients to call and check operating hours, current services and other information that could be updated instantly. This service would allow beneficiaries who live a long distance from the base to check if the clinic was closed before leaving their homes, said Colonel Hall.

Another focus area is what the clinic commander termed "First Call Resolution," which ensures that patients only make one call to get their appointment needs addressed. Callers won't be left with a response of "[the clinic] is booked, call back later," said the colonel.

Operators will make every effort to schedule appointments at the requested time, but if no appointments are available, other arrangements will be made. These arrangements could be having the clinic personally call patients back; sending patients to the Acute Care Clinic (ACC) or having a provider in the local area provide the needed care.

"The [27th MDG] has worked hard to develop a strong TRICARE network with local civilian healthcare providers," said Colonel Hall. "This network offers opportunities for patients to be seen more quickly, while still receiving the same high-quality care they know and expect."

One other issue the clinic is noticing is that patients are not using referrals or attending follow-up appointments, said Colonel Hall. "Patients need to use these services to ensure continuity of care, prevent unnecessary workload and avoid wasted appointments."

Many patients are deciding to take their follow-up care to the ACC when they are in a rush, causing wait times to increase.

"When patients go to the Acute Care Clinic for follow-up appointments or any non-urgent care, it causes a delay for people truly in need of the ACC's services," said Colonel Hall. "The ACC is designed for new health problems that have occurred within

the last 72 hours and need to be seen within 24 hours to prevent additional impact from waiting longer to receive care."

To avoid extended "waiting room" time during periods of high demand, the ACC is currently exploring various customer-focused options. Patients can either wait for care, return at a later scheduled time or receive a referral for network care in Clovis, said Colonel Hall.

Another item addressed at the meeting will lessen the amount of trips active duty Airmen will have to make to the clinic.

Soon, the Individual Medical Readiness status of all Airmen will be checked at every appointment they attend at the clinic to help Airmen update all their deployment requirements in the same visit. This helps ensure they are medically deployable when the time arises and it also reduces their time out of the workplace," said Colonel Hall.

The final subject brought up in the meeting was the availability of the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine. The Women's Health Clinic is offering the HPV vaccine to women ages 11-26.

Community Healthcare Council meetings are held quarterly throughout the year for all 27th MDG beneficiaries. The next meeting will be in the June-July timeframe.



NEWS

27 FW Safety sweeps awards at all levels

By Greg Allen
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The safety buck stopped at Cannon Tuesday, when the Columbian Trophy made another appearance at the 27th Fighter Wing.

When the Air Force presented the wing with the prestigious trophy that recognizes the best flight safety program in the Air Force, it was only the tip of the safety iceberg for Team Cannon.

The Air Force also recognized Master Sgt. Edward Story, 27th FW Safety, with the Explosives Safety Award and the base received plaques for overall missile and explosive safety. Sergeant Story directs the wing weapons safety program that encompasses 19 squadrons, 33 explosive sited locations, 20 licensed facilities and aircraft valued at more than \$2 billion.

Along the way to receiving accolades at the highest level, the Cannon fighter wing made a strong showing of safety awards at the 12th Air Force level, winning 17 of 24 safety categories.

"These awards are indicative of the focus Cannon Airmen have when it comes to accomplishing their mission," said Lt. Col. Ancel Yarbrough, 27th FW Safety chief. "Meeting the assigned mission is every Airman's duty. To do so safely is everyone's responsibility."

"We won the Columbian Trophy

for the fourth time since 2000. No other wing has won that many," said Colonel Yarbrough who himself was recognized at the Air Combat Command level as the Wing Safety Chief of the Year.

The overall mission for the 27th FW Safety office, said Sergeant Story, is to provide comprehensive ground, flight and weapons safety programs to identify and reduce hazards while preventing mishaps.

"These programs are an integral part of preserving Cannon's combat assets, it's ready-trained Airmen and their equipment."

The road to safety excellence is challenging, said Colonel Yarbrough. About 16 safety awards are presented yearly at the Air Force level.

Some awards such as the flight, missile and safety plaques have multiple winners.

"The final winners are the result of a winnowing process at subordinate commands," he said.

The colonel pointed out that most of the safety awards are for a team accomplishment, and that team is the entire 27th FW.



FILE PHOTO BY AIRMAN ERIK CARDENAS

Col. Scott West, 27th Fighter Wing commander (left), stands with 27 FW Safety office staff Master Sgt. Ken Oswald, Lt. Col. Ancel Yarbrough, Master Sgt. David Steele and Capt. Joshua Kubacz as they hold the Air Force

Columbian Trophy. Cannon Airmen and their safe work practices contributed to Cannon receiving the Colombian Trophy from the Air Force for the fourth time since 2000. No other wing has won four Colombian Trophies.

Colonel Yarbrough said that if Airmen have suggestions for a safer environment, they should start with notifying their direct supervisor and unit safety representative.

"It took the entire team of dedi-

cated professionals known as the 27th Fighter Wing to produce the safest environment possible," said Colonel Yarbrough, "Cannon Airmen really made the 'Work Hard, Play Smart' theme a reality."

Prior approval required for urgent, out-of-area medical care

By TriWest Healthcare Alliance

TRICARE Prime beneficiaries enrolled at Military Treatment Facilities (MTF) are now required to obtain prior approval from their Prime Care Manager (PCM) before seeking urgent or out-of-area care treatment.

This DoD policy applies to active duty service

members, active duty family members, retirees and family members of retirees.

Authorization is not required for emergencies. Beneficiaries may continue to seek emergency care at the nearest emergency room.

There is a significant difference between emergency and urgent care. An emergency is a condition that is emergent or life-threatening.

Urgent care is defined as medically necessary services required for an illness or injury that would not result in further disability or death if not treated immediately, but requires professional attention and has the potential to develop such a threat if treatment is delayed longer than 24 hours. An urgent care condition could be a sprain, sore throat or rising tem-

perature.

If a beneficiary does not receive prior approval from the PCM for non-emergency care, the care may be covered under the point-of-service (POS) option, which includes a deductible, higher co-payments and cost-shares.

A beneficiary may appeal the payment of a claim under the Point of Service (POS) option if they believe the care was an emergency.

After receiving instructions from their primary care manager, beneficiaries may call (888) Tri-West or (888) 874-9378 to locate a network provider nearby.

Whether beneficiaries are in or out of the local area, or it is during or after duty hours, they must receive approval for outside medical care by calling 784-2778.

If patients are unable to contact the PCM at this number, they should call their assigned MTF or TriWest at (888) 874-9378 (tri-west).



Beneficiaries must receive approval for outside medical care by calling 784-2778. If no answer, call TriWest at (888) 874-9378 (tri-west).



COMMENTARY

DWI charges can stick, even if you're not driving

By Capt. Rob Palmer
27th Fighter Wing Legal Office

According to Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), one in every three Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related automobile crash at some point in their lives.

In 2005, the most recent year for which MADD and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration have compiled statistics, there were 189 alcohol-related traffic deaths in New Mexico and 1,569 deaths in Texas. Nationwide in 2005, 16,885 people died in alcohol related traffic incidents.

These staggering statistics tell us, as Americans, just how pervasive driving while intoxicated (DWI) really is in our culture.

They also explain why there has been such an outcry against DWI over the

past two decades, and why states and the federal government responded with expanded legal definitions of what constitutes DWI and put stiffer penalties in place.

With all of this in mind, the question becomes, what constitutes DWI?

There is perhaps no greater misconception concerning DWIs than this: "You have to be driving to be considered DWI, right?" WRONG! The term physical control is widely used by most states and by the military in deciding whether a person is DWI.

One definition of this concept comes from Article 111 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). Physical control describes, "the present capability and power to dominate, direct, or regulate the vehicle, vessel, or aircraft . . . regardless of whether such vehicle, aircraft, or vessel is operated."

The UCMJ also gives an example scenario that helps explain this concept with a little less "legalese."

An intoxicated person sitting behind the steering wheel of a vehicle with the keys in or near the ignition – even if the engine is not turned on – can be deemed to be in physical control of the vehicle, and thus DWI. However, an intoxicated person asleep in the back seat with the keys in his or

her pocket would not be deemed in actual physical control, and thus not DWI.

Physical control is not simply a concept you have to worry about while on base. A look at DWI laws in New Mexico and Texas gives a better idea of how widespread this terminology is and lets you know what you'll face when you leave the front gates headed for bars in Clovis, Portales or Farwell.

New Mexico courts say that a person is in physical control of a vehicle when they exercise direct influence over the vehicle. – *State v. Johnson, 130 N.M. 6, 13 (2000).*

Convictions in New Mexico for DWI have been upheld in many different situations, including the example already discussed from the UCMJ above, and even in cases where the driver was asleep at the wheel and the car's tires were blocked.

New Mexico courts say, "the public interest and potential harm posed by intoxicated drivers is so compelling that the offense of DWI is a strict liability crime." That means it doesn't matter if you only turned on the engine to keep warm, that you only chose to sit in the driver's seat because it was the most com-



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If you think you've had too much to drink, call a friend, a supervisor, a taxi or Airmen Against Drunk Driving (AADD) program at 784-AADD (2233). Don't drink and drive!

fortable, or that you intended to just "sleep it off." The fact that you were found to be in physical control of the vehicle is enough to convict you of DWI.

Although Texas uses the term "operating" instead of "physical control," the practical definitions differ very little. The key is that the individual took some step to cause the vehicle to function.

Several cases have been upheld in Texas where someone said they only started the vehicle to get some heat and then went to sleep – those people were arrested and convicted for DWI.

The bottom line is that you can get a DWI even if you aren't actually driving! Sitting behind the wheel, drunk, with the keys in your hand or in the ignition can be enough for a conviction. The clear purpose of these DWI laws is to stop

people from getting into a situation where they actually put their car or truck in gear. Don't let this be you!

If you've had enough alcohol that you think your driving might be even the tiniest bit impaired, don't get behind your wheel or put the keys anywhere near the ignition! Call a friend, a supervisor, a taxi or our Airmen Against Drunk Driving (AADD) program here on Cannon at 784-AADD (2233).

AADD will not charge you for a ride; they will not ask you what unit you belong to or any other identifying questions. They will get you home. Any of these options is far better than the penalties the state and/or the military will levy against you if you decide otherwise.

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!

"New Mexico courts say that a person is in physical control of a vehicle when they exercise direct influence over the vehicle."

– *State v. Johnson, 130 N.M. 6, 13 (2000).*

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ROLL CALL

Anthrax vaccine resumed

Courtesy of Air Force News
Week of March 21-27

Vaccinations become mandatory for some deployers, special ops Airmen Airmen with orders to, or are currently in, specific high-threat areas, such as the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility or the Korean Peninsula, are required to begin or continue the anthrax vaccine series of inoculations.

Airmen are required to receive the vaccine if they will be in these designated areas for more than 15 consecutive days. The vaccinations are also mandatory for special mission units, regardless of location, such as tactical air controllers or rescue personnel.

Also, Airmen can voluntarily elect to continue getting the Anthrax vaccine series whether or not they will be deploy-

ing or assigned to these areas, if they had at least one vaccine dosage since 1998.

For your information:

- Keep in mind anthrax attacks can occur anywhere. Anthrax spores make a lethal weapon and can be inhaled without knowledge.

- Inhalation Anthrax is the most deadly form of the disease (99 percent fatal if untreated)

- Getting the vaccine helps with your personal protection.

- In December 2005, the anthrax vaccine was found to be safe and effective against all forms of anthrax, including inhalation.

More information about Anthrax vaccinations can be obtained by viewing the AVIP tri-fold Brochure (PDF): www.anthrax.mil/documents/996Avip-Trifold.pdf

This week's **Viper Volunteer is**



PHOTO BY AIRMAN ERIC CARDENAS

Airman 1st Class Craig Maguire

Col. Scott West, 27th Fighter Wing commander, presents Airman 1st Class Craig Maguire, 27th Communications Squadron, the Viper Volunteer award.

Airman Maguire volunteers at the base and within the local community. He has contributed to more than 80 saves with Airmen Against Drunk Driving, and more than 100 hours with Habitat for Humanity and the Boy Scouts of America.

To nominate a Viper Volunteer, call Ellen Saccoia-Smith at 784-4228.



Energy-Saving Tip of the Week

Water conservation is also electricity conservation.

Cannon uses a great deal of electrical power supplying water and cleaning used water for the base.

Airmen can take steps such as waiting to do laundry until there is a full load or using a broom instead of water to clean driveways.

Energy can be saved at work and home.



Operation Homefront Quilts

helping mend the scars of war

Operation Homefront Quilts volunteers make quilts for family members who have suffered a loss in the war.

Volunteers are needed in a variety of areas.
No experience is necessary.

Patriotic style fabrics needed:
100 percent cotton
please no fireworks or celebratory style fabrics



*For more information, call Ellen Saccoia-Smith
at the Airman and Family Readiness Center
784-4228*



NEWS FEATURE

'Tokyo Raider' dies

Crew boosted American morale during early days of World War II

By Lt. Col. Stephen Clutter
Air Force Print News

SAN ANTONIO – Retired Lt. Col. Chase Nielsen, one of the famed “Tokyo Doolittle Raiders” who helped boost American morale in the early days of World War II with a surprise air attack on Japan and spent a lifetime as an advocate for American airpower, died March 23 at his home in Brigham City, Utah.

Born Jan. 14, 1917 in Hyrum, Utah, Colonel Nielsen attended Utah State University and graduated in 1939 with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering. In August 1939, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a flying cadet. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in June 1941.

Colonel Nielsen, a lieutenant at the time, was the navigator of “Crew # 6,” one of 16 B-25 Mitchell bombers and 80 Airmen that launched from the deck of the USS Hornet on April 18, 1942.

Led by legendary aviation pioneer Lt. Col. James “Jimmy” Doolittle, the raid is one of the most studied and talked about missions in the history of aerial warfare.

It was personally ordered by President Franklin Roosevelt in response to Japan’s surprise attack on Pearl Harbor nearly five months earlier. Preparation for the attack was conducted in secrecy at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., and was executed by loading 16 of the medium bombers onto the deck of the USS Hornet, which set sail from San Francisco, Calif., on March 2, 1942. Although Doolittle and his crews had perfected the art of taking off on a short field, returning to carrier was not an option.

All 16 bombers made it to

their targets; however, they were forced to ditch or bail out over or along the Chinese Coast because the U.S. task force had been spotted by Japanese picket boats, and Doolittle had decided to launch early – more than 600 miles from the Japanese mainland and 200 miles farther out than planned.

The original plan called for the Raiders to launch during the night and recover in China at dawn, but due to being spotted by the picket boats, Doolittle’s improvised plan had them take off in the early afternoon and landing in China at night. Further complicating the recovery, an aircraft with a beacon that was supposed to take off over China and guide the crews to friendly airfields wasn’t able to get airborne, so the Raiders couldn’t avoid areas where Japanese occupation forces were concentrated.

Most of the aircraft reached land, but two, including Colonel Nielsen’s, were forced to ditch off the coast of China. Two men were killed in the ditching.

The eight men who survived were taken prisoner by the Japanese forces and held in inhumane conditions from which only four of the eight survived. Colonel Nielsen spent the next 40 months as a prisoner of war, most of the time in solitary confinement, before being rescued at the end of the war by an Office of Strategic Services para-rescue team and returned to the United States.

Colonel Nielsen returned to Shanghai, China, in January 1946 to testify in the International War Crimes Trials against his former captors.

Colonel Nielsen became a member of the Strategic Air Command in March 1949 at Roswell AFB, N.M., where he was assigned to the 509th Bom-

bardment Group – the first group to be organized, equipped and trained for atomic warfare. The assignment was fitting as SAC’s mission provided a long-range combat capability.

During his decade with the major command, Colonel Nielsen helped SAC develop key operational innovations, including radar navigation bombardment, air refueling employing the flying boom, and electronic countermeasures. He helped integrate “fail safe” and other emergency war order procedures into SAC’s unique set of flight profiles.

Colonel Nielsen returned to the air while assigned to SAC and reached more than 10,000 flying hours mostly in B-29s, B-50s, B-36s and B-52s. His longest flight lasted 26 hours non-stop without refueling from Okinawa, Japan, to Roswell, New Mexico, in a B-36.

Colonel Nielsen retired from the Air Force in 1961 as a lieutenant colonel and began a career as an industrial engineer at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. He retired in 1981.

Colonel Nielsen’s decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Purple Heart with Cluster, the Air Force Commendation Medal with Cluster, Outstanding Unit Award, Longevity Ribbon with four Clusters, and the Breast Order of Pao Ting from the People’s Republic of China.

Of the 80 men who took part in the raid with Colonel Nielsen, three were killed



AIR FORCE PHOTO

Lt. Col Chase Nielsen, (left) with fellow crewmen before the famed Doolittle raid mission April 18, 1942, died March 23 at his home in Brigham City, Utah. The retired colonel spent a lifetime advocating American airpower. He was 90.

during the mission, five were interned in Russia and eight became prisoners of war in Japan. Of those POWs, three were executed by firing squad by the Japanese and another died in captivity. Thirteen others would die later in the war. There are 14 Raiders alive today.

The Raiders are also famous for their annual reunions, which began as a party hosted by Doolittle, in Miami Beach, Fla., in 1947. The reunions have evolved into a gathering of one of the most elite military fraternities in the world. At each reunion, surviving Raiders meet privately to conduct a solemn “Goblet Ceremony.”

After a role call followed by a toasting the Raiders who died since their last meeting, they turn the deceased men’s goblets upside down. Each goblet has the Raider’s name engraved twice – so that it can be read if the goblet is right side up or upside down.

When only two Raiders remain alive, they will drink a final toast using a vintage bottle of cognac.

The 80 goblets, which are normally on display at the National Museum of the United States Air Force, are accompanied by U.S. Air Force Academy cadets. The Raider reunion will be held this year in San Antonio from April 17 through 21.

At last year’s 64th reunion, Colonel Nielsen said, “I am proud to have been on the Doolittle Raid. I am more proud to have been of service to my country. I hope and I pray that what we Doolittle Raiders have done will be an inspiration to you people.”

“I hope and pray that our young men and young women who are serving in the service today will be protected; that they will live their lives in accordance with the military rules and laws of war, that they will do their best and that they will appreciate their country and protect their flag as we tried to do ourselves,” Colonel Nielsen said during reunion ceremony April 18.

The other Raider who will also be toasted is former Staff Sergeant William Birch, a bombardier on Crew #11, who died Nov. 18, 2006, in Santa Ana, Calif.



PHOTO BY GREG ALLEN

Pet of the Week

Sadie is a black and grey Labrador mix who is playful, likes other dogs, riding in cars, is leash trained and ready to adopt. For information on how to save this or another animal's life, call 784-4228.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Whispering Winds Golf Course at 6 a.m. on April 8
 Easter Service at 9 a.m. on April 8
Catholic — Holy Mass at 8 p.m. on April 5
 Good Friday Service at 8 p.m. on April 6
 Easter Vigil Mass at 8 p.m. on April 7
 Easter Mass at 10:30 a.m. on April 8

Volunteer of the Quarter

Nominations for volunteer of the quarter are due by April 6 to the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Volunteer work should be from January to March. For more information, call 784-4228.

Recycling contest

The 27th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight is sponsoring a "Caught in the Act" recycling contest April 9-13. 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.

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

Air Force clubs offering scholarships

Courtesy of Air Force News

SAN ANTONIO — Air Force Services Agency officials are offering \$25,000 in scholarships for club members and eligible family members.

Through its Air Force Clubs Division, the agency is offering the annual scholarship program for the 11th year, sponsored in part by Chase Bank and Coca-Cola.

“This is an exclusive club member program,” said Frank Black, chief of the Air Force Clubs Division. “Only club members and their family members are eligible. This includes the member’s spouse, son, daughter, stepson and stepdaughter. Grandchildren are also eligible, if they are dependents of the club member.”

Applicants for the scholarships must have been accepted by or are enrolled in an accredited college or university for the fall term as well as be part or full-time students.

Student enrollment status may involve either undergraduate or graduate curriculum. In addition, applicants must provide a copy of their college or university acceptance letter.

“We want to help club members



COURTESY GRAPHIC

Air Force Services Agency officials are offering \$25,000 in scholarships for club members and eligible family members. For more information about the Air Force Club Membership Scholarship Program, visit www.afclubs.net.

with the costs of higher education,” Mr. Black said. “This is a way for the clubs to reward their members.”

Awarding of scholarship money is based on a written essay. With the celebration of the Air Force’s 60th birthday, Air Force Clubs Division

officials selected, “Why is air superiority critical today” as this year’s topic, and each entrant is required to submit an essay of no more than 500 words.

This requirement is strictly enforced. Essays exceeding 500

words, excluding title, will be disqualified.

Essays must be single-spaced, with double-spacing between paragraphs, on white bond paper, and with 1 inch top and bottom margins and 1.25 inch left and right margins. Essays must be submitted on CD-ROM or floppy disk with one hard copy.

Essays must be submitted to the base services squadron commander or division chief by June 15.

Final scholarship awards for the upcoming school year will be announced in October. Six individuals will receive a combined total of \$25,000.

Lauren Post, a 2006 scholarship recipient from Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., said the Air Force Clubs scholarship eased her transition into college.

“My club scholarship significantly assisted me with paying the cost of books and tuition my entire first semester. This left me with fantastic opportunities to excel in my studies and greatly reduced the burden of college expenses,” she said.

For more information about the Air Force Club Membership Scholarship Program, visit www.afclubs.net.



Today

Seafood Buffet – 11 a.m. at The Landing
Conversational Language Skills Japanese – 11 a.m. at the Cannon Library
Final Four – 11 a.m. at the End Zone



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What's happening?



Saturday

Final Four – 11 a.m. at the End Zone

Sunday

Final Four – 11 a.m. at the End Zone
WrestleMania – 6 p.m. at the End Zone
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
Final Four – 11 a.m. at the End Zone
New Providers – 11 a.m. at Family Child Care
Barbeque Basket – lunch at Cannon Lanes

Tuesday

Bowling and Burger Basket – lunch at Cannon Lanes

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

Thursday

Story Time Preschool – 10:30 a.m. at the Cannon Library
Conversational Language Skills French – 11 a.m. at the Cannon Library
Roast Beef or Turkey Lunch – 11 a.m. at The Landing
Chess Tournament – 5 p.m. at the Central Community Center
Family Game Night – 6 p.m. at the Clovis Community Center



FEATURE

Tornado season gets early start in high plains

By Greg Allen
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Though Cannon is not in what is defined as “tornado alley,” which begins about 18 miles farther east, Friday’s storm showed how unpredictable the storm area is. At the end of the day, 13 confirmed tornadoes were sighted in Eastern New Mexico.

“We began to prepare for the stormy weather Friday afternoon as we watched the low pressure system to our south,” said Cannon meteorologist James Kratzer. “We issued the Severe Thunderstorm and Tornado Warning for the base warning of the worst storm cells.”

Cannon Weather meteorologists Staff Sgt. Robert Royals and Mr. Kratzer saw two lines of severe thunderstorms form around Roswell and in the vicinity of Melrose

at 3 p.m. The storms, which initially formed in southeastern New Mexico, moved into Clovis and Cannon, leaving large hail, high winds, and tornadoes in its wake.

Sergeant Royals handled principal radar duties as the tornadoes moved through Curry and Roosevelt County, said Mr. Kratzer. When he sighted the tornado six miles east of the base, he issued the tornado warning.

“As forecasting the storms went, we were right on the mark,” Mr. Kratzer said. “Thankfully, those kinds of strong tornadoes are rare around here.”

While knowing that severe weather is imminent, knowing what to do can mean the difference between discomfort and injury, or worse.

When radar indicates a tornado in the immediate area, a warning is issued by a



PHOTO BY GREG ALLEN

Thirteen confirmed tornadoes hit New Mexico’s easter plains March 23. One storm ripped through Clovis and cause widespread damage and one death. When a storm siren sounds, individuals should seek shelter in windowless rooms, or if outside, in a low area such as a ditch.

three-to five-minute steady tone on the base siren. This is not to be confused with the weekly test the Command Post performs every Friday at noon, said Jerry O’Connell, 27th Civil Engineer Squadron.

“Your home is your shelter,” said Mr. O’Connell. “There is no storm shelter for Cannon Military Family Housing residents. Go to the most interior room with your

family, away from windows and bring cover such as a mattress with you.

Individuals caught in a car in the path of an approaching tornado should get out, lie in a low area such as a ditch and cover their heads, advised Mr. O’Connell. They should stay away from bridges and overpasses because tornado winds can increase as they travel under

overpasses or bridges,

“Don’t become a sightseer when the siren sounds; it’s sounding for a reason,” he said. “There could be ruptured gas or electric lines. Let the emergency personnel do their jobs.”

Cannon typically conducts a natural disaster exercise during late spring, said Mr. O’Connell and now is a good time to review preparations.

After the storm - Tips to recovery

Courtesy of the National Disaster Education Coalition

Following a tornado or any natural disaster, you should:

- Help yourself, then others.
- Listen to local radio or television stations or a NOAA Weather Radio for updated information and instructions. Access may be limited to some parts of the community or roads may be blocked.
- Check for injuries. Give first aid and get help for injured or trapped persons. Taking care of yourself first allows you to help others safely until emergency responders arrive.
- Help people who require special assistance such as infants, the elderly, or people with disabilities.

- Watch for fallen power lines or broken gas lines. Reporting potential hazards will get the utilities turned off as and prevent further hazard or injury.

- Avoid damaged areas. Your presence might hamper rescue and other emergency operations and put you at further risk from the residual effects of tornadoes.

- If you are away from home, return only when authorities say it is safe.

- Wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, and sturdy shoes. The most common injury following a disaster is cut feet.

- Use battery-powered lanterns or flashlights. DO NOT USE CANDLES.

- Examine walls, floors, doors,

staircases, and windows to make sure that the building is not in danger of collapsing.

- Look for fire hazards. There may be broken or leaking gas lines, or damage to electrical systems. Clean up spilled medications, bleaches, gasoline, or other flammable liquids immediately. Fire is the most frequent hazard following other disasters.

- Check for gas leaks. If you smell gas or hear a blowing or hissing noise, open a window and get everyone out quickly. Turn off the gas using the outside main valve if you can, and call the gas company from a neighbor’s home. If you turn off the gas for any reason, it must be turned back on by a professional.

- Look for electrical system

damage. If you see sparks or broken or frayed wires, or if you smell burning insulation, turn off the electricity at the main fuse box or circuit breaker. If you have to step in water to get to the fuse box or circuit breaker, call an electrician first for advice. Electrical equipment should be checked and dried before being returned to service.

- Take pictures of the damage, both of the building and its contents, for insurance claims.

- Use the telephone only for emergency calls. Telephone lines are frequently overwhelmed in disaster situations. They need to be clear for emergency calls to get through.

- Watch your animals closely. Keep all your animals under your direct control.

Unit Spotlights

2006 Maintenance Professionals of the Year

Maintenance Professional Company Grade Officer

*1st Lt. Michael Shopp,
27th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron*

Maintenance Professional Senior NCO

*Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Thackrah
27th AMXS*

Maintenance Professional NCO

*Staff Sgt. Dwayne Galan
27th Equipment Maintenance Squadron*

Maintenance Professional Airman

*Senior Airman Daniel Davas
27th EMS*

Staff Professional NCO

*Staff Sgt. Samuel Trappett
27th Component Maintenance Squadron*

Staff Professional Airman

*Airman 1st Class Robert Turner
27th AMXS*

Support Professional NCO

*Tech. Sgt. Kevin Gillespe
27th EMS*

Support Professional Airman

*Senior Airman Michael Brackin
27th EMS*



**CANNON AIR FORCE BASE
CHAPEL**

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.

Norbit

Today and Saturday at 6 p.m.

Description: Norbit has never had it easy. As a baby, he was abandoned on the steps of a Chinese restaurant/orphanage and raised by Mr. Wong. Things get worse when he's forced into marriage by the mean, junk-food chugging queen, Rasputia. Just when Norbit's hanging by his last thread, his childhood sweetheart, Kate, moves back to town.

PG-13 – crude and sexual humor, nudity, and language

Running time: 100 min.

Bridge to Terabithia

Saturday at 2 p.m.

Description: Fifth grader Jesse Aaron's hopes of becoming the fastest runner in his class are dashed when new girl Leslie Burke outruns everybody, including him. However, Jess and Leslie soon begin a friendship and discover a magical kingdom in the forest, where the two of them reign together as king and queen.

PG – thematic elements including bullying, some peril and mild language

Running time: 96 min.

Tyler Perry's Daddy's Little Girls

Saturday at 6 p.m.

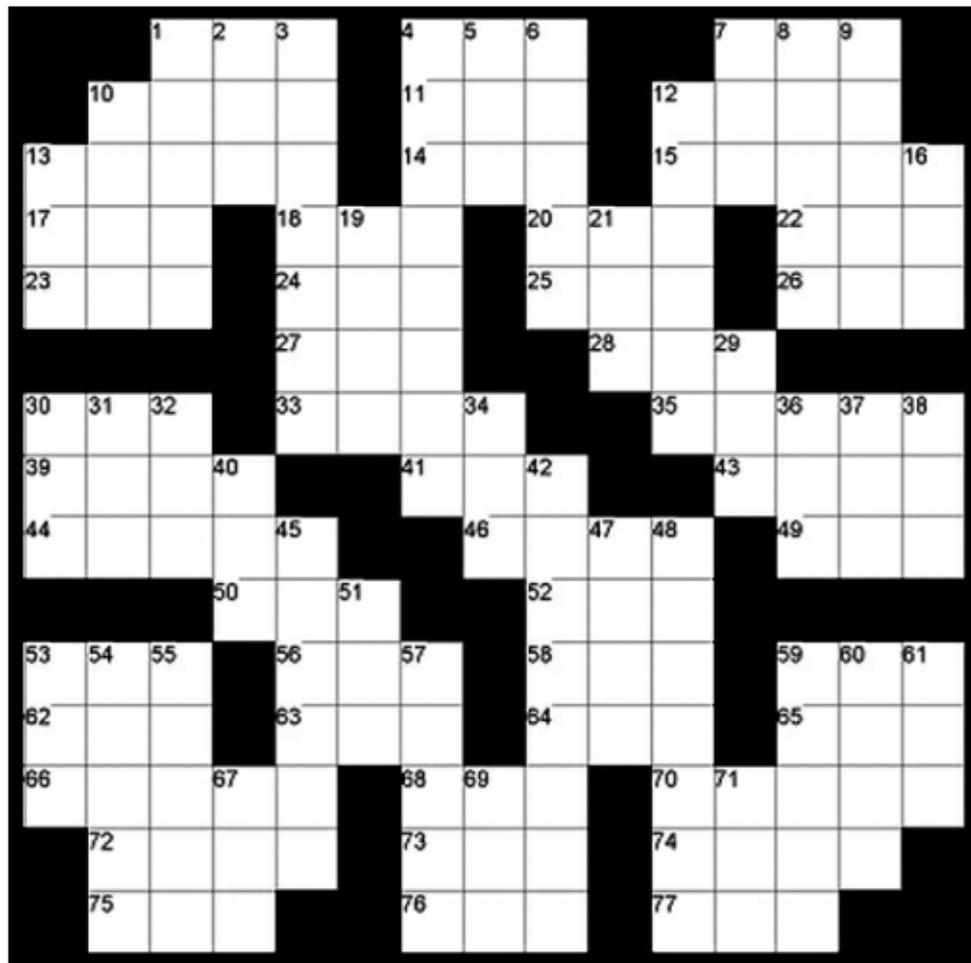
Description: A single father lives in a poor neighborhood and struggles to make ends meet as he raises his three young daughters on his own. But when the courts award custody of his daughters to his corrupt, drug-dealing ex-wife, Monty must win them back. He enlists the help of Julia, a beautiful attorney. While Monty and Julia couldn't be less alike, an unexpected romance blossoms. But, for their relationship to survive, the couple must reconcile their two very different worlds and overcome the forces that threaten to tear Monty's family apart.

PG-13 – thematic material, drug/sexual content, violence and language

Running time: 95 min.



THE LIGHTER SIDE



ANSWERS ON PAGE 20

CSAFs, Vol. 2

By Capt. Tony Wickman

71st Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

ACROSS

- 1. Actress/model Carol
- 4. Flight controlling fed. org.
- 7. Crazy
- 10. Belch
- 11. Engine need
- 12. 5,280 feet make one
- 13. Capital of 27 ACROSS
- 14. Breach
- 15. Telephones
- 17. Pub order
- 18. Zero
- 20. Gen. Henry “_” Arnold
- 22. Greek letter
- 23. Red or Dead
- 24. Anger
- 25. Pilot with 5+ kills
- 26. Nitpicker
- 27. Inform name for SE country
- 28. Spigot
- 30. ___ Vegas
- 33. Small pest
- 35. OH-58 helicopter
- 39. Queries
- 41. USN equivalent to AFB
- 43. Snare
- 44. CSAF from July 1, 1957 - June 30, 1961
- 46. Glacier

- 49. Before, poetically
- 50. Sweet potato
- 52. Turf
- 53. 1987-90 series My ___ Dads
- 56. Grass
- 58. Wane
- 59. Engine type
- 62. Dress line
- 63. Greek letter
- 64. Automobile
- 65. USAF inspection
- 66. Make happy
- 68. ___ Smart
- 70. Column type
- 72. Burn to a crisp
- 73. Summer beverage
- 74. Garden of ___
- 75. Witch
- 76. Head movement
- 77. Mil. pay statement

DOWN

- 1. Sleep disorder
- 2. Zodiac sign
- 3. CSAF from June 30, 1953 - June 30, 1957
- 4. CSAF from Oct. 26, 1994 - Sept. 1, 1997
- 5. USAF intel org.
- 6. Greek letter
- 7. Duty status, perhaps
- 8. CSAF from July 1, 1978 - June 30, 1982
- 9. Greek letter
- 10. Store extravaganza

- 12. CSAF from Oct. 30, 1990 - Oct. 25, 1994
- 13. Owns
- 16. Droop
- 19. Middle East country
- 21. Perform
- 29. Hole
- 30. Cannon
- 31. Burn residue
- 32. Alpine or cross-country
- 34. Bar bill
- 36. Mining goal
- 37. Battle
- 38. Mock
- 40. Pig pen
- 42. Chose
- 45. Spring religious holiday
- 47. Singer McIntyre
- 48. CSAF from July 1, 1982 - June 30, 1986
- 51. Flightless bird
- 53. Article
- 54. CSAF from July 1, 1986 - June 30, 1990
- 55. Normandy beach
- 57. CSAF from July 1 - Sept. 17, 1990
- 59. CSAF from July 1, 1974 - June 20, 1978
- 60. ___ Brochovich
- 61. ___-tac-toe
- 67. Children’s game
- 69. Tokyo once
- 71. Lyrical poem



NEWS FEATURE

Fired Up!

Clovis teams kick way to indoor championship

By Master Sgt. Robert Pinder
27th Civil Engineer Squadron

On March 16-17 the three Clovis Fire Futbol Club soccer teams, won their respective championship indoor soccer games.

In the Under-10 division, Clovis played without subs in the opening weekend and was handed its first and only loss of the season. The next seven games, the team caught fire and never looked back on its way to the championship game and outscoring their opponents by a whopping 75-17.

In the championship game, the Fire would face the one-loss Jaguars, who wanted revenge since the Fire handed them their only loss. The Fire came out smoking and scored six unanswered goals on their way to an 8-2 championship victory.

In the Under-14 division, the Fire blew away all eight opponents on their way to an undefeated season.

On the road to the championship game, the Fires stingy defense and powerful offense overpowered their opponents 68-17.

In the championship game, the Fire was up against an undefeated Canyon team that had only given up 3 goals in 7 games until they faced the Fire. The Clovis Fire team came out hot as a firecracker just as they did all season and handed Canyon their first 7-2 loss in the championship game.

In the high school division, the Fire lost its first game on opening weekend and then rallied for five straight decisive victories before running into a hot Friona team. Both teams knew they would meet again in the championships and both had one win under their belts against each other.

In the championship game, Clovis was not intimidated at all by Friona's victory against them the last time they played. In the first half, the Fire jumped out to a quick three goal lead before giving up one. The second half was no different as the Fire turned up the heat and ran away with an 8-2 championship victory.

Note: As their coach, I am proud of them and their families and thankful for their commitment. Nobody gave up, they all had a great attitude, and remained focused, regardless of the adversity they faced.



COURTESY GRAPHIC

Get ready to run

The 11th annual United States Air Force Marathon will take place on Sept. 17 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Events include the marathon, wheelchair marathon, 4-person relay, half marathon and 5K races. For more information, visit www.usafmarathon.com

Air Force loses last-second heartbreaker to Clemson in NIT finals

By Staff Sgt. Steve Grever
U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs

NEW YORK CITY – With 1.2 seconds remaining and Air Force down by one point, a hush went over the crowd Tuesday at Madison Square Garden as Clemson tried frantically to inbound the ball to end the game.

After Clemson forward K.C. Rivers moved rapidly along the baseline, he finally found forward David Potter who broke through Air Force's full-court press as the clock ran out to give the Tigers a 68-67 victory and a spot in the National Invitation Tournament championship game on March 29.

Air Force guard Dan Nwaelele hit a quick jumper with two seconds left on the clock to move the Falcons within one point of tying Clemson and taking the game into overtime. The senior guard said the team was trying to focus on playing good defense to give it a few more opportunities to win the game.

"We were just trying to deny the opposing team from going long, and then, I just denied my guy and Drew's [Andrew Henke] guy went long. Both guys just tripped over each other," Nwaelele said. "The guy passed the ball, and I tried to get it. I tried to jump into him to initiate contact, but it wasn't there, and the shot went in."

Clemson led by as many as 15 points at one point, but the Falcons scrapped and clawed their way back into the game several times with key runs in the second half.

Clemson weathered each Air Force rally and eventually won the right to play West Virginia for the NIT championship.

Air Force Falcons Head Coach Jeff Bzdelik said he was very proud of his team's performance and the perseverance it showed throughout the game.

"There's no quit in these young men," Coach Bzdelik said. "I'm struggling with words as to how to describe these young men, how much they have enriched my life and enriched the fans all around Colorado Springs

and this nation in what they are able to accomplish."

The Falcons coach said Clemson is a highly-capable defensive team, and Air Force just couldn't overcome Clemson's size and athleticism.

"They are one of the premiere offensive rebounding teams in the ACC," Coach Bzdelik said. "They were able to take advantage of their strength just enough in this ball game to get some separation."

For Air Force guard Matt McCraw, this was his final game in an academy uniform. Cadet McCraw said winning more 90 games during his four years has been great, but being able to share it with his teammates was even better.

"Ever since we've gotten here our motto has just been to get better every day," Cadet McCraw said. "Right now, I'm just cherishing the moment with my friends and teammates and brothers. Our careers have been great together, but unfortunately it came to an end. Fortunately, we still have other guys to step [up] and

keep this legacy going."

One of the key reasons Air Force was unable to catch Clemson was its poor free throw shooting. The Falcons shot 43 percent from the line, which is far below the team's 76-percent average.

"You're not going to win big games if you don't make foul shots, and we were 6-for-14 from the free throw line," Coach Bzdelik said. "Between free throws and not enough defensive rebounds, we dug ourselves a hole."

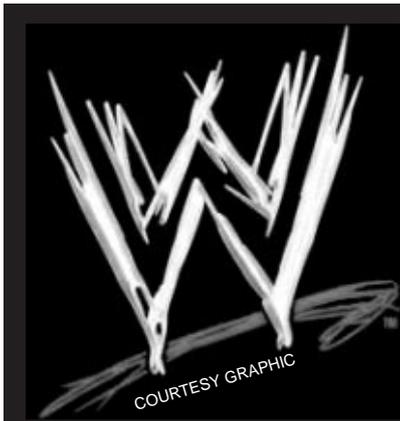
Air Force shot the lights out at Madison Square Garden at 60 percent from the field while Clemson topped out at 68 percent. But, Clemson had the edge on the boards over Air Force.

Four Air Force players finished in double figures in the game, with center Nick Welch leading the team with 16 points. Matt McCraw scored 15 points and Nwaelele added 12.

The leading scorer for the game was Clemson's Rivers with 19 points. Air Force finishes its season at 26-9, which is the most wins in school history.



SPORTS SHORTS



**WWE Wrestling
at the End Zone**

WrestleMania Sunday
Backlash April 29

Free for members, \$5 for non-members
Shows start at 6 p.m.

Cannon Lanes 784-2280

Family Bowl-A-Rama — Bowl two hours with up to six family members on a lane for \$12 from 6 to 9 p.m. today. The price includes shoes and a pitcher of soda.

Lanes assigned from 5 to 7 p.m.

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

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

Final Four — View the NCAA 2007 Final Four basketball games at 11 a.m. today through Monday at the End Zone.

DJ — A DJ plays from 7 p.m. to

1 a.m. Fridays at the End Zone.

Outdoor Rec. 784-2773

Valley of Fire tour — Tour the Trinity Site on White Sands Missile Range open only twice yearly. See Ground Zero where the first atomic bomb was assembled. Also, visit New Mexico's premier astronomical radio observatories. This trip is April 6-8. Sign up by today.

Prices are \$130 for single occupancy, \$100 for double occupancy and \$50 for children under 12.

New facility hours

The 27th Services Squadron has changed hours of operation for several facilities. The new hours are.

Fitness Center —

Mon.-Thurs. 5 a.m. to midnight

Fri. 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Sat.-Sun. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

End Zone Dining —

Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 5 to 9 p.m.

Sat. 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sun. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

End Zone Lounge —

Fri. 3:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Sat. 5 p.m. to midnight

Sun. 5 to 10 p.m.

Trap and Skeet —

Sun. noon to 5 p.m.



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