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Photo by Elizabeth Harlan

## Little buffalos

Frank Bothwell, who performs Buffalo Soldier reenactments, teaches Ginger Volkman's third grade class from Johnston Elementary School about the history of Fort Huachuca on Tuesday at the post museum.

## Scholarships Program for military children evolves for 2004

BY BONNIE POWELL  
DECA RELEASE

"Org" in the grocery business might be misconstrued to mean organic, but in the case of the Scholarships for Military Children program "org" is taking on a different meaning. The program is now open for business on a dedicated Web site at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>.

"Fisher House Foundation built the Web site just for this program," said Edna Hoogewind, Defense Commissary Agency liaison for the program, "and it's great because it contains all the latest information about the scholarship program and can be accessed any time students are looking for scholarship information." Usually, program information is only available on <http://www.commissaries.com> when the scholarship program is actively seeking applications. "But even though the program did not open until Nov. 3, questions had been coming in," said Hoogewind, "so it's great to have this site available all the time."

The Scholarships for Military Children program is administered by Fisher House Foundation and is funded by the manufacturers and other vendors that sell groceries and perform services in the commissary system. Since 2001, the Scholarships for Military Children program has awarded nearly \$2.5 million in scholarships to nearly 1,500 children of active duty, retired and Guard and Reserve families.

The other "big news" is that now the general public can participate in funding the scholarships by making donations through the Web site at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>. "This program is a valuable part of commissary outreach to the military community and the generous support from our industry partners and Fisher House Foundation has made it a tremendous success in just three years," said DeCA Director Maj. Gen. Michael P. Wiedemer. "The additional ability of the general public to show support to military families through donations to the program is really going to add a terrific new dimension."

"We've learned that individuals,

as well as corporations, are interested in supporting the Scholarships for Military Children program," said Jim Weiskopf, Fisher House Foundation vice president for communications. "We provide a means to donate on the Internet through a secure credit card server, and there are no administrative fees involved. In addition, all Combined Federal Campaign donations to the Armed Forces Foundation are used for the scholarship program."

Military families, customers and the general public will be able to get to <http://www.militaryscholar.org> through DeCA's Web site at <http://www.commissaries.com> as well. Applications will be available online or at any commissary worldwide for the 2004 program starting Nov. 3. The application period runs until Feb. 18, 2004.

"Student applications increased last year by nearly 30 percent as store directors and staff really got out and spread the word about this great program," said Wiedemer. Over 6,500 applications were received in 2003. "We hope that trend continues for 2004 and that our commissaries will get the word out about these new features."

*The Defense Commissary Agency operates a worldwide chain of nearly 280 commissaries providing groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families in a safe and secure shopping environment. Authorized patrons purchase items at cost plus a five-percent surcharge, which covers the costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones. Shoppers save an average of more than 30 percent on their purchases compared to commercial prices – savings worth more than \$2,400 annually for a family of four. A core military family support element, and a valued part of military pay and benefits, commissaries contribute to family readiness, enhance the quality of life for America's military and their families, and help recruit and retain the best and brightest men and women to serve their country.*

## Soldiers claim two titles in Armed Forces Marathon

BY TIM HIPPS  
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

Staff Sgt. Gerardo Avila, 30, of Fort Lewis, Wash., finished 10th overall and was the first U.S. military runner to cross the finish line in a personal-best time of 2 hours, 32 minutes and 59 seconds.

Maj. Jacqueline Chen, 41, a podiatrist at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, finished seventh among the women to win the female Armed Forces crown in 3:07:36.

"I felt good up until mile 22, and then I shut down," said Chen, who also won the Armed Forces women's division here last year in 3:00:53.

This was Chen's eighth run in "The People's Marathon," including four 26.2-mile treks as a member of the All-Army team. Her Marine Corps Marathon-best is 2:59:47 run in 1990.

Favoring 10-kilometer to 10-mile runs and referring to herself as "the old lady" of the Army team, Chen said she lost track of how many marathons she's run after completing 30.

Asked if she became a podiatrist because she was a marathoner or became a marathoner because she was a podiatrist, Chen replied with

a smile: "I fix my own feet."

Avila, on the other foot, ran his seventh marathon on Sunday.

"It feels good to come here and have a good race and try to help the team out," said Avila, originally from Fresno, Calif. "And, yes, it does feel good to be the Armed Forces champion.

"I felt great until like mile 24, and from there I was pretty much out of gas. I was just trying to survive the last 2.2 miles. Those were my slowest miles."

Peter Sherry, 35, a high school math teacher from Great Falls, Va., won the race in 2:25:07 against a field of 15,973 finishers. He already has qualified for the 2004 U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials.

Heather Hanscom, 25, a Red Cross researcher from Alexandria, Va., led the women in 2:37:59. Eleven years after undergoing surgery for a brain tumor, she qualified for the U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials in her first attempt at the distance here.

Maj. Ted Leblow, 34, a native of Stockton, Calif., stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., was third among Armed Forces competitors and 15th overall in 2:35:54. He and Avila clipped off 5:50 miles together until around mile 18 when

Avila surged ahead.

"Our strategy was to work as a team and go slow," said Leblow, who was running his fourth marathon on an unseasonably warm and humid autumn morning in Washington. "When we got here, they said the temperature was 60 or 61 and the humidity was high. And the wind was up, so we said: 'Hey, we've got to play this smart and work as a team.' That's what we did. We adjusted our pace and it worked out for us.

"To come in first and third in the Armed Forces Championship is something to be proud of."

Air Force's Mark Cucuzzella, 37, of Denver, finished second among Armed Forces men in 2:33:37.

Leblow ran his fastest marathon (2:28:31) in February at the Austin Motorola Marathon in Texas before being deployed to Iraq for four months. His Olympic dreams revolve around the 2008 Games.

"That's the dream: to make the standard for the 2008 Olympic Trials," Leblow said. "This is my first time representing the Army

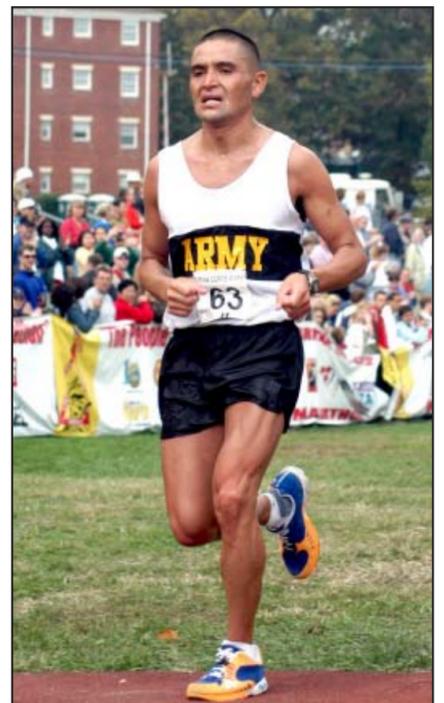


Photo by Tim Hipps

Gerardo Avila of Fort Lewis, Wash., wins the 2003 Armed Forces Marathon with a time of 2:32:59.

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Photos by Elizabeth Harlan

Big Nose Kate's was originally the Grand Hotel, a saloon was housed in the basement.

# Tombstone: The town too tough to die

BY KAREN WEIL  
THE SCOUT STAFF

Tombstone has evolved from "The Town Too Tough To Die" to a major Arizona

tourist attraction that draws visitors from around the nation and the world.

Located just a half-hour east of Fort Huachuca, Tombstone offers a glimpse into its

mining and Wild West past.

According to one Tombstone Web site, prospector Ed Schieffelin was told he would "only find his tombstone" in the San Pedro Valley. Perhaps, as a humorous tribute, he named his first silver claim Tombstone, which later became the name of the town.

The former "queen of the Boom Towns" is located on a mesa between the Dragoon and Huachuca Mountains at an elevation of 4,540 feet. Today, over 1,500 residents call the town home.

Prospectors had other names for the townsite, such as Hoggem and Gouge Eye.

Art Austin, parks manager for the Tombstone Courthouse, who has been with the facility for 22 years, has become quite a history expert on the famed town.

Sixty percent of Tombstone's population is non-native, Austin said. Out of that percentage, they are either retirees or lured to Tombstone by its romanticism.

Tombstone didn't exist before 1879, when a group of entrepreneurs who heard about a major silver discovery decided to see if that would be the golden opportunity they

had hoped for. The mines were soon operating, the Pima County supervisors recognized Tombstone, and newcomers, with dreams of riches, arrived daily. Despite confusion over land deeds and power struggles, the town thrived.

By 1881, Tombstone had as many as 5,000 residents, and

was the county seat for the newly-created Cochise County. Austin said that during the first boom, Tombstone mines produced 1.6 million Troy ounces of silver. At its peak, Tombstone had 120 operational mines and 3,000 claims.

"The best of anything could be had here," Austin added.

However, after an aquifer was discovered in 1881 and the mines began to flood, operators began to move out of Tombstone. Silver rates dropped, miners struck and

a disastrous fire shut down mines.

Things settled down after 1886, but in 1900, there was a second discovery of incredibly rich silver, which was rated just below sterling quality. A man named E.B. Gage bought up the richest claims, and with the help of a New York-based fin-

ancier, help trigger a new wave of mines, which produced a staggering \$37 billion in silver and gold bullion.

Tombstone's silver streak ended in 1910, and the town lost its county seat title in 1929.

One mine, called the Tran

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Reenactments of "the old days" are done on daily basis.



Several places in Tombstone offer daily gun fights and stunt shows.



Above, inside the famous Bird Cage Theatre. The theatre was the most famous honky tonk in America between 1881 and 1889. Right, the longest paler game in western history occurred at this table, it ran for 8 years 5 months and 3 days. Today the table still stands in the Bird Cage Theatre as it was left with the chairs on the dirt floor.





## 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 or visit us on the web at mwrhuachuca.com

### Bag your Thanksgiving bird

Load up for the "Turkey Shoot" set to start at 10 a.m., Nov. 22 at the Sportsman's Center. Cost is \$3 per shot and there will be 10 shooters per round. Prizes include turkeys, hams and sporting goods. Here's a chance to win your Thanksgiving dinner!

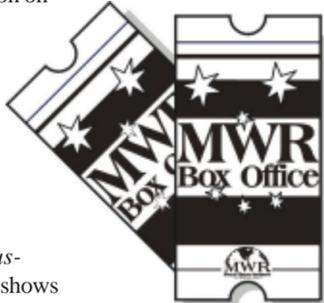
For more information, call 533-7085



### The MWR Box Office is here for you

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 week-end getaway or get tickets for that special event you'd like to attend. The Box Office also has information on many cities, states and attractions. Some of the discounts, deals and tickets that are available include:

- Tickets for events at the Tucson Convention Center, including the Moscow Ballet's "Great Russian Nutcracker," for two shows on Saturday, the Tucson Ice Cats hockey team vs. Weber State University Nov. 14 and 15, and the Ice Cats vs. Western Michigan University Nov. 21 and 22.
  - Tickets for the San Diego Old Town Trolley city tour. You can hop on and off at any of the eight stops along the way that include Seaport Village, Balboa Park and the San Diego Zoo.
  - NFL Football packages, including hotel rooms, for the Arizona Cardinals vs. the Carolina Panthers Dec. 14 in Phoenix
- Call 533-2404 for more information or drop by the MWR Box Office located in the MWR Plaza, Bldg. 52008 on Arizona Street. They're open Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.



### Live entertainment at La Hacienda

La Hacienda will present live "The Saturday Night Fall Bacc," this Saturday, 10 p.m. - 3 a.m. The show features several entertainers from the area including D. Fisher, Lord Jungle, Lone Wolf, Tony C, The Fie Boiz and Benz. After the show, a DJ will play hip-hop music 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.

The show is open to the public, 18 and older. For more information, call 533-3802.



Benz will be one of the entertainers performing on stage Saturday at La Hacienda.

## Don't miss All Army Boxing starting Wednesday

Fort Huachuca will host All Army Boxing Nov. 12, 13 and 15 at Barnes Field House. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the bouts start at 7 p.m.

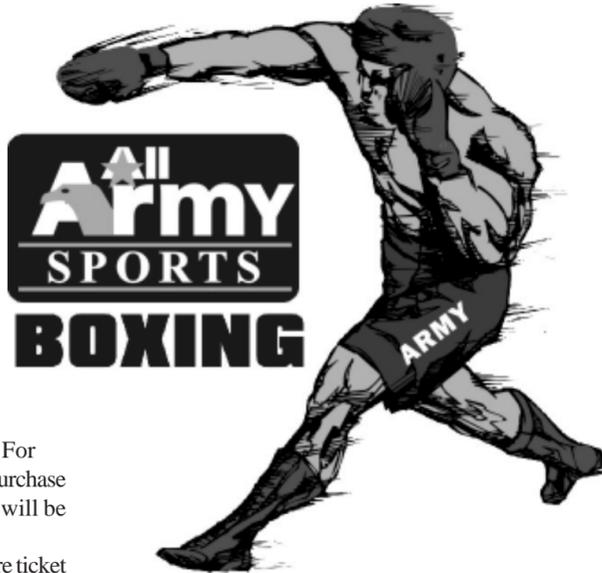
The winning contenders from this year's boxing competition will advance to the Armed Forces Championships, and from there to the world military championships, CISM (Conseil de International Sports Militaire), which will be held at Fort Huachuca in October, 2004.

Staff Sgt. Basheer Abdullah, coach of the U.S. World Class Athlete Program boxing team, was recently selected by USA Boxing as head coach for Team USA in the 2004 Olympic Games at Athens, Greece.

Tickets for All Army Boxing are available on-post 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.



### MWR Arts Center offers new program for kids

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



Each week, participants will fabricate a different craft from clay, paper, glass, beads and more. The schedule for the coming month will be: Nov. 1, pottery; Nov. 8, watercolor; Nov. 15, hand and feet turkey (paper craft); and Nov. 29, leather bracelet.

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 new classes in November, including digital photography, tole painting, bead-weaving, leather tooling, custom framing and lots more.

The hours of operation at the MWR Arts Center are: Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, noon - 8 p.m.

For a complete schedule of classes offered, or for more information on any of those mentioned, call 533-2015.

### Right Arm Night at LakeSide

The LakeSide Activity Centre will host the next CGs' Right Arm Night, tomorrow at 4 p.m. This a great opportunity to relax and socialize. A pay-as-you-go bar and finger foods will be available.

### Tournaments at Desert Lanes



Desert Lanes has several tournaments, plus the "Turkey Bowl," scheduled for this month.

Now through November 17, during league play only, bowlers will have a chance to win their Thanksgiving turkey. Cost is \$2 for league members to participate. Payout is one to eight entries.

Saturday, the Midnight Marathon singles handicap tournament will be held. Entry fee is \$60 and payout will be one to five entries. Participants will bowl 12 games across 24 lanes.

The Scotch Doubles Mixed Tournament is set for Nov. 15. Entry fee for this event is \$40 per couple. Payout will be one to five entries.

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

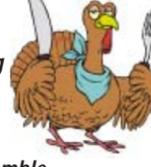
### Winter hours at MWR Rents

Effective Nov. 15, MWR Rents will begin winter hours as follows: Monday, Thursday and Friday, open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Tuesday and Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays, closed. Out-processing hours during winter hours will be 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday, Thursday and Friday.

For more information, call 533-6707.

# NOVEMBER '03 THRU APRIL '04

## Directorate of Community Activities - Events at a Glance

NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
<p><b>7</b> Right Arm Night At Lakeside Activity Centre</p> <p><b>8</b> Live Entertainment (Urban Music) at La Hacienda, 10 pm</p> <p><b>12-15</b> All Army Boxing</p>  <p><b>Plan your holiday parties now!</b></p> <p><b>27</b> Thanksgiving Day</p> <p><b>28</b> PayDay Scramble Mountain View Golf Course</p> 	<p><b>7</b> Buffalo Corral All-Day West Gate Trail Ride</p> <p><i>Happy Holidays</i></p> <p><b>25</b> Christmas Day</p>  <p><b>31</b> New Years Eve Parties at Desert Lanes, LakeSide &amp; LaHacienda</p> 	<p><b>1</b></p>  <p><b>19</b> Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthd...</p>  <p><b>30</b> Right Arm Night at Time Out</p> <p><b>30</b> PayDay Scramble Mountain View Golf Course</p>	<p><b>14</b> Valentine's Day</p>  <p><b>16</b> President's Day</p>  <p><b>27</b> Right Arm Night at Time Out</p> <p><b>27</b> PayDay Scramble Mountain View Golf Course</p>	<p><b>20</b> Thunder Mountain 10K Run</p>  <p><b>26</b> Right Arm Night at Time Out</p>  <p><b>31</b> PayDay Scramble Mountain View Golf Course</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>  <p><b>Happy Easter</b></p> <p><b>?</b> Youth Fest</p>  <p><b>26</b> Right Arm Night at Time Out</p> <p><b>30</b> PayDay Scramble Mountain View Golf Course</p>

## 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.

### 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.

### 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, ages 0 - 5 years, 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.

### Anniversary celebration

The Friends of the Sierra Vista Public Library will celebrate its 30th anniversary on Saturday, Nov. 15 starting at 1:30 p.m. in the Mona Bishop Room of the Sierra Public Library.

The featured speaker will be J.A. Jance. Jance was raised in Bisbee, is a University of Arizona graduate and is a special friend to the area's libraries.

Prior to the celebration, Joe Anton & His Desert Swing Band will entertain. Following the speaker, refreshments will be served the Cochise Consort will play.

### Cool Jazz trio to play

The Cool Jazz Trio plays Friday nights from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Bisbee's top-ranked Cafe Roka, 35 Main Street. Enjoy the vocal stylings of Nancy Weaver and the dynamic harmonizations of guitarist Tom Cook, backed by the solid beat of bassist Paul Lewis, as they perform all your favorite swing, jazz and Latin standards. For reservations call 520-432-5153.

This Sunday, Oct. 26, Lady Jazz — singer Nancy Weaver and keyboard artist Jewel Levy — will play romantic and expressive

jazz and Latin standards to enhance your dining experience at Bisbee's Cafe Roka, 35 Main Street, from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Call 520-432-5153 for reservations.

For more information about Cool Jazz or Lady Jazz, contact Nancy Weaver, 520-432-5081.

### Library closed

The Main Library will be closed the day after Thanksgiving, Nov. 28.

### "Autumn Accents" exhibition

The Huachuca Art Association will open its November exhibition, "Autumn Accents" on Nov. 7 with an artists' reception from 5 - 7 p.m. Prizes will be awarded at the reception for this annual judged show. This exhibition features two and three dimensional work by association artists.

Visitors are welcome to this free event. It will be at the gallery through Nov. 23.

All items will be for sale. Holiday shopping? Don't forget to check out this exhibit and the gallery for your gift selections. Have an idea or picture you would like to have painted? HAA has many talented artists who could do portraits for your family. For more information, call Sue Thatcher at 378-2000.

The gallery will be open Thursdays through Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. Or for an appointment, contact Sue at 378-2000. The gallery is located at 3816 Astro St. in Hereford. For additional information contact exhibition coordinators: Madeleine Smith, 439-8582 or John Marvin, 803-6697.

### Free poetry contest

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a new free poetry contest sponsored by Celestial Arts. Over \$50,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded during the coming year!

"Even if you have never entered a competition before," says Poetry Editor Michael Thomas, "this is your opportunity to win big. Even if you have written only one poem it deserves to be read and appreciated. Beginners are especially welcome!"

To enter, send one poem, 21 lines or less to Celestial Arts, P.O. Box 1140, Talent, Ore., 97540, or enter online at [www.freecontest.com](http://www.freecontest.com).

Be sure your name and address is on the page with your poem. The deadline for entering is Nov. 29. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants. Winning poems may be posted online

### Symphony to feature Army band member

Sgt. Terrina Anderson, a clarinetist with the 36th Army Band, is to be the featured soloist with the Sierra Vista Symphony Orchestra on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Buena Performing Arts Center. Sgt. Anderson is to perform Mozart's "Clarinet Concerto in A Major," under the direction of guest conductor Laszlo Veres, a former member of the 36th Army Band. Tickets are \$15 a person. Children 14 and under are admitted free with a paying adult.

### Astronomy club meeting

The Huachuca Astronomy Club of Southeastern Arizona, based in Sierra Vista, will host a special November program which features its annual "how to choose and buy the right telescope." With the holiday season rapidly approaching, this program will be invaluable for area residents wanting to purchase a telescope as a gift or for personal use. No telescopes are being sold during the meeting. The program is strictly informational and for the benefit of area residents and casual or serious astronomers of all ages.

There will be several types of demonstration telescopes and accessories available at the meeting to view through and ask question about, as well as informational pamphlets and flyers.

The meeting will be on at 7 p.m. tomorrow at Cochise College, Sierra Vista campus, Room 305 A, located in the music and language building.

### Free soccer clinic

Grab your cleats and get drafted for a weekend of soccer with the U.S. Army and Major League Soccer forward Bobby

Rhine of the Dallas Burn. Through "Goal Army - Play with the Pros," the U.S. Army is offering a free, high-energy day of tips, drills, fast-paced scrimmages, giveaways and sweepstakes on Arizona soccer fields.

The Army is recruiting Arizona college and high school players of all abilities, races and backgrounds to dribble, pass, trap and shoot alongside the pros and receive hands-on instruction. Players can choose from three different Arizona clinics from Friday through Sunday, Nov. 21-23.

Admission is free for players and visitors. Players can sign up online now at [www.GoalArmy.com](http://www.GoalArmy.com) for the Arizona clinics. Day of event registration is also available. All registrants receive distinctive dog tags.

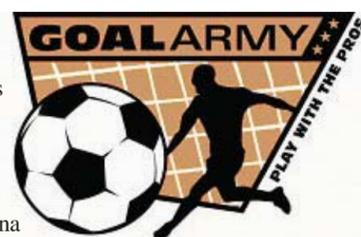
Players, coaches and fans can choose from three different clinics at Paseo Park, Golf Links Sports Complex and Red Mountain Soccer Complex. Registration and information is available at [www.GoalArmy.com](http://www.GoalArmy.com) or call 1-888-543-7223 ext 232.

#### Dates include:

Nov. 21	3 - 7 p.m.	Paseo Park
Nov. 22	1 - 5 p.m.	Golf Links Sports Complex
Nov. 23	noon - 4 p.m.	Red Mountain Soccer Complex

### Commissary open

The commissary will be open on Veterans' Day from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.



## At the movies

Showing at the Cochise Theater for the next week are:

<b>Today</b>	
Once Upon a Time in Mexico	7 p.m.
<b>Friday</b>	
The Rundown	7 p.m.
PG-13	
<b>Saturday</b>	
Underworld	7 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	
The fighting Temptations	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



*My name is Ace. I am a big furball that enjoys ruling the roost. I am a big black and white male cat. I am \$42 for my adoption. So hurry and see how wonderful I can be.*



*I'm Somkie. I'm a 5-6 month old grey and white cat. I am young so I like to be doing something at all times. I'm also \$42 for my adoption.*



*Zecha is my name. I have one bad habit, and that is I like to dig. I am though, well trained and house broken. My adoption fee is \$42. Hurry and take a look today.*



*Trident is my name. I am a beautiful white and brown pit bull. I am very friendly with people. I do not know about cats, though. You can adopt me for \$42 if you like what you see.*

## The Winding Road

BY KAREN WEIL  
SCOUT STAFF

In November the weather cools down, plans are made for Thanksgiving and residents of Cochise County mark their calendars. There's definitely no shortage of things to do. Here's a look at what's going on for the first half of November:

Tour La Fiesta de Garcia, in Nacozari, Mexico, on Saturday: The denizens living by the Rio Nacozari commemorate national hero Jesus Garcia, a man who gave his life to save Nacozari. He drove a blazing freight train with a cargo of dynamite away from the town, before the train exploded. The fiesta includes local arts and crafts, along with paintings by local artists. The cost is \$70 to participate; for more information, call the Bisbee Museum (members pay \$55) at 432-7071 or contact [info@bisbeemuseum.org](mailto:info@bisbeemuseum.org).

Like cake? Then there's an event just for you: the 41st annual Cake Auction, starting at 2 p.m. on Saturday in the Bisbee

High School cafeteria. The CCAH Cake Auction has taken place each year since the great flood.

Participants have the opportunity to bid against other businesses and organizations for cakes and other tasty pastries. The Rotary Club will provide a dinner. If you can't make it, Cable One will feature live broadcast, and people can even bid via the telephone. Donations of baked goods are welcomed; for more information call CCAH at 432.5771.

For those with a New Age outlook, the Psychic Fair and Gift Show will also be held Saturday in Bisbee, from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the 55 Main Gallery, located on 55 Main.

Professional readers offer astrology, tarot card readings, palmistry and more. For the stressed out, mini-massage will be available all day. For appointments or for further information, contact Marcia Galleher 432-3726, [mobius@theriver.com](mailto:mobius@theriver.com) or the gallery at 432-4694.

Art lovers have good reason to rejoice in November, as a benefit silent/auction of paintings and sculpture will be held on Nov.

15, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Tang Gallery, 32 Main Street. Bidding closes promptly at 5 p.m. Proceeds go to Habitat for Humanity.

Farther west in Tombstone, the famed clown Emmet Kelly Jr. is honored during Emmet Kelly Jr. Days, held the second weekend in November. The celebration, put on by Emmett Kelly, Jr. Committee, is held to raise money for the Committee's scholarship fund, which is given each year to a deserving Tombstone High School graduate who wants to enter the performing arts. The celebration consists of a clown school, puppeteers, cart rides, a parade and gunfight reenactment shows by the Tombstone Vigilantes. For more information, call the Tombstone Chamber of Commerce at 457-9317.

November is busier still in the "The Town Too Tough To Die," as the Notorious Clanton Gang Rendezvous gets underway the third weekend of November. The weekend consists of symposiums, presentations by Old West authors and historians, the "Cowboy Side of the Gunfight at The OK Corral" and

look-alike contests of Old West characters who walked the streets of Tombstone.

The Holy Trinity Monastery, located in St. David, has its annual arts festival, Nov. 8 and 9, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Sunday.

There will be 160 booths displaying arts and crafts.

Donations are required, for a minimum of \$1 on up, but the fee will go towards raffle. Whoever has the winning ticket will receive a nice cash prize!

Mass will also be held, 5 p.m. on Saturday and at 10:30 a.m. and noon on Sunday.

St. David is located near Benson, on route to Bisbee and Tombstone.

The monastery offers facilities for retreats for individuals or groups. and at noon.

It is also a nice place to stop for a short visit. For more information, call 720-4642.

The Winding Road will feature more events for November in upcoming columns. If you have any suggestions, e-mail the Scout at [thescout@hua.army.mil](mailto:thescout@hua.army.mil).

# The Huachucas are alive with the sound of music



Photo by Elizabeth Harlan

Katherine Smith, 13, from Smith Middle School and Russell Sin, 12, from First Baptist Christian Academy practice at St. Andrew's Church with the Youth Orchestra.

BY PFC. JOY PARIANTE  
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As you approach the music room of St. Andrew's Church in Sierra Vista, the melodies of violins, violas and a lone cello drift out to greet you.

The music room is filled with chairs, music stands, instruments and children. The children's faces show their intense focus on the harmonies they're creating.

Now in its fourth semester, the Cochise County Youth Orchestra, formerly the Sierra Vista Symphony, is opening doors for children ages 7-15 who have previous musical experience and want to play.

According to Paula Durell, the orchestra's conductor, potential musicians must have a certain amount of musical experience and understanding. They must be able to read music. Also, most of the children study music privately, she added.

The higher level of experience keeps the children from getting left behind or frustrated at practice, Durell said.

Currently the Youth Orchestra plays two concerts a year; one in December and one in May. Durell would like to increase the orchestra's per-

formances and public exposure. The orchestra is also looking to form break off groups in alternate styles of string music like fiddling and chamber music, Durell said.

Durell said she would also like to invite woodwind, brass and percussion instruments to play with the strings and form a full orchestra.

"The orchestra is serving a need in the community right now," said Durell. There are currently no string instrument programs in the district and there are no music programs in the elementary schools.

"There are many educational and cultural benefits for students who pursue music," Durell said.

Currently the orchestra is operating on tuition fees and donations from individuals in the community. Most of the donations go towards tuition for students who can't afford to pay. Tuition is \$75 for an 18-19 week long semester.

For information on registering your child for the orchestra or to make a donation call general manager John Lamb at 803-0322 or contact him by e-mail at johnlamb4@cox.net.

View the Youth Orchestra online at [www.svya.org](http://www.svya.org).

# Soldiers take on the world during Force Skills challenge

BY STAFF SGT. RHONDA M. LAWSON  
ARNEWS

Soldiers took the Commanders Cup during the Force Skills Competition, which is arguably the biggest Multinational Force and Observers event.

"Twice a year, this is a culmination for a majority of contingents to demonstrate physical prowess, teamwork and mental robustness," said Canadian Maj. Will Saunders, Force training officer. "It has to be a combination of all of these."

Force Skills draws teams and individual competitors from nine of the 11 countries serving in the Sinai. Individual competitors compete on just the obstacle course, but teams are tested on their observation and reporting skills, land navigation, general knowledge and medical evaluation, as well as the obstacle course.

Teams start out on an even slate, but as the three-day competition progresses, points are added for each mistake. At the end of the third day, the points are tallied and the team with the lowest score is awarded the Commander's Cup.

"It's aimed to be an enjoyable event, but some take it very seriously, and it shows in the way they participate," said Capt. Kevin Williams, senior instructor of the New Zealand Training Assistance Team.

This could easily be seen in the Hungarian team, who shaved HUN in the backs of their heads. Fiji also showed solidarity by having its entire battalion march, singing and clapping, with their country's flag to support their teams at the obstacle course.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Rhonda M. Lawson

Sgt. Daniel Stephenson helps pull Staff Sgt. Siliberto Fernandez over the wall during the Forces Skill Competition. Both Soldiers are with the 1st U.S. Army Support Battalion team.

"While the Fijis showed great support for their own team, they showed great support

for the other teams, as well," Williams said.

Some teams had less obvious shows of solidarity, such as the Iowa Army National Guard's Task Force 1-133, who each grew mustaches and vowed not to shave them until after the competition. Their tactic must have worked because they took home the Commander's Cup for the major unit category. Major units included Colombia, Fiji and the United States, all of whom have the largest amount of soldiers serving in the MFO.

Team solidarity was an important factor for success during Force Skills, but for Spc. Dwayne Grant, with Aviation Company, 1st Army Support Battalion, it was the only factor. During the last station of the obstacle course, he had to cross a one-rope bridge. He fell not once, but three times, and continued to try again until he finally negotiated the obstacle.

"I didn't want to fail the team," he explained later.

"That was sheer determination," Sgt. 1st Class Tony Moore, first sergeant of 1st Explosive Ordinance Disposal Detachment, said of Grant's effort.

"The one thing that people don't understand from a spectator's view is how cardiovascular intensive it is. I felt like I had completed a two-

mile run by the time I had even gotten to the wall," added Moore, who participated in the over-40 division of the individual obstacle course competition.

"I think it's important for leaders to get out there if they expect their soldiers to do it," he said.

In the end, the United States won big with Task Force 1-133 walking away with the Commander's Cup and placing second in the physical skills category. Additionally, two Americans walked away with individual medals. Sgt. 1st Class Eric Studer placed third in the men 31-39 division, and Sgt. Marleen Watson, a transportation NCO with Task Force Sinai placed second in the women's open division.

Watson had just competed in the biannual event just six months ago and easily walked away with the first-place title in the women's open division of the obstacle course, also known as the physical skills competition. But this time, she placed second, losing to her boss.

"I didn't practice as much as I should have," Watson admitted. "I was walking around thinking I was bad, but now I know I'm human."

However, Watson's effort was nothing to sneeze at. The obstacle course is the marquee event of Force Skills, consisting of 14 taxing stations that can easily leave even the strongest person gasping for air and begging for water. Watson actually beat her last time of 8:01, coming in at 7:22. Her boss, New Zealand Capt. Lauren Kavanaugh, beat her by 14 seconds with a time of 7:08.

The next Force Skills competition is set for early April.

## Sports standings

### Flag football

#### League 1

Team	Win	Loss
19th Signal	7	1
Company C 304th MI	1	6
Company E 305th MI	5	2
HHC 111th MI	1	6
Company B 305th MI	6	1
Company B 86 Signal	6	1
HHD 504th Signal	3	4
Company C 305th MI	2	5
HHC 11th Signal	1	6

#### League 2

USAG	8	0
Compnay E 309th MI	3	5
314 TS	5	3
NCOA	6	2
Company A 305th MI	7	1
MEDDAC	1	6
Company D 309th MI	3	6
CHAOS	2	6
Company A 304th MI	6	2
Company A 40 Signal	2	6
Company A 309th	0	6

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Air Force then went on the offensive and pushed deep into Army's end for several minutes. As the intensity of the game heated up, a referee sent Army's Jay Morse to the sin bin.

Facing Air Force's relentless attack, Army's defense finally succumbed when the inside center crashed through on a switch pass to give Air Force a 20-15 lead with 10 minutes left.

Never giving up the attack, the Army backs used deep kicks to keep heavy pressure on the airmen and forced a turnover deep in Air Force's territory.

With just minutes remaining, Army quick-

tapped a penalty from 10 meters out and retained possession through strong forward support. The ball was quickly recycled and passed wide through several players before flanker Sisi Fulavaka put away wing Rob Snow near the final corner for the final try of the game, knotting the score at 20.

Facing a difficult angle 25 meters wide of the post, Inglin converted with a strong kick that left no doubt.

The boot gave Army its first lead of the match, 22-20, and the Soldiers held on for the final minute to reclaim the Armed Forces championship.

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four months. His Olympic dreams revolve around the 2008 Games.

"That's the dream: to make the standard for the 2008 Olympic Trials," Leblow said. "This is my first time representing the Army and to me it's really special. To be able to come out here and be able to represent the whole Army, to think about it in those terms, it's a privilege that we can be here and do that — especially in a year like this.

"I've spent four months in Iraq and I know that my unit, the 101st (Airborne Division) is still over there for a year, so it's a privilege to be able to be here and represent the Soldiers who are out there. I'm extremely blessed to be here because I know what those guys are going through over there."

Air Force's Cucuzzella, Michael Mann (2:37:31), Bob Dickie (2:40:40) and Heidi McKenna (3:08:13) won the Armed Forces team title with a composite time of 11:00:01.

Army's quartet of Avila, Leblow, Maj. John Weaver (2:58:30) and Chen finished second in 11:14:59.

The host Marine Corps' quartet of Alexander Hetherington (2:37:07), Greg Mislick (2:49:15), Matthew Limbert (2:53:32) and Ginger Beals (3:11:21) finished third in 11:31:15.

Navy's William Swick (2:43:37), Saad Elmouthawakel (2:48:00), Geoffrey Weber (2:54:40) and Susanne Hines (3:07:37) were fourth in 11:35:54.

Also running for the Army were Maj. Page Karsteter (2:58:54) from the U.S. Army Health Center in Mannheim, Germany; Maj. Margaret Bozgoz (3:11:07) of U.S. Army Recruiting Command at Fort McPherson, Ga.; 2nd Lt. Kathryn Kennedy (3:35:08) of Fort Rucker, Ala.; and Staff Sgt. Shannon Swords (did not finish) of Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

This is the sixth consecutive year the Marine Corps, in conjunction with the Armed Forces Sports Council, has played host to the Armed Forces Marathon. Air Force has won the team title three times, the Marines twice, and Army once in 2001.

## 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. Blow Fly, by Patricia Cornwell
4. Sheperds Abiding, by Jan Karon
5. Bleachers, by John Grisham

### Hardcover nonfiction

1. Dude, Where's My Country? by Michael Moore
2. Lies, by Al Franken
3. Who's Looking Out For You?, by Bill O'Reilly
4. Flyboys, by James Bradley

5. Reflections, by Barbara Bush

### Paperback fiction

1. Mystic River, by Dennis Lehane
2. Four Blind Mice, by James Patterson
3. Answered Prayers, by Danielle Steel
4. Lawless, by Nora Roberts
5. The Janson Directive, by Robert Ludlum

### Paperback nonfiction

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

# Local MPs compete in warfighter competition

BY PFC MIKE HOLT  
SPECIAL TO THE SCOUT

The annual MP Warfighter competition was held this September at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. During the competition, teams of military police soldiers compete in teams of three in a series of events for the title of Warfighter. This year, the team of Sgt. Adam Stockeland, Spc. Robert Hirsch, and Pfc. James Railey represented the 18<sup>th</sup> Military Police detachment. I was able to speak with Stockeland about the team's experiences before and during the competition.

"Warfighters are elite soldiers with stamina, motivation and determination to lead a team into battle. They will quit at nothing and keep going until the mission is complete." Those are the words Stockeland used to describe what being a warfighter means. Stockeland, Hirsch, and Railey were chosen to compete in the competition because they have already demonstrated their ability to work and train with the intensity and motivation it takes to be a warfighter. Stockeland went on to speak about the training he and his team went through to prepare for the competition.

Most teams have up to six months or more to train prior to the warfighter competition. Stockeland's team had only one month to train due to the mission requirements of the 18<sup>th</sup> MP detachment. The team didn't let that affect their spirits or their desire to win. For one month they trained daily on all aspects of military police functions. They went through training, battle drills, skill level one and two tasks, and military police knowledge

and history. On top of all of the mental training they did many physical training activities such as numerous ruck marches, weight training and countless runs. They had the full support of the entire detachment while they were training at all hours of the day.

When asked about the performance of his team at the competition, Stockeland had nothing but praise for his team. He spoke of how knowledgeable his team was and how nothing stopped them through the long days of grueling competition. The team placed second in the team development

course and the warrior tower event and placed 23<sup>rd</sup> overall. Placing 23<sup>rd</sup> in the competition meant that they came in ahead of one third of the best MP teams from units all over the world. All the training that they put themselves through paid off for the team with their outstanding placing in the competition.

After speaking with Stockeland and seeing Hirsch and Railey around, it is obvious how close the competition brought them together as soldiers and as a team.

Stockeland said he would be honored to lead

the team through the competition again next year but also feels confident that either one of the other soldiers in the team would be nothing but able to lead the team to victory should his duties prevent him from leading the team again. Anyone who has spoken with the team since their return certainly would agree with Stockeland.

Although they did not place first, the team competed with the best MPs in the world. Stockeland, Hirsch, and Railey have definitely earned their place with the best of the MPs. They are warfighters.



Courtesy photo

The humvee push is one of the many things that a team has to do over a three day period.

## 304th MI Battalion's fright night was a big hit

BY 2NDLT KAREN CHARCHAN  
SPECIAL TO THE SCOUT

On the evening of Oct. 29, the air of the 304th Military Intelligence Battalion's Nicholson Hall was filled with the tearful pleas of a priest per-

forming an exorcism, as well as the laughter of children competing in pumpkin bowling. What could possibly create these two contrasting sounds to resonate from under the same roof? The 304th MI Battalion's Fright Night.

The evening's festivities began with a costume contest at 6 p.m. when each of the participating children were declared winners and given a prize. Grand prizes were awarded to the child with the best costume in the age groups of 2 and

younger, 3-5, 6-9 and 10 and older. One of the winners included an 11-year-old dressed as an old lady. Once the contest had concluded, families were escorted to the main foyer of Nicholson Hall where each child was given a trick-or-treat bag and several possible games, and events in which to partake.

Those looking for a scare anxiously waited in line to enter the "Haunted Thunder Mansion." Once it was their turn, children and adults entered a cobwebbed elevator operated by the Grim Reaper. Upstairs, a butler served as a narrator as he guided the groups through the rooms of the Haunted Mansion.

The brave children encountered a priest performing an exorcism; an overzealous doctor disemboweling his patient using realistic intestines in the "Mad Doctor's Room" and the "Hannibal Lector Room" displayed the hungry man lifting the cover of his serving dish to reveal his next meal, the head of a woman.

Other rooms and spooky hallways augmented by strobe and black lights, as well as smoke, led the eager assemblies to the climactic end, where among gravestones and bodies, a member of the undead emerged from a life-sized wooden casket. The line for the Haunted House was ever-present, some going through three or four times.

For the younger crowd, or those uninterested in the horror upstairs, the downstairs hallways were filled with a wide array of games, each with a prize for the winner, and treats for the children's bags. A "Haunted Church" with a tunnel maze was set up for toddlers to crawl through, and was followed by games like "pumpkin bowling" and a "cake walk" that offered baked goods and had "The Monster Mash" echoing through the hallways. "Pin the nose on the monster" was another big hit, but the most popular game was the donut bob where children competed to be the first to eat a dangling donut off a string without the use of their hands. Some children worked for their candy by reaching into a "bowl of guts," where the children reached into the bottom of a big bowl of slimy spaghetti to get some candy.

For those children and parents who needed a break, there were drinks, popcorn and Halloween movies. However, many of the adults had their attention focused on a raffle that supported the FRG. Participants of the contest had to guess the number of pieces of candy corn in a large jar in order to win a \$100 gift card to Best Buy.

As the night progressed and over 75 children walked the halls of the headquarters, the downstairs smiles and the upstairs screams boasted another success for the soldiers of the 304th MI Bn.



Courtesy photo

The "Mad Doctor" and his assistant disembowel an unfortunate patient in the 304th Military Battalion's Haunted Thunder Mansion.

## Army wins rugby championship

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Army returned to the top of the military rugby hierarchy Oct. 24 with a come-from-behind victory over Air Force in the 2003 Armed Forces Rugby Championships at Smokey Point Naval Support Complex, Wash.

After stumbling to a third-place finish in the 2002 tournament, Army defeated the defending champions, 22-20, in a hard-fought final match to claim their ninth title in the last 11 championships, and the 10th overall for the storied program.

The championship match was played under clear skies on a beautiful Washington day. The pitch, however, was a mud pit because of a dozen matches played on a field soaked by the

wettest week in the Seattle area's history during days preceding the tournament.

Both teams advanced to the finale on the strength of 3-1 records in round-robin play, with the Air Force defeating Army, 22-5, on Oct. 23.

In the finals, Air Force's forwards exhibited strong play by dominating the initial portion of the first half with an easy score in the opening five minutes. Shortly thereafter, another forward broke through a gap in Army's defense to extend the lead to 10-0.

Army fought back throughout the half, which was played mostly on Air Force's end of the field. Several miscues by Army and strong defense from the men in blue kept Army off the scoreboard for most of the half.

After falling behind 15-0

with 10 minutes remaining, Army finally snapped its scoring drought when flyhalf and team captain Al Weinnig scampered through on a quick tap penalty from 10 meters out to make the score 15-5 at half-time.

Army narrowed the gap to 15-8 when fullback Kevin Inglin connected on a penalty kick 15 minutes into the second period.

Midway through the second half, Army played a short lineout throw from hooker Mike Sorrentino to the front man, All-Army rookie flanker Dustin Plumadore, who drove 20 meters with several would-be-tacklers on his back to score Army's second try of the match. A conversion by Inglin tied the score at 15.

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## Interational and military mail Christmas dates

To ensure delivery of Christmas cards and packages by Dec. 25 to APO/FPO address overseas and to international addresses mail should be entered by the recommended dates listed below.

Military addressed to	First Class	Priority	Parcel airlift	Parcel
AE ZIPs 090-099	Dec. 11	Dec. 11	Dec. 4	Nov. 13
AA ZIPs 340	Dec. 11	Dec. 11	Dec. 4	Nov. 13
AP ZIPs 962 - 966	Dec. 11	Dec. 11	Dec. 4	Nov. 13

International addressed to	Air letters	Air parcel	Surface
Africa	Dec. 8	Dec. 8	Oct. 16
Asia/Pacific Rim	Dec. 15	Dec. 15	Oct. 30
Australia/New Zealand	Dec. 15	Dec. 15	Oct. 30
Canada	Dec. 15	Dec. 15	Nov. 21
Caribbean	Dec. 15	Dec. 15	Nov. 7
Central and South America	Dec. 8	Dec. 8	Nov. 1
Mexico	Dec. 15	Dec. 15	Nov. 7
Europe	Dec. 15	Dec. 15	Nov. 7
Middle East	Dec. 15	Dec. 15	Oct. 23

# Odd jobs for Fort Huachuca youth

## ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE RELEASE

- Do you have odd jobs that need to be done but not enough time to do them?
- Do you want to help the kids of Fort Huachuca?
- Hey kids, do you want to earn some cash?

Well, all this and more can be accomplished when you register with the "Odd Jobs For Fort Huachuca Youth" sponsored by the Employment Readiness Program at Army Community Service, Building 50010.

### What kinds of jobs can the youth perform?

They can bathe your animals or give them exercise. They can do yard work and housework. The kids can do painting, wash windows or wash cars. They could house and/or pet sit while you're on leave or TDY. They could provide babysitting services. The sky's the limit on what these self-motivated kids can do.

### When can they work? Are there any limits on their hours?

Kids aged 12-15 may work no more than three hours on a school day with a limit of 18 hours in a school week, no more than eight hours on a non-school day with a limit of 40 hours in a non-school week. Youth aged 16 and older may work at any time for unlimited hours.

### How do I hire a kid?

Whether you need them for a day or on a continuing basis, and you are willing to pay them for their work, you should come to Army Community Service, Building 50010 and post your "help wanted" ad. On your "ad" you list the type of job you wish to be done and the amount paid by the hour or by the job. You will list the tools/equipment that you will supply and/or what the worker should bring with them. Next you need to give your name and phone number, where the work will be done and when you want it done. The employment readiness coordinator will then match

you up with potential youth workers. It's really simple

### How much do I pay the youth workers?

You may pay them by the job, by the hour, or whatever you and the worker agree upon. Kids who have registered with the program

have requested very fair wages. You'll be more than pleasantly surprised when you hire a young person—you'll get the job done at a reasonable cost.

### May I hire more than one worker?

Certainly, especially if you have different types of work needed.

### May I come in and register my child to work?

No, this is something that they have to do for themselves, but you may drive them to sign up and to the job site. This program is set up for those that want to work and earn money.

### Well, how do the kids sign up?

The job seeker should come to the ACS Building 50010 on the traffic circle from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Wednesday or from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. on Thursdays and they should bring proof of age. The youth worker will be asked to complete a short application form listing the types of work sought, days and hours they want to work and what tools/equipment they will bring. The form will be posted for three months on the "Odd Jobs" bulletin board.

### Hey, I'm not sure I want my kid's telephone number displayed on the application.

Don't worry. The form is posted without the phone number. When a potential employer comes in, he or she will discuss with the employment readiness coordinator what type of work is needed, when it is to be performed, and call the youth and coordinate the work. You as a parent can always go to the worksite and check out your child and the employer.

### Is there any cost to register with the program?

This is a free program sponsored by the Employment Readiness Program of Army Community Service to help the Fort Huachuca youth gain employment experience, develop good work habits and earn money. The cost is free to both the youth seeking employment and employers seeking youth workers. It's a win-win proposition!



Photo by Elizabeth Harlan

**Anthony Griffo does some yard work for a thankful customer**

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quility, continued to operate into the 1940s, but Tombstone had lost part of its luster. However, some leaders had the foresight to work on building up Tombstone's historical value, and formed a restoration commission in 1949. They fixed up the Tombstone Courthouse, which now belongs to Arizona State Parks, in the 1950s.

Meanwhile, a former editor of the Tombstone Epitaph coined the phrase "The Town Too Tough To Die" because the scrappy community "didn't dry up and blow away," Austin said.

Fortunes began to turn around in the 1960s, as town promoters saw a new gold mine, in the form of tourism.

Today, visitors can enjoy Old West gunfights shows (of course, no real bullets are involved), a trip to the O.K. Corral, various gift shops and the courthouse, which offers a comprehensive museum spotlighting Tombstone history.

The courthouse, completed in 1882, offers photographs, displays and a research library for historians.

Austin said that, by far, the O.K. Corral is the most popular tourist attraction. The corral became legendary after the very brief but intense Oct. 26, 1881, gunfight that pitted Ike and Billy Clanton against lawmen Wyatt and Virgil Earp, and their cohort Doc Holliday.

Many who see Tombstone also make a beeline for the Bird Cage Theater, once known as the "most famous honky tonk in America between 1881 and 1889."

The theater was named the Bird Cage because "ladies of the evening" would sit in the cages hanging above the gambling casino and dance hall. Those brave enough would come in and watch French can-can dancers do their thing.

The Old West's allure casts a strong spell globally. In terms of foreign visitors, Canadians rank first, followed by Germans.

To get to Tombstone from Sierra Vista, just head north on Highway 92 to Charleston Avenue, and take a right. That road will lead you right into the heart of Tombstone.

For more information on Tombstone history or events, check out [www.cityoftombstone.com](http://www.cityoftombstone.com).