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1st Lt. Darrick Lee
Public Affairs

My name is Lt. Darrick Lee ... and I'm a part-time voter. This is the part where some of you give me a hug and say: "Hi Darrick!" I'm 33 years old. Although that means I've had the right to vote for about 15 years, there were only 3 presidential elections held in which I could actually exercise that right. There was Bush Sr. v. Clinton, Clinton v. Dole, and Gore v. Bush Jr. I know I should have voted during each of those elections, but I've only voted in one.

Don't get me wrong. I've always understood the importance of voting. When I was a young teenager, my mother and grandmother used to team up to yell at me about the importance of voting. Yes, they really yelled. They were passionate about it. As black women, I guess they had to be. They would tell me the horror stories about how hard voting used to be for some Americans just a few decades ago. I used to tell 'em, "I'm not even old enough to vote yet. Why are you nagging me?" That would just get 'em riled up some more, so I'd just try to drown them out while I sat in front of the TV watching the Cosby Show, looking 'fresh' with my Swatch watch, Jheri-curl hairdo and parachute pants. I didn't know it then, but they were preparing me for my future citizenship responsibilities.

But I didn't listen. Besides, the most important thing on my mind at that time was getting out of my mother's house when I finally turned 18. (I love my mother, but come on! How was I supposed to impress women if I was living in my mother's house?) I turned 18 one year too late to vote in the Dukakis v. Bush Sr. race. I was pretty sure that neither Dukakis nor Bush Sr. could help me with my problem anyway. But the U.S. Marine

Corps could. So I enlisted.

I was serving as a diplomatic guard at the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi when my first chance to vote came around. It was in India, home of the Taj Mahal, that I met my wife-to-be, Muna. Muna was born in Somalia, a country with a history of instability. When she was young, her family left Somalia in search of a brighter future. They ended up in Kuwait. She was raised there until she headed to college in India. She was a political science major.

We dated while she went to school and I worked at the Embassy. As we learned about each other, she would sometimes ask me questions about American life, or she'd ask how I felt about a certain political practice or government policy. More often than not, I couldn't answer her. She knew more about my country than I did. I just thought that it was her political science studies sparking all the interest, but I realized that she was really excited about the voting process. She seemed to *care* more about what happened in America than I did. When the absentee ballots came around for the Bush Sr.-Clinton fight, I made sure I didn't miss my chance. Okay, so I only voted to impress Muna. I still *voted*. That still counts right?

I'm not sure why I didn't vote when Dole challenged Clinton. Actually, I don't even remember being *aware* of the fact that Dole was challenging Clinton.

Muna finished college and went back to Kuwait to work at the Embassy of Zimbabwe. I went wherever the Marine Corps would take me, not knowing if she and I would ever see each other again. But, as if pre-destined by fate, I was sent to Kuwait in March of '98. Saddam was threatening to act up again. Muna and I

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Hoops Shots

I had a terrific week highlighted by an extended visit with our **Mighty Chaplains**. As you may recall, they were the only triple "Outstanding" in our Operational Readiness, Expeditionary Readiness and Compliance Inspections. They also won the very first award as the Air Force's Best Small Chapel. That trophy will forever have the Mighty Ninety as its first entry! Well, after spending a morning with these caring professionals it's no surprise the accolades keep pouring in. I learned for example that we're still technically at war with one Native American tribe. That one Father bested Mother Nature. That **Chaplain, Capt. Sam Gage** celebrated his return from Iraq by running a marathon – perhaps he's spent too much time with our Mighty Defenders! That **Airman 1st Class Noah Wells** – Honor Guard member, keeper of Chaplain Gage's deployment secrets, and winner of the AFSPC Chapel Airmen of the Year – is one squared away troop. And that civilians like **Mr. Rod Brand** create benchmark programs and personify the truest spirit of compassion, service and volunteerism. This small staff packs a lot of punch and we are grateful for all their efforts at ministering to the needs of our military family. The power of military family came home to me when I received a thank you note from the **Nunes Family**. This family suffered a tremendous tragedy with the sudden loss of their beautiful, infant daughter **Ashley**. Two squadrons folded their arms around the grieving parents in their time of greatest need – along with an army of supporters from services, our chaplains and more. I was especially touched because here they are thanking us even as they continue to struggle through this difficult time. Never forget that as long as you're in uniform you have someone always at the ready to stand by you. It's what makes our service different from most of society and why I stayed in for a full career. The military family is a powerful thing and my thanks to our squadrons and

staff for upholding our highest traditions of support and compassion.

It's this idea of family and community that has inspired our recent push for **club membership**. Our commanders, chiefs and first sergeants all got to see first-hand the high quality Services venues we offer our children, airmen, families and more on base. That was followed by an extended visit with **Dorm Escape**. The reality is that club membership is really community membership and our dues help pay for swimming, bowling, auto skills, paint ball, recreation and more. The more money in the fund, the more we can do for our people. I highly encourage you to join the club as your modest monthly dues help provide services to the entire base community.

That support to our families was recently validated in a no-notice inspection from the services agency on our family member programs. **Family Child Care, School-Age and Child Development Center** programs were scrutinized. Every program blew the inspectors out of the water with scores higher than 90%. In fact the child development Center earned the highest scores for compliance in the entire Air Force! My congratulations to **Suzanne Francis, CDC Director, and Mary Jacobson, CDC Trainer**, for your outstanding work on behalf of our families. Well Done!!

Finally let me close by saying farewell to **Lt. Col. Paul Gydesen** who gave up the reins of the **Mighty Ops Support Squadron** to **Lt. Col. Angela Stout**. I remember Paul as my IG inspector when I commanded 1 SOPS. He was impressive then as a captain and should be proud of his excellent work leading his own squadron. Good luck in your new job at 20th! Angela was equally impressive when we served together in the Pentagon finding ways to fund the very programs we're using today. We're fortunate we stole her before everyone else and she'll be a terrific commander.

--Col Hoops

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On the Cover



Photo by 1st Lt. Darrick Lee

Emily Bingham swings at a pinata during Hispanic day, Oct. XX.

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married that same month.

With our marriage started her 7-year journey with the Immigration & Naturalization Service towards U.S. citizenship. Now, the Sentinel is a military/DoD paper, so I won't speak ill of any government agency here. But I think it is safe to say that anyone who deals with INS will understand the true value of being an American, because INS really makes you work for it! As we battled the long lines at INS, as we filled out the numerous forms, as we wrote countless checks to pay application fees and waited months upon years for her to become naturalized, and as we underwent numerous security checks, Muna kept uttering one phrase: "I can't wait for all of this to be over. Then, I get to vote." I would think to myself, "Sheesh, calm down. It's not that big of a deal." To her, it was.

After spending over 10 years in the Marine Corps I finally realized that air conditioning is a good thing, and put in a request for an inter-service transfer to join the

Air Force.

I had every intention of voting during the Gore-Bush Jr. election. I really looked forward to it, because this was the first election I'd seen where both parties aggressively targeting the younger voters by getting hip-hop artists to support their campaign. So when I saw Outkast on "The Tonight Show" finish their performance by encouraging their fans to get out and vote, I jumped back on the bandwagon. All I needed to do was register. Muna was pushing me to do the right thing. "When are you going to vote? Can I go with you to watch? Did you register yet?" she'd ask. I kept putting her off ... you should have seen the look on her face when I told her I'd missed my chance to vote. She gave me that look. It's the look women give when you just screwed up big-time, but instead of looking angry it's just a blank look of hopelessness and disgust. *That* look. "I swear, I'm voting next election!" I tried to reassure her.

Muna was granted citizenship

in January. She could hardly sit still during the ceremony. In the INS office filled to capacity with folks from all over the world, they played a video of President Bush welcoming the newest Americans. He gave a pretty moving speech about how cool it is to be an American. He ended his words with a call to action. He invited them all to get involved in government at all levels, and if nothing else, vote. I looked at Muna. Not only was she grinning when he said that, but it appeared as if many of the other folks in the room were as well. I still didn't understand. "Why in the world are all these people so giddy about voting?" No sooner had that thought entered my mind than when the answer followed. I looked around the room of the INS. Most of the people in the room came from places where voting was not an easy process. Some came from places where they couldn't vote because of their gender. Others came from places that simply didn't hold elections. Still some, like my Muna, came from places

with no government at all, like Somalia. It finally clicked.

Muna and I named our first child 'Taj', to remind us both of the time we met in India. Although he's not old enough to understand elections yet, this year's Bush v. Kerry race is our first presidential election as a family. A family of Americans. We went to the Laramie County Courthouse to register, only to be surprised when they told us we could vote on the spot. Muna's eyes lit up like she just won the lottery! They explained how to use the voting machine, and I stood back and watched her, trying to hold back the lump in my throat that I usually only get when watching the movie "Rudy" or "Platoon".

Then I voted. It felt good. Not because Muna was watching me, either. It felt good because I knew that I was part of an elite group of people within the world who get a real chance to affect change. I voted this year.

No, seriously. I voted this election ... for real.

PEACE KEEPERS

By A1C Nathaniel Turner, 90MMXS





Photo by Airman 1st Class Connor Elayan

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKIN' AT?

An inquisitive antelope stops to check out the construction project, and Port-A-Potty, on 10th Calvary Rd. Oct. 6. Antelope are one of several types of wildlife that call Warren home.

What are you wearing?

Air Force uniform board releases results

Article courtesy of Air Force Personnel Command

The 96th Air Force Uniform Board results have been officially released. The board results include over 30 changes to the current policy that regulates uniform dress and appearance. One example is the authorization to wear a black backpack with the Air Force blue uniform and black, olive drab or woodland camouflage backpacks with the battle dress uniform.

Your organizational baseball cap may now be worn not only at home station, but also at continental United States TDY locations.

Many members of Warren will begin wearing scarves as the winter months approach. With the release of the board results, members are now authorized to wear a black scarf with any Air Force uniform.

These are but a few of the changes that have recently been made to the current dress and appearance policy. For more details, you may access the 96th Air Force Uniform Board results at the HQ AFPC Web site at <http://www.randolph.af.mil>, or contact your military personnel flight customer service office at 773-1845.

Additional guidance on all approvals will be forthcoming in the next update of Air Force Instruction 39-2903, which is currently being reviewed by air staff and should be released this summer.

Trial open to Warren members

Base personnel welcome to witness Airmens' courts martial

Capt. Jedd Miloud
Chief, Military Justice
90th Space Wing Legal
Office

Airman Robert Surface, II was found guilty of wrongful appropriation of military property valued over \$500 during a special court-martial held on base Sept. 22.

Airman Surface was charged with stealing night vision goggles from the security forces storage area.

Airman Surface was sentenced to a reduction in grade to E-1, forfeiture of \$400 pay, and 15 days confinement.

Capt. Lance Wood and Capt. Harry Herrick from the 90th Space Wing Legal Office represented the United States, and Capt. David H. Cazier, the area defense counsel from Buckley Air Force Base, Colo., represented Airman Surface.

Counsel for the United States argued that taking expensive, operational equipment for one's personal use is a serious crime.

Counsel argued that Airman Surface's sentence should send a message to all members that have access to such equipment that they will lose their stripes, forfeit pay and be confined

if they take military property.

Airman 1st Class Tyrell Ferguson was found guilty of wrongfully using marijuana on multiple occasions during a summary court-martial held Sept. 30.

The summary court-martial officer, Col. Alvin Kemmet, Jr., sentenced Airman Ferguson to a reduction to E-1 and 25 days confinement.

Capt. Harry Herrick, 90th Space Wing Legal Office, represented the United States and Capt. Vicki Belleau, the area defense counsel from Minot Air Force Base, N.D., represented

Airman Ferguson.

In his closing remarks, Colonel Kemmet stated that the sentence "will serve notice to those who decide to ignore the rules which were laid out to you when you signed on the bottom line to join our Air Force.

"We will not tolerate drugs in this institution; our nation depends on us to not do otherwise," he said.

Trials by court-martial are open to the public. Trials are held in the base courtroom located in building 232 on the second floor.

If you have any questions, please call the legal office at 773-2256.

Warren grieves loss of a mighty defender

Airman 1st Class Lauren Sixbey
Public Affairs

How do you say goodbye to a friend, a coworker, a fellow Airman?

Senior Airman Wilmar Diaz Davila was just 22 years old when he passed away from a gunshot wound Saturday at his home in Cheyenne.

Airman Diaz was a member of the 90th Missile Security Forces Squadron.

A memorial service was held at the base theater Wednesday. There, Airman Diaz was posthumously awarded the Achievement Medal by Lt. Col. John Probst, 90 MSFS commander.

Airman Lois MacPhee read a poem she wrote called "Remember Me" in memory of her friend. It began, "Cry for me no more my friends, I'd rather see you smile ..."

Another remembered Airman Diaz by saying, "I wish I could explain how much Senior Airman Diaz meant to

me, to all of us. He was like a brother to me."

"I knew my flight area was the most secure one out there when he was on the road," said Staff Sgt. Steven Flowers, Airman Diaz' supervisor. "There's not a doubt in my mind that he would have continued to make an outstanding law enforcement troop, whether in the military or in the civilian world."

"Senior Airman Diaz was an inspiration for the entire flight and squadron," said 1st Lt. Jason Hamman, flight commander to Airman Diaz. "His dedication help lead to the success of the mission. He will truly be missed."

The Guayama, Puerto Rico, native was raised partly in Lancaster, Pa. Airman Diaz enlisted in the Air Force on Sept. 10, 2001. He is survived by his mother, four brothers and a nephew.

"He was a rising star earning senior airman status in June and

was just named the Airman of the Quarter in his unit," said Colonel Probst. "His professionalism and constant caring for his teammates will be sorely missed."

"He was entrusted with more responsibility than most people who wore more stripes than him, said Sergeant Flowers." "We could count on him to take command and control of any situation."

"He was loyal to his country, to the military and to his coworkers – his brothers' in arms," said Sergeant Flowers.

Along with other members of the 90 MSFS, Sergeant Flowers will escort Airman Diaz' body to Pennsylvania. He will be buried with full military honors at a military cemetery a few miles from Lancaster on Monday.

At the memorial, Colonel Probst read from a letter that was sent to Airman Diaz' mother, "He will be missed by many, honored by all and forgotten by none."



Senior Airman Wilmar Diaz Davila, 22, was killed Saturday by a gunshot wound in his home. He was a member of the 90th Missile Security Forces Squadron.

Construction corner

Base wide tree spraying

Weather permitting, beginning Oct. 19 through the end of November, the entomology shop will be spraying trees with insecticide. The first trees sprayed will be those

along Randall Ave. The blue spruce trees will be treated with an insecticide called Malathion, for an insect known as the Cooley Adelgid. A roto-mist aerial sprayer sprays the mist upward into the trees. Providing no rain or serious wind occurs the shop will continue spraying around the base. For more information, contact Mr. Phillip Lozeau at 773-2657.



In search of childcare?

Ray Williamson
90th Services Squadron

Family Child Care Provider: prospective Family Child Care providers submit AF Form 1928, Family Child Care License Application and complete pre-licensing requirements and orientation. Call 773-3317 for next orientation class dates.

Family Child Care Subsidy Program: call 773-3317 for program information. Families eligible for the subsidy program include those with children ages infant through 5 years old.

Base housing residents should be aware of the Air Force requirements for conducting childcare in government housing. Anyone caring for children for more than 10 hours a week may be in violation of Air Force Instruction 34-276.

Individuals who are not approved family childcare providers cannot advertise in base publications or on base bulletin boards. The 90th Mission Support Group

may revoke the housing privileges of individuals who provide care but refuse to become licensed or who continue to provide care after their license has been suspended or revoked. Anyone interested in becoming a family child care provider may call the FCC office at 773-3317.

The family child care program is in need of individuals to provide care during swing and evening shifts. Individuals interested in providing care are given priority in licensing. Anyone interested should call the family child care office at 773-3317.

The family child care office in coordination with the Air Force Aid Society offers the family child care for volunteers program. Family members that volunteer may be eligible for up to 16 hours of free childcare. Please contact the family support center at 773-5899 or the family child care office at 773-3317.

For more information, call 773-3317 to speak to FCC staff or call our referral line at 773-4119.

Air Force clubs to upgrade

The Air Force Club Card program is moving to a new systems platform effective Oct. 28.

However, because of two years worth of planning and preparation, members won't notice any changes in service.

Bank One, the issuer of the Air Force Club Card is moving members' accounts to a new state of the art system that holds Air Force Club members' account information.

The switchover will involve nearly a week of "blackout" to the Club Works system, which services the Air Force Club

Membership Card Program. During this period, which is scheduled Oct. 27 to Nov. 1, there will be an impact on several processes affecting club members.

The most significant will be the inability of club members to make payments on their accounts at their base clubs, over the Internet, or by phone. Members will be able to view their accounts and balances on the Bank One Web site, but the "Make a Payment" option will not be available.

Cardholders whose accounts are due during the

blackout period are encouraged to make an early payment this month.

Mailing payments during this period would be a good option.

"They need to pay ahead of time and not wait until the blackout period to pay," said Fred Fried, Club Operations Branch chief, Headquarters Air Force Services Agency, San Antonio, Texas.

Cardholders will still be able to make charges to their accounts during this period.

For more information, contact the Trail's End Club at 773-3048.



Photo by 1st Lt. Nicole Walters

AIN'T SHE SWEET?

Alyson Guthrie, daughter of Tech. Sgt. William Guthrie, decked out in beads and a plastic fire helmet, strikes a pose in front of the Child Development Center Oct. 6. The helmets were given out to the children at the CDC in recognition of Fire Prevention Week.

Air Force revises CJR 'wait list'

Quotas and specialties list established by Air Staff

Article courtesy of the Air Force Personnel Center News Service

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas - The Air Force has revised the career job reservation list in an effort to meet end strength goals under Force Shaping.

While five new Air Force specialties have been identified as constrained, another six have been released from the list. All constrained

Air Force Specialty Codes receive quotas; have a rank order/wait list established, and all first-term Airmen will need to apply within the appropriate CJR application windows.

"All first-term Airmen must have an approved career job reservation prior to reenlisting in the Air Force," said Master Sgt. Dee Wolfe, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of Air Force Reenlistments at the Air Force Personnel Center here. "That job reservation may now be a

little bit harder to get depending on their specialty.

"The list of constrained Air Force specialties and quotas are established by Air Staff," she said.

Limiting CJRs is the latest in a series of Air Force initiatives to ensure the service keeps people only where they are needed.

What that means is first-term Airmen serving in career fields that are currently constrained may not be allowed to reenlist, unless they are approved to retrain in another specialty.

"Those who are not approved for retraining or do not receive a CJR will be projected for separation," said Sergeant Wolfe.

"We encourage airmen to continue serving the military with the Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, through military civilian employment, or through an inter-service transfer to the Army via blue to green."

Only first-term Airmen selected for reenlistment by their commander under the Selective Reenlistment Program will be allowed to apply for a career job reservationist.

For further information and a complete list of constrained AFSCs, please contact the local military personnel flight's reenlistment office or visit the CJR Web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlskills/Reenlistments/CJR.htm>.

On going Club Membership Drive in full swing

Airman 1st Class Lauren Sixbey
Public Affairs

While driving through the serpentine coming on base, you will find on your left a modest looking building that houses the Trail's End Club.

The club is participating in an Air Force wide membership drive that began on Sept. 10 and will last until Dec. 1.

The goal of this drive is to increase club participation among Air Force members. So far, Warren leads Air Force Space Command in increased membership, according to Rick Stewart, club manager.

During the membership drive, one perk of joining is a free lunch. Even a member bringing a friend or co-worker to join the club will also be awarded a complimentary lunch. Everyday benefits include reduced price lunches, special events

and luncheons. One new or current member from each command will win \$3,000. Two will win \$1,000 and three will win \$500.

According to Mr. Stewart, the club is here to take care of its members. Club bartenders are even trained to notice anyone who has had too much to drink and will find them a safe way to get home.

Every year, the Air Force initiates a drive due to a reduction in membership in recent years. The Trail's End Club did their own membership drive May through June and established 30 new members.

Eligible club members are all active duty military members, civil servants, contractors, guard and reservists, retirees and family members.

For more information on club membership, call 773-3048. For special events, contact Maureen Gomez at 635-8202.

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ports of survey, and promotion propriety actions.

Part of the ADC's role includes advancing the Air Force mission by promoting justice and strengthening confidence in discipline by vigorously providing the best legal defense services for military members and helping maintain the integrity of the military justice system.

The ADC office is independent. The ADC doesn't work for the numbered Air Force commander, the wing commander, or the base legal office. The ADC has a separate chain of

command, the Air Force Legal Services Agency, headquartered at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C. The separate chain of command ensures the ADC is not pressured by any commander to do anything against a client's best interest. The ADC provides confidential legal service. Everything you say to the ADC is confidential, and only the ADC and chaplain possess a privilege this strong. This confidentiality extends to the defense paralegal as well.

Under Air Force rules of professional conduct,

the Area Defense Counsel's primary obligation and loyalty is to their client. The ADC's aggressive and zealous representation inspires confidence in the military justice system and enhances credibility in the defense function. Remember, if you are ever read your Article 31 rights, understand that you do have the right to remain silent, which is to say nothing at all. If you do start talking, you don't have the right to lie, and you may stop the interview at any time. The Warren ADC Office is located at 6500 10th Cavalry Avenue, Building 292.

For more information about the Warren Area Defense Counsel, call 773-3248.



Attention all Airmen

The Cyber Cafe is up and running at Dorm Escape. It has computers with internet and LAN capabilities.

The basketball court at Fall Hall is available 24/7. Any one who wants to shoot hoops go to the Crow Creek lodging desk and sign out a key and basketball and have free/open access.

Envision Xpress Honors National Disability

Larry Kopcho recognized as part part of JWOD program

Mickey Ayers
Envision Express

Larry Kopcho was honored today by Envision Xpress for his professional accomplishments. This recognition was done as part of the JWOD Program and the 2004 observance of October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

Larry Kopcho began working for Envision on August 26, 1999 as cashier/stocker. He is currently one of the main instructors for Envision. He instructs low and blind employees in the use of Counterpoint/Magic and Jaws. This training allows visually challenged individuals to perform cashier/stocker duties at our other 14 sister stores throughout the country.

Larry and his wife, Rosemarie, own a home in Cheyenne. They have three grown children and seven grandchildren. Larry likes to "play on the computer" with graphics. He enjoys taking digital pictures of his grandchildren. He enjoys walks with his wife, and watching football on TV. Born with congenital glaucoma, he has had two cornea transplants in his left eye. He had his first transplant in 1982 and another in 1995. Larry has worked for the Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, and Envision. He has studied Computer Information Systems at Laramie County Community College.

Larry has gained a great deal of his computer knowledge from classes and individuals who have

been willing to make time to instructions and oversee Larry's activities at the beginning of his study of computers. Larry now feels that he can give others personal attention that will enable them to gain confidence and abilities that can help them be a part of the EnvisionXpress team.

Providing employment opportunities to more than 42,000 people, the JWOD Program is the largest single provider of employment for people who are blind or have other severe disabilities in the United States. The JWOD Program has a network of more than 600 community-based nonprofit agencies that provide quality products and services to Federal customers nationwide. People with disabilities at these agencies are working on projects in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Guam.

Through Envision, an

agency affiliated with the National Industries for the Blind, 151 people that are blind, enjoy long term employment. In F.E. Warren AFB Wyoming, two people who are blind or who have other severe disabilities are benefiting from training and work experience at Envision Xpress. For example, Scott Thomas has been employed at Envision Xpress for three years as a stocker.

Without the job opportunities created by Envision through the JWOD Program, (He/she) could have been one of the more than 70 percent of people with disabilities—about 21 million people—nationwide who are not working. However, the JWOD Program provides Larry & Scott with an opportunity for both economic and personal independence.

In 1938, Congress passed the Wagner-O'Day Act, establishing a Federal market

for products made by individuals who are blind. In 1971, the Act was amended by Sen. Jacob Javits to include products and services provided by people with a wide range of severe disabilities and became known as the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act.

The JWOD Program is a coordinated effort on behalf of the Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, National Industries for the Blind (NIB) and NISH—Creating Employment Opportunities for People with Severe Disabilities. This effort has allowed people who are blind or who have other severe disabilities to acquire job skills and training, receive good wages and benefits, and gain greater independence and quality of life. This year's theme for the National Disability Employment Awareness Month is "YOUR HIRED" ! Success knows no limitations.

Guard *en garde* takes championship



Pat Farrell is on the run from 790th aggressors.



Both offense and defense look downfield.



The 243rs Quarterback airs one out.



The 243rd discusses strategies at halftime.



Warren's newest Airmen loves Wyoming's wide-open spaces

Airman 1st Class Nathan Turner sat down with Airman 1st Class Tessa Cubbon to chat about Rob Zombie, being a published artist and, of course, his newest comic strip.

What do you do?

Missile Maintenance, but I'm in Readiness right now.

What's that?

Mostly, it's where I get my required briefings and training courses out of the way before I'm assigned to a shop or tech training class.

And when you're not doing that, you're writing comics for the Sentinel, now aren't you?

Yes, I am.

What do you like about it?

It gives my art a good chance of being seen by other people.

What other kinds of art do you do?

I write my own sci-fi, fantasy and anime themed comics.

What CD is in your CD player right now?

I think it's a Rob Zombie CD.

If you could have dinner delivered to you from anywhere in the world, where would it be from and what would you want?

Italy. I don't know what it's called. It's a kind of pasta with bacon and eggs. I had a friend from Italy who made it one time. It was great.

What's your favorite thing about Warren?

I like the open space. Where I grew up, there wasn't a lot of open space.

Where are you from?

Las Vegas. Born and raised.

What was your favorite part

about Las Vegas?

There was always something to do there.

What was the last movie you saw in the theatre?

Resident Evil, Apocalypse. It was good: the best movie I've seen in a while.

Why did you join the military?

Well ... there was no way I was going to get \$60 thousand for art school, so ... [He laughs]

Actually, my grandfather retired from the Air Force, and I do need the money for education.

Are you a lifer?

We'll see. I haven't really started my job yet, so that has yet to be seen.

If you could have dinner with anyone on base, who would it be?

I don't know ... I haven't been here that long and don't know that many people, yet.

Probably because you're always slaving away over a drawing board. How long have you been an artist?

Since the 7th grade.

Is this the first time your art has been published?

No. I got one of my art pieces published on my high school's student handbook. They didn't publish it until after I graduated, though.

What was it of?

Some guy on a horse. I thought it looked really bad, because I did it in one day.

Do you like seeing your stuff in the paper?

It's cool. It's new to me. It's also very challenging, coming up with the idea for a different comic every week.



Your comic started last week. Have you been recognized for it yet?

Yes. I'm kinda famous. It's awesome.

So, we'll be seeing your work for at least a year, right?

If not more, and hopefully it can be spread to other bases.

Did you know people could see it online at www.warren.af.mil?

Yes, but that's not the only thing I have online. I put stuff on the Internet that I am completely proud of.

Where can we see it?

<http://negathus.deviantart.com>

Awesome. Thanks for taking the time to talk to me. Keep the comics coming, and have a great Air Force day.

It was my pleasure! I hope everyone enjoys the comics. See ya around!

Texas Hold'em

Put on your poker face and come to the Trails End Club, Oct. 23 at 2 p.m. for some Texas Hold'em and \$20,000 in Club Bucks.

AAFES gift certificates will be awarded to the top five players. Blinds start at \$100 and increase every 30 minutes. Entry fees are \$20 for club members and \$25 for nonmembers. Sign up by Oct. 15 and save \$5! Must be 18 years old to participate.

Call the club at 773-3048 for more information.

Trick or Treat Off the Street and Pumpkin Carving Contest

Little ghosts, princesses and heroes are all invited to

Fall Hall Halloween night for Trick Or Treat Off the Street Oct. 31, 6 to 9 p.m. The youth center staff and volunteers will host a haunted house, crafts, a piñata, ghost bowling and many other fun games for children.

The event is free and there will be a hot dog dinner available for a nominal fee. Kids and adults can enter the pumpkin-carving contest with winning entries displayed at the Trick Or Treat Off the Street. Just take your entry to the youth center by Oct 28. Age groups are 5 to 7, 8 to 10, 11 to 18, and age 19 and older. The next two volunteer meetings are Wednesday at 10 a.m. and Oct. 22 at 10 a.m. at Fall Hall.

For more information, call Soni Snow at 773-2564.

Club Halloween Bash

Dress up in costume and come out to the Trails End Club Friday, Oct. 29, 7 p.m. for the Halloween Bash.

Cash prizes will be awarded for winners of the costume contest in the following categories: best dressed couple, scariest and funniest.

Be entertained by the band, Twisted Cain, enjoy snacks and play, "Let's Make A Deal". Free for club members and \$3 cover for nonmembers!

Air Force Club Membership Drive

How would you like to win \$3,000?

Well you can just by joining the club during the fall club membership drive now

through Nov 30. The Air Force is giving each command big cash prizes to encourage us to join and participate in Air Force Clubs.

There will be a drawing for new members who join during the drive and current members in good standing as well for \$250 at the end of membership drive party Dec 1.

Sponsored in part by Sprint.

No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. Active duty, reserves, guard, DoD civilians, military retirees and full time contractors are welcome to join the club.

Free lunch for all new members who join during the promotion.

For more information on club membership, call the club at 773-3048.

Briefs

Latin Night

Latin night is scheduled to be held at the Trails End Club Oct. 22 from 8 p.m. to *asta cuando quieran*, which means whenever. Come dressed to impress.

For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Sandra Nunes at 773-3646.

Military Family Housing Residency Requirements

Air Force instruction 32-6001, paragraph 7.2 states military members may voluntarily terminate military family housing for personal reasons **after fulfillment of the mandatory one-year tenancy**. Military members **must** terminate occupancy of MFH under the following type of circumstances: Permant change of station, when an enlisted Airmen becomes commissioned as an officer, family separation, adverse conduct/behavior, destruction or abuse of property, separation/retirement, death of a qualifying dependent, etc. Any questions related to reasons that members **must** terminate may be directed to the housing office at 773-1840.

This policy is strictly enforced when base wide occupancy rate falls below the Air Force standard of 98 percent.

Also reference paragraph 7.3, members are required to give at least 40 days notice of intent to terminate MFH upon PCS, separation, or retirement. It is not necessary to wait for a hard copy of orders to begin the termination process!

Energy Conservation

The 90th Civil Engineering Squadron will be hosting an Energy Conservation Team that will educate the base about low-cost and no cost changes we can make at Warren to help reduce energy consumption.

This team will be making a public address at the base theater from 10 to 11 a.m. For more information, contact 1st Lt. Dustin Born at 773-6016.

Free food and drinks

EnvisionExpress is scheduled to have free food and drinks Wednesday to Celebrate National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

Where's your ribbon?

Al Dyke

90th Medical Group

National Red Ribbon Week will be Oct. 23 through 31.

The Red Ribbon campaign promotes one person can make a difference and encourages a drug-free lifestyle and involvement in drug prevention efforts. This year's national theme is "Drug Free – I Have The Power."

The 2004 Red Ribbon Campaign promotes awareness of the drug problems facing every community; develops parent and community teams to combat alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs; and promotes a drug-free lifestyle for everyone.

Several activities are scheduled during the month of October. The Laramie County School District #1 (LCSD#1) will promote various activities at schools throughout the district. For information on school activities contact Cornelia

Dereemer at 771-2167. Activities planned at this time are as follows:

Red Ribbon Teen Dance 7 p.m. Oct 22

Community Center (Lions Park)

Point of Contact: Ms Bridget White at (307) 778-8788

BX Information Table

Base Exchange

Oct. 23 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Oct. 24 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Oct. 28 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Point of Contact: Al Dyke at 773-2879

Generation N.E.X.T. – Base Theater 6 p.m. Oct 24

Presentation by Drug Enforcement Agency – Intelligence Analyst Dawn Gay

An awareness presentation related to designer drugs.

Point of Contact: Al Dyke at 773-2879

Red Ribbon Capitol Kick-Off - 9 a.m. Oct. 25

Front step of the State Capitol

Speakers include: Governor and First Lady Freudenthal, Mayor Jack Spiker

Free Food/Drinks

Youth Center Red Ribbon Activities - 4 p.m. Oct. 27

Poster Contest (various age levels)

Puppet Show & Intoxication Goggle Demonstration

Black Hawk Landing 4 p.m. Oct. 28

Dildine, Afflerbach and Corlett/Churchill Elementary Schools

Flight Crew – Drug awareness discussion with youth Warren Youth Center

Town Hall Meeting - Community House – 6:30 p.m. Oct. 28

First Lady Nancy Freudenthal – "Leadership to Keep Children Alcohol Free:

Kirt Dobbs – Methamphetamine Use in Wyoming

Capt (Dr.) Heather Cassell Drug Enforcement Administration – Legalizing Marijuana

50 Years Space and Missile Trivia

Last week's question:

What does NATO stand for?

North Atlantic Treaty Organization

Want to learn more about space and missile history?

Check out AFSPC's anniversary Web site

www.peterson.af.mil/hqafspc/50th



Readiness review

Hazardous Materials First Response

Senior Airman Kelley Donovan
Civil Engineering

Anyone could be the first on scene to respond to a hazardous materials incident. Since these incidents could potentially involve deadly materials, you must proceed with caution and understand your limitations. Many people on the base are trained as awareness level responders, and others are trained to an even higher level. If you have not been to any formal training, your first responsibility is to keep yourself safe. You must also notify the proper authorities so trained and equipped personnel can respond. Recognize it is a dangerous situation. Once you've done that, keep your distance, keep others away from the scene, and call for help. Do not try to get closer to the incident or rescue any personnel who may have been injured. If they are contaminated, you will contaminate yourself and become a victim, too. Remember, your only responsibilities are to get help and protect yourself and others.