

The Scout Time Out



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Photo by Elizabeth Harlan

Run, run, run

Leroy Roar of the civilian recreational team tries to intercept a pass from a member of the 314th training Squadron. Meanwhile, a 314th player blocks Major Rockmore of the civilian team. 314th Training Squadron defeated the recreational team 32 to 20. For sports schedules and standings see Page B 7.

Giving Tree program gears up for another year of generosity

BY KAREN WEIL
SCOUT STAFF

It may seem too early to think about holiday shopping now, but organizers of the post's Giving Tree program are already planning their wish lists.

The program, which started on post in the late 90s, allows people to give a boy or girl a present of the child's choosing, said Chaplain (Maj.) Glen McFarland.

It works like this: A description of the gift, along with the boy or girl's age, is written on an ornament placed on a Christmas tree located at the Post Exchange.

A person picks out a gift, which is first brought to the Main Post Chapel and later distributed by a military unit. Parents get to wrap the

present and give it to their little one.

It's all about doing something extra for soldiers and their families, said Josephine Moore, a secretary at the Main Post Chapel.

"Once the needs are brought to our attention, we can take care of it," she added.

The program starts Nov. 1 and ends Dec. 11, the day units distribute all the gifts.

No gifts are under \$30 and the Giving Tree also takes cash donations.

"People can contribute whatever they can afford, but we'll spend at least \$30 on every child," McFarland added.

Although the program is synonymous with Christmas time, McFarland said that children who celebrate different religious holidays,

such as Hanukkah or Ramadan, may also receive a gift.

Response to the Giving Tree has been great, Moore said.

Last year, she said, the installation collected a total of \$20,000 from donations and gifts.

Although the nation's economy may not be as robust as it once was, neither McFarland nor Moore is worried about donations.

"Some offices will pool their money together and buy bicycles."

She remembered one year when a child wanted a flute, an item that can enrich a youngster's life, but hardly a cheap one. Four people pitched in and bought him one.

And parents are grateful for the efforts, Moore said. "Every year, we receive thank-you cards," she added.

Moore said she remembered call-

ing a parent and telling her to come down to the old chapel. The woman did, and saw the gifts.

"She came up the steps, and busted out crying," Moore said. "She had no idea what she was coming for."

The Giving Tree doesn't just help children, however. For families who move to the post during the hectic holiday season, and find that all their stuff hasn't arrived on time, the program can be a lifesaver.

"Christmas trees, ornaments or decorations are always welcomed," Moore said.

She added the chapel will also accept clothes, household items, jewelry or other things an adult might need.

And, just to make the holidays a little more festive, the Giving Tree

program is happy to take stocking stuffers like coloring books, crayons or toy cars.

The program has changed somewhat since its inception on post. "Back then, organizers used to guess what children wanted," Moore said. "I'd go and buy 20 Barbie Dolls or baby outfits."

McFarland and Moore stressed that recipients' names are kept confidential. They added that although the program technically ends Dec. 11, volunteers will gladly accept donations through the entire holiday season.

McFarland said that the Giving Tree's many volunteers deserve credit for all their hard work in making sure everything goes well.

For more information on the program or donations, call Moore at 533-4748.

New awards on tap for military spouses

BY BONNIE POWELL
DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY

Know a military spouse who exemplifies support to the community, volunteerism, selflessness or strength? A new military spouse award is now open for nominations and time is of the essence. Nominations are due by Nov. 9 for four new awards honoring active duty, retiree, Guard or Reserve, and veteran spouses. The active duty category includes Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine and Coast Guard spouses.

Nominations can be made online through a front page link at the Web site of the Defense Commissary Agency at <http://www.commissaries.com>, at <http://www.militaryshoppers.com>, or <http://www.avashow.com>. Nomination forms will also be available Nov. 1 on Procter & Gamble product displays in commissaries, or the form can be downloaded now at <http://www.commissaries.com>. The nomination process includes a requirement for a 500-word essay addressing one or more of the award criteria.

It's no coincidence that nominations are due

just in time for Veterans Day. The inaugural American Military Spouse awards are part of the ninth annual American Veteran Awards, to be broadcast on The History Channel in February 2004 and also on American Forces Network at a later date. The spouse award recipients will attend the awards ceremony and taping in California, Nov. 20-23. The actual awards ceremony is Nov. 21.

The awards ceremony also includes "veteran" entertainers who support America's military personnel. Past ceremonies have included such stars as Kris Kristofferson, Willie Nelson, Dennis Franz, Chuck Norris and Dan Rather as recipients and presenters.

The new military spouse awards are being sponsored through a Veterans Day commissary promotion. "Procter & Gamble has tremendous respect for the men and women serving the U.S. Armed Forces," said Paula Parsons, marketing manager for P&G Military Markets. "We recognize the enormous sacrifices they make during lengthy deployments. They have faced these tasks with courage,

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Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Grand opening

Elizabeth Livingston, Time Out waitress, takes an order from Spc. Calvin Buchanan, 19th Signal Company, during the grand opening of Time Out on Friday.



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Boxers prepare to fight in the All Army boxing trials held earlier this year at Barnes Field House. Fort Huachuca has been home for All Army boxing trials since 1999. The history of All Army boxing began on the installation when Maj. Gen. Emmett Paige, former post commander, promoted interest in the sport.

Fort Huachuca - a great place to reenlist and...

Jump start for All Army boxers

BY PFC. JOY PARIANTE
SCOUT STAFF

All Army Boxing and Fort Huachuca share a history of competition and glory. In 1986, under the direction of Maj. Gen. Emmett Paige, post commander and former Army boxer, All Army Boxing moved to Fort Huachuca to fulfill the Department of the Army's hope of promoting interest in the sport, said Leslie H. Woods, chief of the Sports and Fitness Branch for MWR.

Training camps were held on post and the boxers would travel the country, and sometimes the world, competing. At the 1988 Seoul Olympics, two gold medals went to Army boxers from the Fort Huachuca camp, Woods said.

The camp continued at Fort Huachuca until 1996 when it consolidated with Fort Carson's World Class Athlete Program in Colorado.

But the boxing trials returned to Fort Huachuca in 1999 because of the quality boxing venue provided, said Woods.

The quality of the post's arena has made it the location of the 2004 World Military Boxing Championships.

The quest for All Army Boxing begins at posts all over the country. According to Woods, interested soldiers submit an application to their sports directors, who review them and send applications from those with experience and potential.

They arrive here where the All Army coach reviews them again and chooses those who will attend camp.

"The Army tries to keep first time boxers from coming to camp because of the level of competition," Woods said.

Those who succeed in camp and the competition trials here proceed to Fort Carson and the WCAP. After another month of training, they proceed to Camp Lejune, N.C., for the Armed Forces Tournament. The next, and final, step for hopefuls is the World Military Boxing Championships.

According to Woods, many of the soldiers are participating in civilian competitions and "actively pursuing the road to the Olympics."

The athletes train three times-a-day, five days-a-week and twice on Saturdays.

According to Spc. Christina S. Boilard, Headquarters, U.S. Army Garrison, the training consists of running, polymetrics,



Super heavyweight contenders William Moore, right, and Eric Prindle battled it out in one of the most memorable matches of the All Army trials held here in January. Prindle won the tightly contested bout 23-19.

calisthenics and sparring. Boilard, who began boxing last year, has won the Tucson Turquoise Gloves competition and the Armed Forces Tournament.

They also do technical drills, aerobics, cardio training and watch their diets, said Woods. "They have to make weight," Woods said. "If they don't make weight, they don't box."

Safety at competitions is the Army's primary concern, he said. The officials refereeing at the matches are International

Amateur Boxing Association certified.

"The skills they have to anticipate something going wrong and keep it from going wrong are phenomenal," said Woods. "They're the best officials in the world. The greatest show for me is to see the officials at work."

Soldiers began arriving early this week to start training. This is just the first step on their long road to becoming All Army boxers.



Not every fighter fulfills his quest for All Army stardom as boxer Andres Maldonado found out as he receives a standing eight count by the referee. Those who succeed in camp and the competition trials here proceed to Fort Carson and the World Class Athlete Program. After another month of training, they proceed to Camp Lejune, N.C., for the Armed Forces Tournament.

Road to the 2004 Olympic Games

SCOUT REPORTS

Army boxers aiming to represent the United States in the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, Aug. 13-29, 2004, must begin a long road a couple of years in advance.

The road begins with the All Army Boxing trials held on Fort Huachuca from Nov. 12 - 15. Those who succeed in camp and the competition trials here proceed to Fort Carson and the World Class Athlete Program.

After another month of training, they proceed to Camp Lejune, N.C., for the Armed Forces Tournament. The next, and final, step for hopefuls is the World Military Boxing Championships.

The winners advance to the U.S. Championships held Jan. 4 and only the gold and silver winners from this competition advance to the U.S. Olympic Team Trials in February 2004. The Olympic trials consist of eight qualifiers in each weight class.

At the Olympic Team Trials, the competition heats up as box-offs are held. The gold medalist and winner of the losers bracket of each weight class from the U.S. Olympic Team trials box each other one or two times in the box-offs.

In order to qualify for the Olympic Games, the winner of the losers bracket from the Olympic Team trials must defeat the gold medalist twice.



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Halloween Rock 300 at Desert Lanes

Desert Lanes has planned a Rock and Bowl Halloween party for 7 - 11 p.m., Saturday. In addition to Rock 300 music, there will be a costume contest with cash prizes, door prizes, giveaways, bowling games and small tournaments.



Tickets for those who want to bowl are \$14 in advance and \$16 at the door. For non-bowlers, tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. If you wear a costume, you will receive \$1 off the admission charge. Tickets for the Halloween party are available now at Desert Lanes, and everyone is invited.

For more information, contact Randy Carter at 533-2849.

Right Arm Night at LakeSide

The LakeSide Activity Centre will host the next CGs' Right Arm Night, Friday at 4 p.m. Karaoke with Ken Edwards and a pay-as-you-go bar make this a lively spot to relax and socialize. Finger foods will be available.

Racquetball lesson available

Beginning Nov. 4, Barnes Field House will offer personal lessons in playing the sport of racquetball. The course will be offered in four-week blocks, according to levels of experience.



The hour-long blocks of instruction will begin at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

The first four weeks (Nov. 4, 11, 18 and 25) will be offered to beginners only. Areas covered will be the rules of the sport, swing technique and basic strategy.

The following four weeks (Dec. 2, 9, 16 and 23) will cover intermediate instructions including advanced shot placement and competitive strategy.

The course, which is free to all authorized MWR patrons will be taught by Don Cairns. Cairns has played racquetball for 32 years and has instructed racquetball at Cochise College for six years.

Sign up for the course at the administrative office at Barnes Field House or call George Thompson at 533-5031.

All Army Boxing tickets on sale now

Fort Huachuca will host All Army Boxing Nov. 12, 13 and 15 at Barnes Field House. Tickets for the event are available at MWR Box Office, Desert Lanes, MWR Rents and Barnes Field House. Off-post, they are available at Sierra Vista Safeway.



General seating tickets are \$5 for Nov. 12 and 13. For championship night Nov. 15, the cost is \$8. You can also purchase a three-night package for \$15. Children 10 and under will be admitted free.

For more general information, call 533-5031. For more ticket information, call 533-2404.

Live entertainment at La Hacienda

La Hacienda will present live urban music, featuring local rappers, at 10 p.m., Nov. 8. After the show, a DJ will play for your enjoyment.

Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door and are on sale now at MWR Box Office, La Hacienda and Sierra Vista Safeway. For more information, call 533-3802.

All-day trail ride November 9

The Buffalo Corral will offer the Blacktail Canyon all-day trail ride Nov. 9. Enjoy a relaxing ride through some of southern Arizona's most beautiful scenery. The ride proceeds up Split Rock Canyon, across to Blacktail Pond, down Blacktail Canyon and back to the corral.

The ride, which does include some steep inclines and switchbacks, is open to intermediate riders, 14 and up. Riders under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

The cost is \$65 for authorized MWR patrons and \$77.50 for civilians. Lunch is included in the price.

Reservations and pre-payment are required by close of business Nov. 7. For more information, call Buffalo Corral at 533-5220.

A Beverly Hills, CA - Comics Express Presentation Love-N-Laughter



Barry Neal



Helen Keaney

Comedy show set for tomorrow night at La Hacienda

La Hacienda will host the "Love-n-Laughter" comedy show at 8 p.m., tomorrow. Featured comedian will be Barry Neal, the "Counselor of Love." Neal's performance and humor have been described as being about "the hilarity of everyday relationships," and universal in appeal in that "much of it hits home with everyone in the audience."

Also featured in the show, adding a look at relationships from the female perspective, will be Helen Keaney.

The Love-n-Laughter show specializes in clean, family entertainment. It has been described as "funny, clever, meaningful and entertaining ... something for everyone. You can bring your 17-year old daughter and your 75-year old mother and both would have a great time."

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. They are on sale at MWR Box Office, La Hacienda and Sierra Vista Safeway. The show is open to the public. For more information, call 533-7322.

Take 'Time Out' to enjoy yourself

Featuring six televisions, plus a big screen TV, with the capability of showing seven different games at any given time, Time Out is the place to be to enjoy your favorite sporting events. The facility has 13 national sports channels, plus the NFL Sunday Ticket available.



In addition to being a great place to enjoy sporting events, Friday and Saturday nights Time Out also presents DJs playing a variety of music for your listening and dancing enjoyment. Friday, 10 p.m. - 4 a.m. Hip Hop/Top 40 is featured. Saturday is the night for Latin music.

Beverages, burgers, fries and other finger foods are available to satisfy your hunger and thirst.

Time Out is located across from Barnes Field House on Arizona Street. The club's hours are Friday, 4 p.m. - 4 a.m., Saturday, 4 p.m. - a.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Carnivals for youth

Friday, 7 - 9 p.m., Youth Services will hold a Halloween Carnival for youth up to fifth grade at the Youth Center. The carnival is open to all youth in this age group.



Saturday, 7 - 9 p.m., a Halloween Carnival for youth sixth grade and up will be presented at the Youth Center. This carnival is also open to all youth in this age group.

At both carnivals, there will be games and prizes, including prizes for costumes. Cost is \$2 for Child and Youth Services members and \$3 for non-members, and the cost includes six tickets for games. Extra tickets are available for three for \$1.

For more information about either carnival, call Debbie Wombach at 533-7038 or 533-3212.

Domestic Violence Prevention Month in the Army 2003 Garrison Commander's Proclamation



Fort Huachuca is committed to the prevention of domestic violence in all its forms.

I call upon our community to support the Army theme for Domestic Violence Prevention Month, October, 2003:

"Domestic Violence Prevention: Make the changes that strengthen families and relationships"

Examine your attitude about domestic violence. In our community, we do not stand by and allow domestic violence to seed itself and grow. Our attitude is that domestic violence has no place in our community, in our careers, or in our lives.

Prevention begins with you and me. As commander, I call upon everyone in this community to examine their own behaviors, their own actions, and make sure they are doing everything they can to support healthy family relationships and to make sure that any domestic violence they witness or experience is not ignored. First, make sure you have the right attitude. Second, make sure you take the right action.

Think Prevention: Right Attitude, Right Action

If you have any questions, call Ms. Marjorie Loya, Family Advocacy Program Manager at 533-6878/533-2330. I have charged her with the responsibility for this campaign for domestic violence prevention.

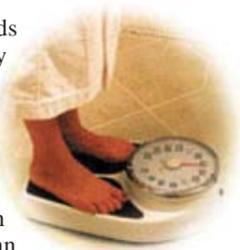
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Colonel, MI
Commander, US Army Garrison

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Time out briefs

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.



American Indian Heritage Month

Fort Huachuca will be celebrating American Indian Heritage Month in November. The Equal Opportunity Office is looking for individuals who are of Native American descent or have some experiences of the culture they would like to share. This also includes Native American art, artifacts or costumes.

During American Indian Heritage Month, we celebrate the rich cultural traditions and proud ancestry of American Indians and Alaska Natives, and we recognize the vital contributions these groups have made to the strength and diversity of our society.

If you are interested in participating in our observance of American Indian Heritage Month call Sgt. 1st Class Sistruck at 533-3672 or Sgt. 1st Class Anderson at 538-0651.

New worship service

A new liturgical worship service starts Sunday 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.

October exhibition

The Huachuca Art Association's October exhibition, "Art For The Fun Of It," features artist Katherine Baccaro and includes the work of other association artists. It will be at the Gallery through Oct. 26.

The gallery will be open Thursdays through Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. Or for an appointment, contact Sue Thatcher at 378-2000. All items are for sale.

The gallery is located at 3816 Astro Street in Hereford.

Art around Sierra Vista

The Huachuca Art Association announces its artists scheduled to display their artwork at Sierra Vista businesses in October. Jan Huthoefer will have her work on display at ACE Hardware and at the Ethel Berger Center. Gerald Calvert will show his work at the Windemere Hotel. The work of Janice Smith will be exhibited at the Bella Vista Water Company. Hope Browning will display her art at Fidelity National Title at 2435 E. Fry Blvd. John Marvin's art will be viewed at Fidelity National Title at 333 Wilcox Drive. Wilma Lopez will show her work at Southwest Gas

Corp.

For more information, call Sue Thatcher at 378-2000, John Marvin at 803-6697, Edie Manionat 803-1262, or Wendy Breen at 378-1763.

Madera Canyon renovation

Madera Canyon's popular Left and Right Roundup Picnic Areas is closed for renovation work began Sept. 8. 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 Mt. Wrightson Picnic Area and Trailhead. For more information about the Mt. Wrightson recreation site project and visitor access in Madera Canyon, contact the Nogales Ranger District office Monday-Friday at 281-2296, or visit the Forest's website at www.fs.fed.us/r3/coronado.

Fort Huachuca Chapel Teen Groups

How many times have you heard or thought, "There's nothing to do here?" How long have you been waiting for something cool to come along? Well, wait no longer. The Fort Huachuca Teen Groups are here. The high school teen group will meet Sundays from 6-8 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel. The middle school teen group will meet Sundays from 4-5 p.m. at the MPC.

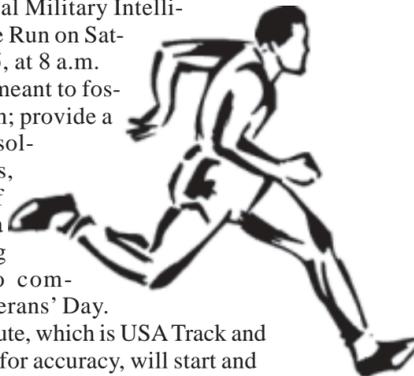
So, if you like paintball, sports, hiking, fishing and just hanging out with friends, then this is the group for you. Come join us this week! You will grow in your faith and make friend and memories along the way. Call Mike DeRienzo, director of youth ministry at 227-6059 for more info.

Military Intelligence Heritage Run

The 111th Military Intelligence Brigade will host the Fifth annual Military Intelligence Heritage Run on Saturday, Nov. 15, at 8 a.m.

The run is meant to foster competition; provide a fun event for soldiers, families, and citizens of Fort Huachuca and surrounding areas; and to commemorate Veterans' Day.

The 10K route, which is USA Track and Field certified for accuracy, will start and



finish at Irwin and Stein (near Eifler Gym) and will wind through the Military Intelligence Academic Complex, Heritage Hill, and the main post.

The early registration cost is \$1 or \$12 for a long-sleeved MI Heritage Run T-shirt. The registration fee increases to \$15 Nov. 4.

The MI Heritage Run will also feature a team 10K race starting at 8 a.m., in which five-member teams (one of the team members must be female) will compete in a cross-country style race. Each team member will be given a score based on his/her finish time. The points will then be added up and the team with the lowest score wins.

There is also a 10K Commander's Challenge for unit formations with guidons. Each formation must have at least 20 runners plus one cadence caller. The unit must run as a formation for the entire duration of the run without anyone falling out of the formation.

There will be a two-mile Fun Run/Walk starting at 9 a.m. During the two-mile Fun Run/Walk, there will also be a unit formation with guidon run (open to all military units with 40 runner plus one cadence caller). The units will be competing for "Best Dress and Alignment" and "The Best Unit Esprit De Corps." Judges will be stationed throughout the run route to score the units on their dress and alignment while running and their esprit de corps and motivation.

The MI Heritage Run will conclude with an awards ceremony on Chaffee Parade Field at 10 a.m.

Runners can register online at <http://www.active.com/>, or pick up forms at Barnes Field House or Eifler Gym. For more information call 533-3993 or 2089 or e-mail salah.kayed@hua.army.mil.

Military Money magazine

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



TREKKERS meeting

The Thunder Mountain Trekkers meet the last Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., SSVEC Conference room, 311 Wilcox Drive. Planning is underway for our internationally sanctioned walking event on Dec. 13 in support of the Fort Huachuca Chaplain's "Helping Hands" Program. The event start/finish point is the Main Post Chapel. Donations of canned goods and money for the program will be accepted.

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.

For more information, call Wendy or Dave at 378-1763.

At the movies

Showing at the Cochise Theater for the next week are:

Today	
Cabin Fever	7 p.m.
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Friday	
Matchstick Men	7 p.m.
PG-13	
Saturday	
Cold Creek Manor	7 p.m.
R	
Sunday	
Matchstick Men	2 p.m.
PG-13	

Thursday movies are 99 cents; all other showings are \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children

Pets of the week



Diablo is a very loving male cat. He loves to play around and discover new things to play with. He gets along with other cats and is just fine with dogs. His adoption fee is \$42.



Tiger is a lovable water dog that is housebroken, and good with kids. She is already spayed and has lots of energy to run and play with the whole family. Her adoption fee is \$52.



My name is Spike. I'm a mixed breed young dog. I am already neutered and housebroken. I'm about 2, and full of love. You can come on down and adopt me today for \$42.



Tuxedo is a black cat with white sox. He is very sweet, but independent and well. He gets along with other cats and children. To take this wonderful cat home today, all you need is \$42.

The winding road

BY KAREN WEIL
SCOUT STAFF

Autumn in the Sierra Vista area is the perfect time for dressing up, falling leaves, pumpkins and ... balloons?

Of course, if we're talking about the Festival of Color, happening this weekend at Veteran's Memorial Park.

Now in its 14th year, the festival will offer — weather permitting — an expected 27 balloons from Sierra Vista, California, New Mexico, Colorado and from as far away as North Carolina.

The general public is welcomed to

watch balloon launches and the spectacle of a balloon glow. Admission is free.

Grant Hickman, the festival organizer, has an upbeat outlook.

Everybody flew and had a good time last year, so I expect we'll get a pretty good time this year," said Hickman, owner of Re-Max Vista One, which is sponsoring the Festival of Color. "The people come out every year."

While balloons used to launch from different locations in festivals past, this year they're staying at Veteran's Memorial Park.

Fans of shaped balloons can see at least two: one from Horizon Moving (shaped like a truck), Re-Max's "home balloon," featur-

ing children and a dog.

On Friday, the balloons will launch from public schools in Sierra Vista, Huachuca City and Hereford, and soar for a little while before landing.

On Saturday, the balloons will launch from Veteran's Memorial Park at 7 a.m. as part of a special race. One balloon, known as "the hare," will launch first; the rest will 15 minutes later and follow the first balloon, which plants a target somewhere in the Sierra Vista area. The balloonists must drop a bean bag marker on the target to win a prize.

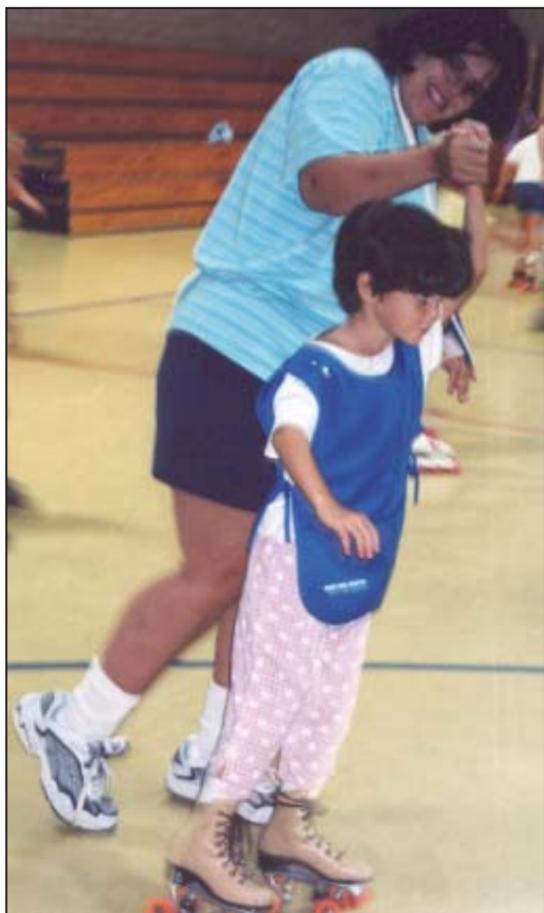
On Saturday night, there will be a bal-

loon glow at 6:30 p.m. at the park. Lights inside of the balloon make for one very pretty view, Hickman said.

On Sunday morning, the mass ascension launch will be held at 7 a.m.

There will even be a handicapped-accessible balloon; disabled individuals who wish to ride the yellow Rainbows Amigo may call Re-Max office at 459-5222.

Fort Huachuca will also be involved in the festival. Scott Miller, range control officer, will give balloon pilots a safety briefing before they launch, and Range Control will escort pilots following the balloon if it lands on post.



Rolling along

Daisy Girl Scout, Christine Chavez is assisted by her mother, Rebecca Amberson. Family and friends joined the Fort Huachuca Girl Scouts for their "kick off" of the new year of Girl Scouting. All levels from the youngest of the girls to the adults enjoyed donning their roller skates and skated many laps at the Youth Services Building on Fort Huachuca. Following the skating frenzy, the girls and adults enjoyed creating ice cream sundaes. If you would like to help with the Girl Scout troops on Fort Huachuca, call Andrea Wagener at 458-2652.

At the library

Hardcover fiction

1. The Five People You Meet In Heaven, by Mitch Albom
2. The Da Vinci Code, by Dan Brown Brooks
3. Bleachers, by John Grisham
4. Split Second, by David Baldacc
5. Hello, Darkness, by Sandra Brown

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. Every Second Counts, by Lance Armstrong
5. Flyboys, by James Bradley

Paperback fiction

1. Four Blind Mice, by James Patterson
2. Answered Prayers, by Danielle Steel
3. Q Is For Quarry, by Sue Grafton
4. Lawless, by Nora Roberts
5. Mystic River, by Dennis Lehane

Paperback nonfiction

1. Under The Tuscan Sun, by Frances Mayes
2. Seabiscuit, by Laura Hillenbrand
3. Tuesdays With Morrie, by Mitch Albom
4. Bringing Down The House, by Ben Mezrich
5. A Child Called "It," by Dave Pelzer

Sports schedule

Date	Time	Location	Home team	Away team
Today	6 p.m.	Sentinel	HHC 111th Signal	Company E 305th
Today	6 p.m.	Warrior	Company C 305th	19th Signal
Today	7 p.m.	Sentinel	HHC 11th Siganl	Company B 86
Today	7 p.m.	Warrior	Company B 304th	HHD 504th
Today	8 p.m.	Warrior	Company B 305th	Company C 304th
Monday	6 p.m.	Warrior	Company A 304th	Company D 309th
Monday	6 p.m.	Sentinel	Company A 309th	NCOA
Monday	7 p.m.	Sentinel	MEDDAC	Company E 309th
Monday	7 p.m.	Warrior	Company A 305th	CHAOS
Monday	8 p.m.	Warrior	314 TS	USAG
Tuesday	6 p.m.	Warrior	314 TS	Company A 305th
Tuesday	6 p.m.	Sentinel	USAG	Company A 309th
Tuesday	7 p.m.	Sentinel	CHAOS	Company A 40th
Tuesday	7 p.m.	Warrior	Company E 309th	Company A 304th
Tuesday	8 p.m.	Warrior	NCOA	Company D 309th
Wednesday	6 p.m.	Sentinel	CHAOS	MEDDAC
Wednesday	6 p.m.	Warrior	NCOA	Company A 305th
Wednesday	7 p.m.	Warrior	Company E 309th	314 TS
Wednesday	7 p.m.	Sentinel	Company D 309th	Company A 309th

Sports standings

Flag football

League 1

Team	Win	Loss
19th Signal	4	1
Company C 304th MI	1	3
Company E 305th MI	3	1
HHC 111th MI	1	3
Company B 305th MI	4	0
Company b 86 Signal	4	1
HHD 504th Signal	1	4
Company C 305th MI	2	3
HHC 11th Signal	0	4

League 2

Team	Win	Loss
USAG	4	0
Compnay E 309th MI	2	2
314 TS	3	0
NCOA	2	1
Company A 305th MI	2	1
MEDDAC	1	2
Company D 309th MI	1	3
CHAOS	1	2
Company A 304th MI	2	2
Company A 40 Signal	0	4
Company A 309th	0	1

Ramadan to begin

Muslin holy month starts Saturday

BY RABIA JAMI
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More than 1.2 billion Muslims worldwide will celebrate the start of Ramadan, Islam's holy month of fasting, on the Sunday and Monday. The start and end dates for Ramadan may vary because the beginning of Islamic lunar months depends on the actual sighting of the new moon.

Followers of Islam believe that during Ramadan, heaven's gates are wide open and hell's gates are locked shut. In the Quran, the Muslim holy book, it is said "You may eat and drink until the white thread of light becomes distinguishable from the dark thread of night at dawn. Then, you shall fast until the 'layl' (night)."

During the fasting month, Muslims eat a small meal prior to each morning's dawn. They then abstain from food, drink and other physical pleasures during the daylight hours. Believers end their fast just after sunset. Often this meal is taken at a cheerful gathering of family, friends or other community members.

In the evening, many Muslims attend "taraweeh" prayer at their local mosque. This prayer involves the recitation of one thirtieth of the Quran. By going to these prayers each night, a Muslim will hear the entire book recited by the end of the month.

The primary reason for fasting is to invoke God's pleasure. Other benefits and goals of the fast are developing greater self-restraint, having empathy for those who are less fortunate, breaking self-indulgent habits, cultivating patience and improving family ties. There also are well documented medical benefits gained from fasting.

Children, old people, and others who may physically or mentally be incapable of understanding the fast or enduring its rigors are not required to take part.

The last 10 days of the month are considered among the most blessed. Those who can will retreat to their local mosque for the duration and spend their time in prayer and

reflection. Among this last 10 days is Lailat ul-Qadr, the Night of Power. On this night, Muslims believe, Allah sent the Quran to humanity.

Ramadan's fast fits neatly with two of Islam's other five pillars of faith in providing structure to one's spiritual life. Each day there are five prayers, each year there is one month of fasting, and in each person's lifetime — for those who are physically and financially able — there is a pilgrimage to Mecca.

Charity is also an obligatory pillar of Islam. After one acquires the necessities of life — food and shelter — and before spending money on niceties, Muslims first donate 2.5 percent of their money to the needy.

The remaining pillar is a Muslim's verbal declaration of faith: There is nothing worthy of worship but Allah; Muhammad is Allah's prophet. The Arabic word "Allah" translates into English as "The One God." Just as the words "salaam" and "peace" mean the same thing, the word Allah is used in the Arabic speaking world by both Christians and Muslims to imply the same entity.

As for the second part of the declaration, Muslims view Muhammad as the last in a line of prophets that started with Adam and passed through other respected figures such as Abraham, Moses and Jesus.

At the month's conclusion Eid-ul-Fitr, the three-day Feast of the Fast-Breaking, begins. This holiday is expected to begin Nov. 24 or 25.

In the United States, an estimated 7 million Muslims will be observing Ramadan. Muslims have been fasting in America since at least the colonial era. Many Muslims were brought to the United States as slaves, one of these being Kunte Kinte, who was made famous by Alex Haley's novel "Roots." There is evidence indicating that a Muslim fought on the colonial side at the Battle of Bunker Hill. A Muslim known as Nicolas Said served in the 55th Regiment of Massachusetts Colored Volunteers during the Civil War.

'Operation Salute'

Offers Free Park Admissions

BY DONNAMILLES
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Service members and their families have until Nov. 11 to take advantage of a highly popular program that offers free admission to Anheuser-Busch theme parks.

Thousands of service members and their families have already taken advantage of "Operation Salute," which offers free tickets to Busch Gardens in Tampa, Fla., and Williamsburg, Va.; SeaWorld in Orlando, Fla., San Antonio and San Diego; and Sesame Place in Langhorne, Pa., according to Anheuser-Busch officials.

On Sept. 5, Air Force Lt. Stephen Braddy became the 100,000th military guest to visit SeaWorld Orlando through the program. And although unable to give updated numbers about just how many additional service members have visited the parks, an Anheuser-Busch official said it has been "a lot."

Anheuser-Busch launched Operation Salute in May to honor military members for their role in Operation Iraqi Freedom. "It is our privilege to offer our parks to the men and women of our armed forces and their families," said Patrick Stokes, president and chief executive officer of Anheuser-Busch. "It is a small gesture of thanks for the hardships endured every day by our soldiers and those closest to them," he added.

"The men and women in our armed forces have made tremendous sacrifices, risking their lives and being separated from their families during the war," agreed August A. Busch III, chairman of Anheuser-Busch. "We wanted to express our deep gratitude for their service, and this gives those who serve and their families some needed relaxation and enjoyment."

The free admission is offered to all active

duty military, ready and standby reservists, U.S. Coast Guardsmen, National Guardsmen, coalition forces serving with U.S. troops in Operation Iraqi Freedom and foreign military personnel servicing with U.S. units. Up to four of the service member's immediate family members also qualify for free admission tickets through the program, even if the service member is unable to accompany them.

To get the free tickets, requesters must visit their local morale, welfare and recreation ticket office to get an application form. Completed forms are redeemable at park ticket windows. Military identification cards are required. As an extension of the program, Anheuser-Busch recently announced plans to donate its nonalcohol brews — O'Doul's and O'Doul's Amber — to service members in Iraq and Afghanistan. The company also will donate its 180 Energy Drink and 180 Sport vitamin-enhanced water and more than 18,000 pieces of sporting equipment. Anheuser-Busch also donated \$1 million to create the Intrepid/Anheuser-Busch Fallen Heroes Fund, which will provide scholarships to spouses and children of U.S. and coalition forces killed during the war in Iraq.

The company also is matching its employees' contributions to the United Service Organizations through Veterans Day. "Operation Salute is exactly what we mean at the USO when we talk about the incredible power of "Thank You," said Edward A. Powell, USO

president and chief executive officer. "It is an extraordinary example of a company's recognition of the sacrifices our military makes on behalf of all Americans."

Anheuser-Busch officials the company has a 150-year history of supporting the U.S. armed forces. Nearly one million service members and their families visited the company's parks without charge.



Photo by Chris Gotshall

Air Force Lt. Stephen Braddy, with his son Timothy, receives a one-flipper salute from Shamu the killer whale for being the 100,000th military guest at SeaWorld Orlando through Operation Salute.

Battle of the bands

PFC.AIMEE J.FELIX
SPECIAL TO THE SCOUT

The U.S. Army 2003 Worldwide Battle of the Bands took place Oct. 11 at the Fort Carson, Colo., Special Events Center. Members of the Many people came out to support these musically talented soldiers.

Eight bands participated: "30 Inches," a rock band from Camp Stanley, Korea; "CX11230," a rock band from Kitzingen, Germany; "Dino and The Psychedelic Lint Balls," an oldies rock band from Hohenfels, Germany; "Kickthroat," an alternative rock band from Ansbach, Germany; "Neurogenic," a rock band from Fort Irwin, Calif.; "Skinner Box," a rock band from Camp Casey, Korea; "s.N.a.Fu (Situation normal all funky up)," a rock band from Fort Huachuca, Ariz.; and "Triple C," a Christian rock band from Ansbach, Germany.

Some of the soldiers had musical experience, while others just started learning an instrument upon the formation of their band.

"I learned to play bass guitar when we first got together six months ago," said Staff Sgt. Grant Goins, bass guitarist for "Dino and The Psychedelic Lint Balls."

"It was worth it. This type of thing really raises the morale of the troops; it's a stress reliever."

Staff Sgt. Richard Shewmaker,

guitarist/vocalist for "30 Inches," has been playing guitar since he started college and agrees, especially now that he's in the Army, that music is a stress reliever, something a soldier always needs.

"It's an outlet and such a contrast to work," said "Skinner Box" guitarist/vocalist, Sgt. Brian Bartel.

Regardless of skill level, all the bands were able to prove their potential in a two-round competition judged by a panel of six judges.

Comedian Jim McCue, the master of ceremonies, entertained the audience during breaks and intermissions.

The winners were announced Oct. 12 in an awards breakfast held at the hotel where the bands were staying. Winners received trophies and monetary awards.

First place was given \$8,000; second place \$5,000; third place \$3,000; and fourth place \$2,000. The money is going to the Morale, Welfare and Recreation program or the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program of that band's post.

"30 Inches" came in first place, "Neurogenics" was second, "Skinner Box" was third and "CX11230" was fourth.

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s.N.a.F.u takes the stage at the US Army 2003 worldwide battle of the bands.

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discipline, leadership and dignity. But we also recognize the hardships their families endure during these difficult periods; they, too, deserve respect and admiration.

"For this reason, P&G Military Markets has chosen to join the American Veteran Awards by sponsoring the American Military Spouse Award, honoring those spouses who have demonstrated exceptional volunteer accomplishments; exuded ongoing strength during lengthy deployments, family separations and frequent moves; or fortitude in supporting other military families and their community," said Parsons.

For more information about the American Veteran Awards, go to <http://www.avashow.com>.

Events being held on post this Halloween season

- Johnson Elementary School: Classroom parties, Oct. 31
- Myer Elementary School: A party and costume parade, Oct. 31
- Smith Middle School: Harvest Dance, Oct. 31, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium
- Main Post Chapel: Harvest Festival, Oct. 31 5 - 7 p.m. Games, prizes, food and drink will be featured.



- School-Age Services: Mardi Gras, Monday-Thursday, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Monday — Pinatas and an appearance by the Wetty the Water Drop
- Tuesday — Bingo for parents and children
- Wednesday — Field Day
- Thursday — Carnival
- Friday (Halloween) — Free Day