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Photo by Elizabeth Harlan

## He shoots, he scores

James Weber, Headquarter and Headquarters Company Military Intelligence Battalion, fails to stop Kevin Brice of HHC NETCOM from scoring two points in Tuesday night's game. HHC 111th MI Bn. finished ahead of HHC NETCOM 57-44. Weber said he was a little dissatisfied, but believes they can come back from the loss. The rebuttal from a player on the winning team, "It's 1 and 0," said Alfonso Gonzalez, HHC 111th MI Bn. "We beat one of the better teams in the league it's to easy."

## Soldiers compete Entertainment contest attracts many

BY TIM HIPPS  
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

Sgt. Aaron Talley came all the way from Vicenza, Italy, to sing Harry Connick Jr.'s "Recipe for Love," which won him best-of-show honors in the U.S. Army's 2003 Margaret "Skipper" Lynn Stars of Tomorrow Entertainment Contest Nov. 22 at Wallace Theater in Fort Belvoir, Va.

"This is a great honor," said Talley, 29, son of a music teacher from Clinton Township, Mich., who added dance to his repertoire. "It means a lot to compete against the best in the Army and be recognized. It's really fulfilling to have a judge look at your talent and say: 'Yeah, you're pretty good.'"

A six-year Army veteran, Talley plans to leave the military in the next couple of months and will forfeit his guaranteed slot in the 2004 U.S. Army Soldier Show live auditions. He did, however, proudly collect a \$5,000 equipment gift certificate for his installation's recreation center or Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program.

After waiting tables and working as a disc jockey for five years, Talley joined the military in 1997 and landed his dream gig as an Army broadcast journalist. He knew nothing, however, about Stars of Tomorrow.

Upon his arrival at Vicenza, Talley, who began singing at age 4, was cast into a show within a week. The rest, as they say, is Army showbiz history.

"My girlfriend is a choreographer and she choreographed this act for me," Talley said of his winning song-and-dance routine.

Pfc. Jeanna Kilbane of Kaiserslautern, Germany, took runner-up honors for her performance of "Walking on Sunshine."

Stars of Tomorrow judge Debra Byrd, a vocal coach for FOX television's "American Idol," said Talley and Kilbane could pursue futures on stage.

"Aaron would do well, and the young lady who sang 'Walking on Sunshine,' she would do very well," Byrd said. "The two winners are that; they are winners. Picking them was easy. It

was pretty crystal clear.

"The number one female had showmanship. She was a crowd-pleaser. It was a great song. Her outfit was perfect. She brought the whole package."

The other two judges were Andrea Williams, project manager for the Academy of Recording Arts and Science's Grammy Awards, and Carlos Guillen, chief executive officer for LaCima Music.

Sgt. Rodrig Olestry of Bamberg, Germany, finished third overall with an original song. He also finished runner-up to Talley in the male vocal solo division, followed by Pfc. Jeremie Kramer of Camp Carroll, Korea.

Kilbane won the female solo vocal category, followed by Sgt. Daphne Cooper of Fort McPherson, Ga., and Sgt. Melissa Gomez of Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Sgt. Tonia Jackson of Fort Hood, Texas, took vocal solo self-accompanied honors, followed by Sgt. 1st Class David Roark of Fort Gordon, Ga., and Pfc. James Hall of Hohenfels, Germany.

First Sgt. Wilford Velez and Spc. Christopher Webb of Hohenfels won the specialty division, followed by Olestry and Spc. Perry Martin of Bamberg, Germany.

Pfc. Cyriac Alencheril of Fort Lewis, Wash., was first in the instrumental solo category, followed by Hall and Sgt. Dathan Boyd of Okinawa, Japan.

Honorary awards were issued to Command Sgt. Maj. Wil-

liam Brown of Vicenza, Pfc. Sarah Ockuly of Presidio of Monterey, Calif., and Boyd.

Byrd applauded the efforts of lighting engineer Brian Essad of Army Entertainment Division at Fort Belvoir.

"He brought to each contestant a personality, so I have to find him and congratulate him," she said. "He gave great lighting elements to each and every one of them. That surprised me, the lighting guy, more than anything because he was sensitive to everyone's needs and everyone's talents."

Byrd said she was honored to judge the 23 contestants in the four-hour show.

"I'm glad to be involved with the Stars of Tomorrow because being with 'American Idol' I am involved with the stars of tomorrow constantly," she said. "Kelly Clarkson, Ruben (Studdard), Clay (Aiken), Kimberly (Locke) - all these people come past me."

So, too, have an Army of talented Soldiers, thanks to Stars of Tomorrow, one of more than 50 Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs offered to Soldiers and families worldwide by the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center in Alexandria, Va.

The contest is open to active duty personnel and exceptions can be made for Army Reserve and National Guard Soldiers. Each contestant, who advanced here through Installation Management Agency or Department of the Army levels, is allowed seven minutes to perform.



Photo by Tim Hipps

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## Holiday food safety: Eating guide for the party animal

BY HERB GREENE  
DECA NEWS RELEASE

Of all the wonderful things you plan to do during the holidays, I'll bet that being seriously ill with food poisoning is definitely not one of them. Yet, this holiday season, an awful lot of folks will have their holidays ruined because they failed to take some common-sense precautions with their eating and drinking at parties and get-togethers.

As you have guessed by now, this is a food safety story, but it is not about how to cook a turkey or how long to keep tofu left-overs. It is about how to protect yourself from food-borne illness as you hit the party circuit. Here are some food safety tips to keep you, the party animal, rocking:

### Wash your hands

The first and best thing you can do to

protect yourself is to just wash your hands. No, you are not a dirty person, but you will come into contact with objects that less sanitary folks than you have touched. Most communicable illnesses invade your body by way of your hands. You either touch an ill person or touch something they have handled and then transfer those harmful bacteria into your body when your fingers touch your mouth or nose. It's all down hill from there as the harmful bacteria that have been transferred to your body have a field day challenging your immune system. But what if food is being served where you can't wash your hands? One possible solution might be to use a hand sanitizing lotion or anti-

bacterial wipe to clean your hands. It's that easy.

### Eat early

During the average four hours of a holiday party, bacteria can go from a few lonely souls to virtually gazillions. "If your host has placed all the party food out on the table at

the beginning and it just sits there at room temperature, be sure to eat early," says Chris Wicker, a health and sanitation specialist with the Defense Commissary Agency. "The longer food sits out unrefrigerated, the less safe it is to eat."

Avoid people with inconsiderate eating habits

The "double dipper" is the worst of this lot. This is the person who takes a chip, piece of celery, cauliflower, carrot, or other similar item and scoops it into the dip, takes a bite, then returns the half-eaten, germ-contaminated portion back into the bowl for a second dip. The entire bowl of dip now becomes a potential illness waiting to happen. And what if the double dipper has a cold or bad cough? Another shining example of "inconsiderate people" would be the person who drops the serving spoon



Photo by Elizabeth Harlan



Many elaborate displays of food were showcased in both dining facilities.

# Dueling decorations

## Dining facilities pull out stops for holiday



Photos by Elizabeth Harlan

Spc. Nicholas Bryan puts in extra hours filling cheese cake shells for the Thanksgiving feast at Thunderbird.

BY SGT. KRISTI T. JAEGER  
SCOUT REPORTS

A cornucopia made of eggs, flour and salt, a gingerbread house village, bible shaped cake and displays of canoes and tipis were all part of the Thanksgiving day decoration display at the Thunderbird dining facility Nov. 27.

Thunderbird received the first place trophy inscribed "Thanksgiving best decorated dining facility, Fiscal Year 2004" in the contest for best Thanksgiving presentation. Yardley dining facility received runner up in the contest.

"We're all winners in the end," said Allen Lewis, facility manager at Yardley dining facility. "We're here for the soldiers," he said.

Lewis, who was facility manager at Thunderbird for three years, said the two facilities compete every year.

Both facilities were judged on appearance, overall decoration of dining facility, food preparation, serving, sanitation, temperature of food on the serving line, attitudes of the cooks, and cake displays

and center pieces, said Chief Warrant Officer Kendall Brown, installation food advisor.

Individual awards were given for displays and outstanding chef in both facilities.

Individual awards presented at Thunderbird dining facility were: Staff Sgt. Tersandria Haskins, awarded for her bible cake display, Sgt. Michael Marcias, awarded for his turkey display, Pvt. Jennifer Drier, awarded for orchestrating the pilgrim costumes and Cedric Nickerson received an award for outstanding chef.

Individual awards presented at Yardley dining facility were: Allen Lewis, awarded for his bible cake display, Robert Macmillan, awarded for his horn o' plenty display, Kim Olson, received an award her ice sculpture display and Camilo Sanchez received the award for outstanding chef.

"This is where food service guys show what they can do as far as culinary skills and everything you don't see throughout the year," said Brown. "I know what they go through," he added. "They put a lot of hours in."



Camilo Sanchez and Kim Olson stay busy the night before Thanksgiving preparing eggs at Yardley dining facility for the 1,000 expected guests.

## Upcoming event

**Thunderbird Dining Facility will have a steak meal 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Dec. 10**

- Hotdogs
- Hamburgers
- Grilled Cheese Sandwich
- Grilled Ham and Cheese
- French Fries
- Grilled Steak
- Fried Shrimp
- Fried Fish
- Baked Fish
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Shrimp Fried Rice
- Baked Potato bar
- Corn on the Cobb
- Broccoli with cheese
- Hot Rolls
- Cheese Cake
- Apple Pie
- Chocolate Chip Cookies
- Potato Salad
- Macaroni Salad

For more information, call the facility at 533-2005



Stuffing was prepared by the pan full.



Col. Mary Beth Shively, NETCOM chief of staff and Col. Susan Browning, chief of staff, judge the two dining facilities Thanksgiving morning on overall appearance and food.



## FORT HUACHUCA DIRECTORATE OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES UPDATES

The Directorate of Community Activities is responsible for content appearing on the MWR page in The Fort Huachuca Scout. Questions about this section should be directed to MWR Marketing Director, Paula German at 538-0836 or send an e-mail to [paula.german@hua.army.mil](mailto:paula.german@hua.army.mil) or visit us on the web at [mwrhuachuca.com](http://mwrhuachuca.com)

### Unusual gift idea

Mountain View Golf Course has a suggestion for a unique Christmas gift idea. You can purchase gift certificates for golf lessons, taught by Class A Professional Golf Association pro John Hosterman. Hosterman has 29 years experience teaching golf.

The lessons are being offered at 20 percent below normal price, in either a three-lesson or five-lesson series. This would make a great gift for family members, friends or yourself. Stop at the Pro Shop at MVGC for prices or to purchase a gift certificate.

MVGC Pro Shop is open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., seven days a week, and is now accepting layaways for merchandise for your shopping convenience. For more information, call 533-7088.



### Arts Center offers Saturday program for kids

"Little Hands" is a children's arts and crafts program offered every Saturday at the MWR Arts Center. The program is open to children ages 5 - 12, from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. and from noon - 1 p.m.

Each week, participants will fabricate a different craft from clay, paper, glass, beads and more. The schedule for this month will be: Saturday, clay ornament; Dec. 13, bead key chain; Dec. 20, candle holder and menorah; and Dec. 27, New Year's noisemaker.

Cost of the "Little Hands" program is \$6 per class or two classes for \$10. Pre-payment is required at the time of registration. You can register your child at the Arts Center, or call 533-2015 for more information.

In addition to the "Little Hands" program, the Arts Center is offering a variety of classes in December, including digital photography, basic pottery, basic jewelry and more.

For a complete schedule of classes offered and for more information, call 533-2015, or stop in at the Arts Center. They're open Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, noon - 8 p.m.

### December events at Desert Lanes

Desert Lanes has several tournaments and special events scheduled this month.

A 9-Pin No Tap Tournament will be held, beginning at 1 p.m., Saturday. Entry fee is \$30 and you will bowl three games on the same lanes. Payout ratio is one to five.

A Singles Scratch Tournament will be held Dec. 13, 1 p.m., Entry fee is \$40 and payout ratio is one to eight.

Kids' Days will be Dec. 22 and 29, noon - 4 p.m. at Desert Lanes. School-age kids can bowl for \$1 per game and \$1 shoes.

December 26 will be Family Day. Bowl for \$1.50 per game and \$1 shoes.

For more information or to sign up for one of the tournaments, contact Randy Carter at 533-2849.

### Hunters' Banquet set for December 13

The Sportsman's Center will host the annual Hunters' Banquet Dec. 13, with social hour beginning at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Hunter's soup will be provided by the Sportsman's Center and those attending are asked to bring a dish to pass. There will also be a gift exchange, with a \$10 upper limit. Call 533-7085 for more information.

### Blood Drive at Eifler

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive Dec. 12, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. at Eifler Gym. For further information, contact Master Sergeant Mary D'Amico at 533-9903 or e-mail [mary.damico@hua.army.mil](mailto:mary.damico@hua.army.mil).

### AFTB Reindeer Stampede

Fort Huachuca's Army Family Team Building will hold a 10K Race and a 3K Fun Run/Walk Dec. 13, starting and ending at the Youth Services Building 49013, near the corner of Cushing and Smith Street. The event, which is open to all members of the Army family, is being held to celebrate the 10th birthday of AFTB. There is no cost to participate.



Registration will be held from 6:30 - 8:30 a.m., the day of the event, at the Youth Services building. The 10K Race begins at 9 a.m. and the 3K Walk/Run at 9:15 a.m.

Early registration must be dropped off at the Army Community Service Building 50010, Smith Street, just past the traffic circle, no later than Dec. 8.

The 3K Run/Walk consists of one open division. All participants will be awarded finishing ribbons highlighting AFTB Day.

The 10K Race will be divided by age groups. There will be first, second and third place medals awarded in each group.

The courses are not certified and may not be a full 10K or 3K. The intent is to get the Army family out to enjoy AFTB Day.

For more information, contact Shirley Pettaway at 533-5719 or e-mail [Shirley.pettaway@hua.army.mil](mailto:Shirley.pettaway@hua.army.mil), or call Pamela Allen at 533-5919.

### Sunday special at MVGC

Sunday, 14, 21 and 28, Mountain View Golf Course will offer a Sunday Holiday Special. You'll be able to play 18 holes of golf, with a cart, for the reduced price of \$20 per person. Call 533-7088 for more information.

### Half-price paintball Saturday

Half-Price Paintball Day is scheduled for Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the Sportsman's Center. \$10 covers the cost of the gun, mask, CO2, field fee and 100 rounds of ammunition. Call 533-7085 for more information.

### Register now for youth basketball, get discount

Registration for the youth sports basketball program is in progress and closes Jan. 3. The program is open to all Child and Youth Services registered youth, 5 - 15.

There will be five co-ed age divisions, including Pee Wee, 5 and 6, Mighty Mite, 7 and 8, Bantam, 9 and 10, Junior, 11 and 13, and Senior, 13-15.

In order to participate in the basketball program, youth must be registered CYS members. For CYS registration information, call 533-0738 or 533-8437.

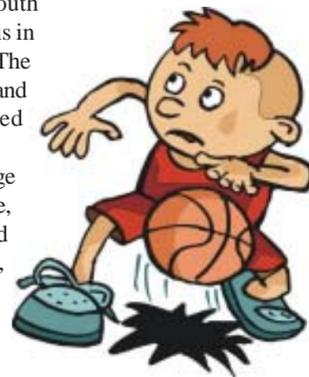
Cost to register for the basketball program is \$35 for the first child, \$25 for a second child, or \$75 maximum family fee.

Youth Services is offering an "early bird" special. Register before Dec. 24 and receive a \$5 discount on each registration.

A holiday special is also being offered. For all those registering by Jan. 3, payment can be delayed until Feb. 6. (The delayed payment plan doesn't qualify for the early bird registration special.)

For more information, or to register, call Youth Services at 533-3205 or stop by Building 49013 on Cushing Street, across from Smith Middle School.

Volunteer coaches to assist in the Youth Basketball Program are needed. If you are interested in helping, call the Youth Center Sports Office at 533-8168.



### Let MWR Box Office help plan your holiday

The MWR Box Office is available to help you get the best prices and deals possible for your travel and leisure activities. They can help plan your vacation, a weekend getaway or get tickets for that special event you'd like to attend. The Box Office has information on many cities, states and attractions. Some of the discounts, deals and tickets that are available include:

- The 2004 Tucson Entertainment Book is available to purchase. It includes two-for-one offers and discounts up to 50 percent on year-round travel, dining, shopping, movies and more. This would make a nice gift for someone.
- Disneyland Resort's Armed Forces Salute offers free multi-day admission to Disneyland California and Disney's California Adventure Park, to U.S. military personnel, plus additional special offers for their family members, now through Dec. 19.
- The Best Western, Anaheim, Calif. is offering "buy one night, get one night free," now through Dec. 19, for military and Department of Defense ID card holders.
- NFL Football packages, including hotel rooms, for the Arizona Cardinals vs. the Carolina Panthers Dec. 14, and the Cardinals vs. the Minnesota Vikings Dec. 28, both in Phoenix.
- The Box Office can also assist you in making hotel reservations for Tucson or Phoenix for the upcoming holiday season. They can book rooms at reduced rates that can save you money.

Call 533-2404 for more information or drop by the MWR Box Office located in the MWR Plaza, Building 52008 on Arizona Street. They're open Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

# DECEMBER '03 THRU MAY '04

## Directorate of Community Activities - Events at a Glance

DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY
<p><b>7</b> Buffalo Corral All-Day West Gate Trail Ride</p>	<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>14</b> Valentine's Day</p>	<p><b>20</b> Thunder Mountain 10K Run</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>April 30</b> <b>May 1 &amp; 2</b> Festival of the Southwest - Veterans' Memorial Park - SV</p>
<p><b>25</b> Christmas Day</p>	<p><b>19</b> Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday</p>	<p><b>16</b> President's Day</p>	<p><b>26</b> Right Arm Night at Time Out</p>	<p><b>26</b> Right Arm Night at Time Out</p>	
<p><b>31</b> New Years Eve Parties at Desert Lanes, LakeSide &amp; LaHacienda</p>	<p><b>30</b> Right Arm Night at Time Out</p>	<p><b>27</b> Right Arm Night at Time Out</p>	<p><b>26</b> Right Arm Night at Time Out</p>	<p><b>30</b> PayDay Scramble Mountain View Golf Course</p>	<p><b>26</b> Right Arm Night at Time Out</p>
	<p><b>30</b> PayDay Scramble Mountain View Golf Course</p>	<p><b>27</b> PayDay Scramble Mountain View Golf Course</p>	<p><b>31</b> PayDay Scramble Mountain View Golf Course</p>	<p><b>April 30, May 1 &amp; 2</b> Festival of the Southwest - Veterans' Memorial Park - SV</p>	<p><b>31</b> PayDay Scramble Mountain View Golf Course</p>

## Time Out Briefs

### Country gospel concert



Platinum award-winning Desert Reign, will be at the First Southern Baptist Church, 500 Arizona St. in Bisbee at 7 p.m. on Dec. 13. The Country Gospel Music Association has honored this group as vocal group and band of the year for four consecutive years, and in

October, they received Platinum Awards in both of these categories. Fantastic country sound with a powerful gospel message is accomplished through original songs like "Subject to Change" and "It is the Blood", as well as old favorites like "Turn Your Radio on", complete with awesome harmonies. Beyond the music is their love for people. This is very evident as they share from their heart and offer hope and encouragement for the hour in which we live. Come and enjoy worship with Desert Reign.

### Trekkers meeting

The Trekkers are an internationally sanctioned non-competitive sports club, sponsoring four weekend walks and eight year round events in Arizona. The weekend events are normally linked to either local or national events, such as March for Parks, National Trails Day, or Earth Day. The year round events consist of walks at the Coronado National Memorial; Fort Huachuca; Naco, Ariz. to Naco, Sonora, Mexico, historic Bisbee; Tombstone; Benson; and Sedona.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Wendy or Dave at 378-1763.

### Madera Canyon renovation

Madera Canyon's Left and Right Roundup Picnic Areas are closed for renovation. The temporary closure of the Roundup area will be in effect for six months, according to Stan Helin, Coronado National Forest Recreation Program Leader. Although there will be no public parking at the end of Madera Canyon Road during renovation, visitors will

continue to have pedestrian access to the Super and Old Baldy Trails south of the construction site. Signs will direct visitors to temporary trailhead parking areas. The renovation project will connect Left and Right Roundup with a one-way loop road. Other planned construction work includes repaving all roads and parking lots, repairing picnic facilities, providing new accessible picnic sites, replacing the Left Roundup restroom, and improving trailheads. Forest Service deferred maintenance funds will pay for the reconstruction of the recreation site. After renovation is completed in early 2004, the area will be renamed the Mountian Wrightson Picnic Area and Trailhead. For more information about the Mountian Wrightson recreation site project and visitor access in Madera Canyon, call the Nogales Ranger District office Monday-Friday at 281-2296, or visit the Forest's Web site at [www.fs.fed.us/r3/coronado](http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coronado).

### Parent tot play group

Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program has a Parent/Tot play group which meets Wednesday mornings, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the new School Age Service Building 52056, off Hatfield Street, across from the Main Post Chapel.

Parents and their children, 0 - 5, are invited to participate.

This is a volunteer-run program that offers age-appropriate activities, holiday parties and monthly briefings of interest to parents, along with vibrant adult-child interaction.

The size of the group is always increasing, so parents are encouraged to make reservations by calling ACS at 533-2330, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. Volunteers are always welcomed.



### Weight-loss group

TOPS AZ 90 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Tuesday evening at First Christian Church, 55 Kings Way, Sierra Vista

at 6:45 pm. Come for a visit and to see how "helping hands" from a friendly, caring support group and assistance with a sensible weight loss plan can help you achieve your goal. Call Joan at 803-9556 for more information.

### New worship service

A new liturgical worship service has started at Prosser Village Chapel at 11 a.m.. "Liturgical" means "a work of the people." There will be four readings from the bible every Sunday. Hymns and carols of the Church Year will be sung along with praise songs. There will be a celebration of the Lord's Supper every week.



### Military magazine

Fort Huachuca Commissary is participating in the distribution of Military Money magazine in support of Department of Defense's Financial Readiness Campaign. Patrons may pick up a copy at the complimentary coffee table as they enter the store.

### New art exhibition

The Huachuca Art Association will open its December exhibition, titled "Inspirations of the Season" on Friday with an Artists' Reception from 5 - 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome to this free event — see beautiful artwork, meet the artists, and enjoy the refreshments in a congenial atmosphere! This exhibition will feature artist Jan Huthoefer and include the work of other association artists. All items will be for sale. The exhibition will be at the Gallery through Jan. 4.

The Gallery is open Thursdays through Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. or for an appointment, call exhibition coordinator Jan Huthoefer at 803-9657. The Gallery is located at 3816 Astro Street in Hereford (Astro St. is off Hwy. 92, less than four miles south of Buffalo Soldier Trail). For additional information, call Sue Thatcher 378-2000, John Marvin 803-6697, Sue Olivo 803-1035, or Wendy Breen 378-1763.

**36th Army Band  
Presents  
Holiday Tales and  
Traditions  
7 p.m.  
Dec. 15  
Buena Performing  
Arts Center  
Admission is free**

## Pets of the week



*I'm Maggie. I am a brown and white mixed breed dog with lots of happiness and energy. I hope to find a family for the holidays. Please put me on your Christmas list this year.*



*Pandora is my name. I'm a tortoiseshell cat with lots to talk about, and I also love to be petted. Think about me for a new addition to your home this year.*



*My name is Sable. I am a young, housebroken dog. I do not know how I would be with other animals because the house I lived in prior to this had no other animals. Please adopt me today.*



*I am a young unnamed kitten from my mother Sassy. I am really hoping to find a home soon, and have a home for Christmas. Please make this wish come true.*

## The Winding Road

BY KAREN WEIL  
THE SCOUT STAFF

About two months ago, my husband took me to the Titan Missile Museum, located outside of Tucson. I had never been there, or to any other missile installation.

I grew up in Southern Nevada, home, of course, to the legendary Nevada Test Site and the infamous Area 51. My late mother witnessed an atomic bomb test in the early 1950s, but for me, the test site and its mammoth history was just that — history, with no real connection to my life.

Still, I was intrigued when my husband told me we would tour the missile museum. The tour didn't last long, but it was definitely an eye-opening experience, and made me think about what would happen if the missile had to be launched, along with the geopolitical aspect of a world during the Cold War between the United States and the former Soviet Union. "The most important thing to remember is that we never had to use it," the tour guide of the enormous Titan missile said.

The museum, part of the Pima Air Museum, features the Titan II, described on its Web site as a second-generation liquid fueled ballistic missile and the largest Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile developed by the United States. It was developed in the late 1950s and installed in late 1962. By the next year, there were 54 Titan II missile sites, including 18 at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. Complex 571-

7, as it was called, is now the Titan Missile Museum. According to our tour guide, the missiles were maintained for 20 years during the Cold War and were kept loaded with propellants and nuclear warheads in their concrete and steel underground silos.

According to the Web site, the military would be able to launch the missiles within one minute, after receiving the order. In 1981, President Ronald Reagan declared that all Titan IIs would be phased out by mid 1980s, and the Titan Missile Museum is the only one of its kind that remains today. In May 1986, the Air Force turned the site into a museum.

The well-thought-out tour shows a person both the inner and outer workings of the silo.

A tour of the above ground facilities includes a discussion of the propellants used and safety precautions; the rocket engines on each stage of the missile; view of the re-entry vehicle and look down the launch tube at the missile.

While underground, you'll see a specially secured entrance, the blast door, launch control room — where a crew monitored the missile 24 hours a day, seven days a week — a simulated missile launch, a tunnel connecting the control facility to the silo Level 2 and close-up view of the missile.

Undoubtedly, the most exciting part is being in the silo where you can see the Titan, and the control room. For a few moments, as I stood in there, I felt as if I stepped back in time. It was truly awe-inspiring.

There's also a new building that contains

the Briefing Room (the first stop on your tour), an exhibit area and gift shop.

The Titan Missile Museum is located approximately 25 miles south of Tucson, at 1580 W. Duval Mine Road in Sahuarita.

The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., from Nov. 1 through April 30, every day except Thanksgiving and Christmas; and May 1 through Oct. 31, Wednesday through Sunday. Titan tours began every half-hour, and last one hour; be sure to wear sensible walk-

ing shoes. Admission is \$8.50 for adults, \$7.50 for seniors or military, \$5 for children 7 to 12 and free for youngsters 6 and under.

To get there, take Interstate 19 north to Green Valley, take exit 69 (or the Duval Mine Road) and head west past La Canada to the museum's entrance. Reservations are recommended; contact the museum at (520) 625-7736 or at [titan@theriver.com](mailto:titan@theriver.com).



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# Holiday services



All regular religious services will continue at the on post chapels through December. In addition the following special services are planned for the holidays. For more information call Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Daniel Minjares at 533-4755.

## Catholic holiday services

(all of these are at the Main chapel)

Date	Time	Service
Monday	11:30 p.m.	Immaculate Conception Mass
Monday	3 p.m.	Immaculate Conception Mass
Tuesday	7 p.m.	Advent Communal Penance Service
Dec. 24	5 p.m.	Children's Mass
Dec. 24	Midnight	Midnight Mass
Dec. 25	10 .am.	Christmas Day Mass
Dec. 26	5 p.m.	Vigil of Mary
Jan. 1	11:30 a.m.	Solemnity of Mary

## Protestant holiday services

Date	Time	Service	Location
Dec. 24	7 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight service	Main Post Chapel
Dec. 25	10 p.m.	Christmas Day Service (Protestant)	Prosser Village Chapel
Dec. 31	11 p.m.	Watch Night Service	Kino Chapel

## Greek Orthodox holiday services

Date	Time	Service	Location
Dec. 20	5 p.m.	Mass, followed by a dinner	Main Post Chapel

Minjares said that there are no special Jewish services during December, however, the December services will focus on Hanukkah.

# Soldiers put on mini boot camp for area youths

A dozen soldiers from HHC, 111th Military Intelligence Brigade set up and ran a mini boot camp for more than 40 4-H children.

The kids from more than five Arizona counties gathered at Huachuca Oaks Camp ground for a weekend camp-out focusing on learning about leadership.

The camp out called LEAP or Leadership Education and Adventure Program, consisted of many activities that would teach these 4-H pre-teens about leadership.

The Soldiers from HHC, led by Sgt. 1st Class Peter Gross, established a mini-boot camp and taught the kids some soldier tasks. The boot camp consisted of four stations including camouflage, Army clothing and equipment, HMMV ride and an obstacle course. The kids and adult 4-Hers were excited to experience Army training. After "camoing-up" Adam, a young 4-Her, said he had a "blast" and was thrilled

that the soldiers were able to be a part of their camp-out.

All events seemed to energize the kids. After riding in the back of a HMMV, the kids decided to pool their money in order to buy one.

The time allowed for the boot camp was extended to ensure all kids had a chance to challenge themselves against the obstacle course. Darcy Tessman, one of the camp directors, said, "If we done allowed them time to try the obstacle after lunch we'll have a mutiny on our hands".

The Soldiers also had a great time sharing their Army experiences with these young kids. PFC Jennifer Gregory said, "I really enjoyed showing the kids some of the things I have learned in the Army. I want to do this again".

All the soldiers had positive comments about volunteering their time to help these young kids learn about the Army and about leadership and teamwork.



Courtesy photo

Local 4-H Club member runs through an obstacle course as part of a boot camp put on by soldiers of 111th MI Bde.

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onto the floor and then quickly replaces the spoon back into the serving dish when no one is looking. If you know of such people, protect yourself by not following behind them in the food line!

## Watch for dangerous grilling techniques

Before you eat any meat your host is grilling on the barbecue, observe how the meat is handled. Do not eat cooked meat that has been grilled and then placed back on the same platter, dish or container used to hold raw meat. If you do, you open yourself up to the risk of salmonella, listeria, Norwalk virus, staphylococcus, clostridium perfringens, campylobacter jejuni, or worse – E. coli 0157:H7 bacteria. If this happens and if you have a high-mileage immune system, this could be your last holiday party season. Also watch how any of your food is handled.

"Check to determine if food handlers are wearing disposable plastic or rubber gloves," says Jack Moye, a food safety and quality assurance specialist also with the Defense Commissary Agency. "Gloves are recommended to prevent contamination of your food by the bacteria present on the food handlers' hands, not to keep their hands clean."

## Avoid certain high-risk foods

Avoid food and beverages made with raw eggs like nonpasteurized eggnog. They are breeding grounds for bacteria. Politely decline to eat any wild game caught and cooked by your host. There is a lot that can go wrong by eating the trophies of the mighty hunter, but we won't go there in this story.

Know who your turkey wrangler is

First, there is no way you are

going to get through the holiday party season without being offered turkey. Americans love this bird, but understandably the feeling is not mutual. During the holidays, we will consume nearly 70 million turkeys and during the year, each of us will eat nearly 18 pounds of this delicious bird. The problem with turkey meat is the same problem common to all poultry: It can go bad quickly if it is not properly refrigerated.

"If you leave the turkey at room temperature on the dinner or buffet table longer than two hours, there is a chance the small numbers of bacteria will grow into millions," says Eleanor Schlenker of Virginia Cooperative Extension at Virginia Tech. "If you want the leftovers to be safe when you serve them the next day, you need to get them into the refrigerator within two hours."

## Common sense rules!

You can't go wrong applying common sense to your party eating. If the food looks old and discolored, don't eat it. If you arrive late to the party, just smile, talk and consume only items you know to be safe, like prepackaged individual servings of candy and drinks that you either see made or open yourself. Even then, check the expiration dates on the packages just to be sure.

Also, watch for the host that holds a glass with bare hands and scoops it into the ice chest. That ice has most likely been contaminated. Even worse would be the person who takes the glass he or she has drunk from and uses it to scoop up ice.

Finally for the holiday party season, choose conservative and safe over bold and stupid by declining to eat what a CSI forensics team cannot identify.

Be sane; eat safe; enjoy! Happy Holidays!

# Sports schedule

## Coed Intamural basketball

Date	Time	Location	Home	Away
<b>Pima Division</b>				
Today	6 p.m.	Barnes Field House 1	HHC 306th MI Bn.	HHC 111th
Today	6 p.m.	Barnes Field House 2	NETCOM	Company C, 305th
Today	7 p.m.	Barnes Field House 1	19th Sig.	NCOA
Today	7 p.m.	Barnes Field House 2	Company A 40 Sig.	Company C 304th #1
<b>San Pedro Division</b>				
Monday	6 p.m.	Barnes Field House 2	HQ 504th Sig.	USAG
Monday	6 p.m.	Barnes Field House 1	Compnay E 305th	Company A, 309th
Monday	7 p.m.	Barnes Field House 1	Company B 305th	Company D 309th
Monday	7 p.m.	Barnes Field House 2	Company C 304th	JITC
Monday	8 p.m.	Barnes Field House 1	JAG Office	Company E, 309th
<b>Pima Division</b>				
Tuesday	6 p.m.	Barnes Field House 1	Company C 305th	HHC 306th
Tuesday	6 p.m.	Barnes Field House 2	HHC 111th MI Bn.	MEDDAC
Tuesday	7 p.m.	Barnes Field House 1	NCOA	Company A 40th Sig.
Tuesday	7 p.m.	Barnes Field House 2	Company C, 304th	NETCOM 9th ASC
<b>San Pedro Division</b>				
Wednesday	6 p.m.	Barnes Field House 1	Company A 309th	JAG Office
Wednesday	6 p.m.	Barnes Field House 2	JITC	Company E, 305th
Wednesday	7 p.m.	Barnes Field House 1	Company D, 309th	Company C, 304th #2
Wednesday	7 p.m.	BarnesField House 2	Company E, 309th	HQ 504th Sig.

# At the library

## Hardcover fiction

1. The Da Vinci Code, by Dan Brown Brooks
2. The Big Bad Wolf, by James Patterson
3. The Five People You Meet In Heaven, by Mitch Albom
4. The Dark Tower: Volumes 1-5, by Steven King
5. Sheperds Abiding, by Jan Karon

## Hardcover nonfiction

1. Dude, Where's My Country? by Michael Moore
2. Who's Looking Out For You?, by Bill O'Reilly
3. Lies, by Al Franken
4. Flyboys, by James Bradley
5. I am A Soldier, Too, by Rick Bragg

## Paperback fiction

1. Key Of Light, by Mora Roberts
2. Pray, by Michael Crichton
3. Angels & Demons, by Dan Brown
4. By The Light Of The Moon, by Dean Koontz
5. Dying To Please, by Linda Howard

## Paperback nonfiction

1. Portrait Of A Killer, By Patricia Cornwell
2. Tuesdays With Morrie, by Mitch Albom
3. Under The Tuscan Sun, By Frances Mayes
4. Seabiscuit, by Laura Hillenbrand
5. Bringing Down The House, by Ben Mezrich



Photos by Elizabeth Harlan

Col. Michael T. Flynn strings lights on floral arrangements in preparation for Sunday's Fort Huachuca Annual Tour of historic homes.

# It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

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North Pole-watch out. Fort Huachuca is starting to look just as festive as Santa Land.

Sunday's the big day - the annual Tour of Historic Homes from 1-5 p.m. Here's the opportunity

for all to see "what's behind those historic doors."

Tickets are on sale for \$8 at the Fort Huachuca Museum gift shop off Brown Parade Field, or at the Morale Welfare and Recreation office.

Tickets may be purchased on the day of the tour at the Fort

Huachuca Museum, but the price will be \$10. Military identification card holders may purchase tickets for \$8 at any time.

Maps will be provided with ticket purchase.

Grierson Road will be closed to traffic during the tour. Wear comfortable shoes and expect to do lots

of walking.

For safety, the tour is limited to those 11 or older. If carried, babies may accompany parents, but strollers are not permitted due to having to negotiate stairways at most homes.

Four of the newer, energy efficient homes will be featured on this

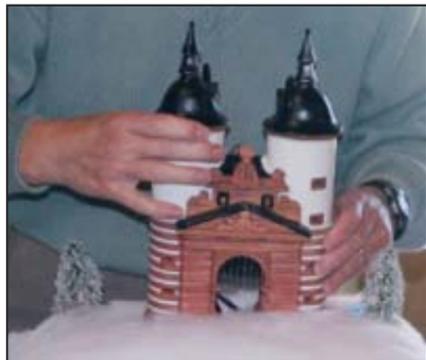
year's tour, two in Cavalry Park officers' quarters, and two of the newly constructed homes in the Bonnie Blink senior non-commissioned officer quarters.

One of the duplex homes on Henry Circle will also be featured.

For more information, call 533-3418.



Keith Friar and Col. Rose Walker decorate the balcony at the Carlton House.



Festive Christmas villages tucked into hidden nooks and crannies lend enchantment.



What's a tree without lights? Staff Sgt. Rosanna McKinney adds lights a'plenty for holiday twinkle.



Hye Suk Brown decorates from floor to ceiling. Even her stair railings have the festive air.