

Tech. Sgt. Brian Bowman/Spirit

Capt. Joe Oline, left, congratulates Maj. Ray Kozak, right, as Tech. Sgt. Milton Willhight looks on after a recent 931st ARG victory in the McConnell men's over-30 basketball league. The 931st's team, winners of four of its first five games, is the defending league champion.

New 931st recruiter familiar with Wichita, reserve

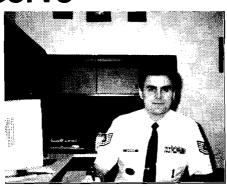
Non-prior service recruits will be a focus for recruiting

By Tech. Sgt. Brian Bowman 931st Public Affairs

Technical Sergeant David McCormick is the new recruiter assigned to the 931st Air Refueling Group, but he is not new to the Wichita area.

McCormick, in fact, has spent most of his career at McConnell, first as a Titan II missle maintenance airman from 1982 to 1986. After switching to recruiting in 1987, McCormick worked three years as a non-prior service recruiter in Salina, then spent six years at McConnell as a health professions recruiter before transferring to Tinker AFB, Okla., for two years as a regional recruiting trainer.

"Even when I worked in Salina and at Tinker, I commuted from Wichita," McCormick said. "So my family and I have



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McCormick

lived here for many years."

McCormick said he initially switched to recruiting for the challenge of the career, and his new position should provide him with challenges.

"We're going to recruit ... more nonprior service people," McCormick said. "We're going to need to tap that market."

Since its inception at McConnell in 1995, only a handful of non-prior service people have been recruited to the 931st.

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Blackburn assumes AFRC's command chief master sergeant post

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - When Chief Master Sgt. Billy G. Blackburn became Air Force Reserve Command's command chief master sergeant Jan. 1, he drew on more than 24 years experience in the Air Force. He's been a reservist for 13 years, seven as a first sergeant.

The first sergeant of AFRC Recruiting Squadron replaces Chief Master Sgt. Carol Smits, who remains at the headquarters as chief of international programs in the special projects division.

Maj. Gen. James Sherrard, chief of Air

Force Reserve and AFRC commander, announced Blackburn's selection Dec. 11.

"Chief Blackburn was one of eight outstanding candidates who applied for consideration to be the command chief master ser-

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931st ARG on the WWW... w3.afrc.af.mil/units/931aw



1999 will be a year of challenge, growth

By Col. Dean J. Despinoy 931st ARG commander

I hope that the holiday season was pleasant and safe for all. This next year will hold many new challenges for the 931st. We expect to have a dramatic increase in our manning this year. This will require almost everyone in the organization to become a recruiter. We will keep you informed of the unit's needs and hope that your contacts with you community will help in this recruiting effort.

The ORI is just around the corner and will be the first opportunity for the 931st to prove that it is really capable of performing its wartime mission. Dress rehearsals for the ORI will take place in February and March.

The inspection will be a team effort of the 931st, the 22nd, the Robin's tanker group, the Kelly aerial porter's, and unit's from Pope AFB. Our grade will be a combined effort of these five organizations. This combining of units in the ORI reflects the manner in which we actually fight. Provisional wings are formed with units from many different bases. We must blend active, reserve and guard personnel and leadership to fight the war. The ORI scenario will test this capability.

Many questions are still being asked in regard to the Pacer Crag conversion. Problems with the RVSM mod are compounding the problem of aircraft availability. We are currently scheduled for deployments later in the year. It was originally planed for these deployments to be with Pacer Crag aircraft. Currently they still are not cleared for operation in the European Theater. Once again flexibility will be the key. Individual training for the Crag conversion will most likely have to be slipped on some folks so we don't get too far ahead of the aircraft conversion. We will make every attempt to keep you informed so proper coordination with your employers can take place. Please understand that schedules are constantly shifting and adjustments may have to be made more than once.

The 931st has done a wonderful job in performing our varied mission safely. Many think that the holiday season is the most dangerous time of the year. In reality the month of January has traditionally been the worst month for the Air Force. I ask that everyone keep this fact in mind and be especially watchful of potential safety problems. It is all of our jobs to keep our work environment safe. Don't observe a problem and do nothing because it does not ex-



Staff Sgt. Barbara Davis/Spirit

Col. Despinoy and his wife Judy at the unit Christmas party during the December UTA.

ist in your work area or the function is not part of you area of expertise.

I look forward to another year with the best group of people a commander could have the privilege of working with. Continue to teach our basic principles to the new people who join the unit. Although we are a new organization we have quickly established ourselves within the Reserve and Active community as a talented group of professionals. Keep up the great work and the Kanza Spirit.

Joint Chiefs chairman sends greetings to armed forces

By Gen. Henry H. Shelton Chairman, Joint Chiefs

This holiday season, as in years past, American families will come together to celebrate their faith, welcome the New Year and treasure the simple joys of life.

Many of the blessings we enjoy - a na-

tion at peace, a prosperous standard of living and the promise of a safe and secure future – are a legacy of sacrifice, dedication and commitment of our soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, coast



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guardsmen and Department of Defense civilians.

Throughout this season, as they do throughout the entire year, our forces will remain on duty, supporting operating and guarding freedom's frontiers around the globe.

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SPIRIT Spotlight

Name: Amanda D. Pittman Rank: Staff Sergeant From: Middleport, N.Y. Unit: 931st ARG Duty Title: Paralegal Civilian Position: Student Favorite Food: Fruit Salad

Favorite Music: Contemporary Christian
Favorite Movie: The Mirror Has Two Faces

Hobbies: Cleaning and collecting thimbles and crystal Ideal vacation: "A week in a cabin snowed in with my

husband, no phones."

Best way to relax: Reading

Pet Peeve: Garbage on the streets and in ditches. What would you do with \$1 million?: "Put it towards the education of children in the U.S. A good education is one deterrent to deviance. A juvenile is \$25,000 a year,

why wait to invest in children?"



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Personnel News....

Military Personnel Flight Hours

The core hours of operation for the MPF are as follows:

Monday – Friday 0730 – 1600 Saturday – UTA 0800 – 1600 Sunday – UTA 1000 – 1600

Outprocessing Hours

If you, or any unit member you know, needs to out process for TDY, reassignment, or retirement, please keep in mind that on

UTA weekends the Military Pay section (Ms Sharon Thayer) is only open for business on Saturdays from 0730 to 1300 hours. Thinking ahead can insure that you do not have to come out during the week to finish your out processing. For further information contact TSgt Anick Wallace in Relocations at X-3665.

What is the purpose of the DD Form 93, Record of Emergency Data?

The DD Form 93 provides information

on the Primary Next of Kin (PNOK), Secondary Next of Kin (SNOK), and other persons to notify in case of death, injury, or an emergency. This form also serves as the official document required by law for designating beneficiaries for death gratuity pay and unpaid pay and allowances.

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOP-MENT COUNCIL (HRDC)

The HRDC meets every Friday before the UTA at 1545 in the Southwind Conference Room. Anyone wishing to have an issue

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Refer a Friend

There are positions available within the 931st ARG. Help your unit recruit by providing them a name of a friend or have them contact one of their area recruiters listed below.



Tinker AFB, OK

Master Sgt. Victor Bradford (405) 739-2980 Technical Sgt. Rhonda Nolan (405) 734-5331

Lawton, OK

Technical Sgt. Nathan Bickle (405) 357-2784

Sheppard AFB, TX

Master Sgt. Larry Giles (817) 6763382

Midwest City, OK

Master Sgt. Linda Smith (405) 733-9403 Staff Sgt. William Thompson

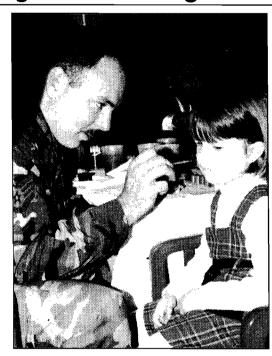
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UTA Schedule										
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931st ARG Christmas Party 1998



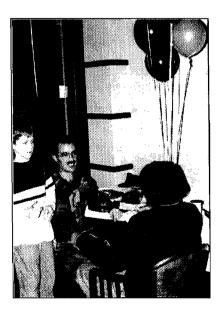
Dec. 6, 1998 Signatures Lounge







Clockwise from left: Master Sgt. Alma Fewlass helps kids with an activity; "Santa" -- Master Sgt. Cody Smith -hands out goodies; Tech. Sgt. Randy **Brown and Staff** Sgt. Barbara Davis work the balloon stand; several kids try their hand at foozball; and Staff Sgt. Steven Tucker paints the face of one of the kids.



Photos by Staff Sgt. David Brumley

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Here are 10 tips to prepare for Old Man Winter

By Master Sgt. Cody Smith 931st Safety

Hard to believe it but it's true, winter is coming (it may be here by the time some of you read this).

PREPARE FOR THE WINTER MONTHS SAFELY

- 1. Have a professional inspect your furnace.
- 2. Service winter power tools such as snow blowers, chain saws, etc.
- Have a professional inspect fireplace, wood burning stoves and chimney.
- 4. Check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Replace the battery if you didn't when you changed the clocks. "Remember change the clock, change the battery."

- 5. Ensure that hazardous chemicals and fuels are stored properly in basements, garages, etc.
- 6. Ensure that pesticides and fertilizers are properly stored during winter months. Residents of Sedgwick County can take household hazardous waste to the collection site at 2305 E. 57th St. S., Tuesday through Saturday 0900-1300, phone 268-8351.
- 7. Inspect and service summer power tools before they are stored for winter.
- 8. Install screens over household openings where animals or birds may nest (such as flue pipes).
- 9. Make cold weather survival kits for vehicles and put in trunk (blankets, flares, clothing, etc.).
- 10. Back the alarm up a few extra minutes to allow for defrosting the windshield, or warming up the car, or better yet the fools that will be out sliding around on the roads getting in your way. Don't you just hate those "stupid drivers" that make us all late???

Unit members are responsible for their own dental health

Some dental tips from the Maj. Gail Fancher, the 931st ARG flight doctor.

- —Unit members are responsible for their own dental health and should have one dental exam per year.
- —The Air Force is still doing dental exams on reservists with their physicals, once every five years for non-flyers and once every three years for flyers.
- —If the Air Force dentist finds a problem, you have 120 days to correct it. You would be placed on a 3P profile and only allowed to do duty on UTAs and annual tour in CONUS. Flyers would be allowed local flying for currency only.
- —Get documentation from your civilian dentists and physicians to put in your military record, especially if that doctor gives medicine which could show up on a random drug screen.

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geant," Sherrard said. "He brings a broad breath of experience, and I know he will provide the same quality assistance and serve as a key adviser to our command leadership as did Command Chief Master Sgt. Carol Smits. Chief Smits has done a superb job representing the interests of the enlisted women and men of Air Force Reserve Command."

During his three-year tour of duty, the new CCM will work for Sherrard, serving as a liaison between the commander, key staff members and the enlisted force. The command's highest-ranking enlisted person communicates with the commander on problems, concerns, morale and attitudes of the enlisted force, and in turn ensures the commander's policies are known and understood by enlisted people.

Blackburn said he applied for the active-duty tour because he wanted the opportunity to represent the command's enlisted people to Sherrard and Maj. Gen. David R. Smith, AFRC vice commander. Likewise, he wants to be the representative for these "great leaders" to the enlisted force.

"We have the greatest Air Force Reserve ever," Blackburn said. "Our people are well-trained and capable of performing the mission. Coming from recruiting, I view retention as my greatest challenge, keeping those talented folks in the command. We also have some quality of life issues to tackle, and I will be relying on the first sergeants I've met and worked with over the years to provide me valuable information about those issues and other concerns."

Blackburn joined the active-duty Air Force in September 1974. After basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas, he transferred to Lowry AFB, Colo., with follow-on assignments to Shemya Air Base, Alaska, and Chanute AFB, Ill., in the inventory management career field.

He returned to Lackland in August 1979 as a military training instructor. A year later, Blackburn began training NCOs to be basic military training instructors. In July 1983, he became the NCO in charge of drill and ceremonies at the Basic Military Training School.

Separating from active duty in 1985, he joined the 8050th Military Training Squadron as a traditional reservist in the instructor career field. In April 1987, Blackburn entered full-time service as an air reserve technician, serving as a section supervisor and training superintendent.



Blackburn

Blackburn transferred to Robins in February 1991 to establish the Air Force Reserve First Sergeant Academy. He was promoted to chief master sergeant in July 1992 and two years later became the recruiting squadron's first sergeant.

He will be the 10th person to serve as adviser to the Reserve's commander. Before Nov. 1, command chief master sergeants were referred to as senior enlisted advisors. The Reserve established its first SEA position in March 1973. (AFRC News Service)



Terrorism 101: Modern terrorist groups

By Staff Sgt. Russ Hunt 931st Intelligence

In the last column, I defined terrorism and described some common terrorist tactics. This month, I will describe modern terrorist groups. Terrorist groups come in every size, shape, and political color, but the major ones can be grouped under the following headings.

Minority Nationalist Groups: Often called freedom fighters that depend for support on the sympathy of ethnic, religious, or linguistic minorities in conflict with the dominant culture, community, or political power. An example of this type of group is the Irish Republican Army.

Marxist Revolutionary Groups: These groups have a long-term strategy to bring about a "socialist revolution." They want to destroy the existing government and re-

place it with a Communist government. For example, the Weather Underground (a group in the U.S. in the 1960's) or the Red Brigade of Italy.

Anarchist Groups: These groups have no political organization, except being anti-establishment. They want to destroy the existing government, with no plan as to what will replace it. This is largely a European phenomenon, for example, the MIL in Spain or the Baader-Meinhof Gang in Germany.

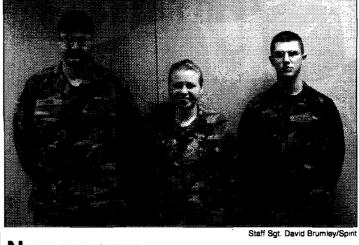
Neo-Fascist/Right-Wing Extremists: Only a minimal threat in Europe, but have grown in the U.S. in the past 40 years. The best example of this type is the white supremacist groups or other hate groups, such as the Aryan Nation, Neo-Nazis, or the KKK. These groups are opposed to the Federal government, the military, police, etc. Timothy McVeigh would also fit into this group. Counter-Terrorism experts with the FBI consider "Right-Wingers" the biggest threat within the US.

Pathological Groups/Individuals: Generally, a disturbed individual who acts as a Messiah over a tightly knit group, for example, the Manson family or the Symbionese Liberation Army (the ones that kidnapped Patty Hearst.)

Ideological Mercenaries: These are people who share a common faith and commitment to worldwide revolution (as opposed to many revolutions in many places). They are prepared to cross national borders to pursue their cause. The Japanese Red Army, for example.

Many of today's terrorists don't believe they will see their goals achieved in their lifetimes, but see their acts as a base for a greater movements yet to come.

Almost every terrorist group has a noble or at least rational and justifiable goal. However, the truth is most terrorists are merely common criminals, using their cause as a smoke screen for their activities or to rationalize their deeds. On rare occasions, they may be a group of dedicated people with a legitimate cause who feels that terrorism is the only means available to them.



Newcomers

The three new members to the 931st ARG in December were: Staff Sgt. Jerry Moore, crew chief for the 931st AGS; Kiesha Hale, airman first class, supply specialist for the 931st CES; and Airman first class Travis Potter, power production specialist for the 931st CES.

Thunder Hockey Night during February UTA

The 1999 931st ARG Wichita Thunder Hockey Night at the Kansas Coliseum will be 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 6.

Tickets are \$9 (children 2 and under are free) and checks can be payable to "Wichita Thunder". Sign-up sheets and tickets are available through your unit P.O.C.s:

931 HQ Major Terri Kett, x3728

931 CES SMSgt Tammy Askren, x5498

931 AGS Major Tim Nesley,

931 MSF Capt Ken Dodd, x4310

18 ARS Capt RH Powers, x4858

FM News.

FM supervisor Ms. Laura Brusca reports that AFRC has reported that some people have had problems withdrawing cash from ATMs. The

cardholder must use the option "Withdraw from credit card," not withdraw from checking or savings.

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Most members come to the unit from active duty or other reserve units.

"(Non-prior service recruiting) hasn't been a priority (in the Air Force Reserve) in the past," McCormick said. "It is starting to be, though."

With the expected eventual growth of the unit, McCormick said current members can provide valuable assistance to him with potential prospects.

"I want to thank all the unit members who already given me leads," he said. "I want to establish some kind of incentive to unit members ... because their leads are very important and helpful."

McCormick replaces Master Sgt. Terry Gosh, who remains at McConnell as the inservice recruiter.

McCormick can be reached at (316) 652-4350.



1999 Reserve Pay for Four Drills

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0-9	926.27	950.55	970.81	970.81	970.81	995.47	995.47	1036.91	1036.91	1123.44	1123.44	1185.68	1185.68	1185.68	1270.51
0-8	838.95	864.15	884.62	884.62	884.62	950.55	950.55	995.47	995.47	1036.91	1081.92	1123.44	1151.16	1151.16	1151.16
0-7	697.12	744.52	744.52	744.52	777.92	777.92	823.00	823.00	864.16	950.56	1015.96	1015.96	1015.96	1015.96	1015.96
0-6	516.68	567.64	604.88	604.88	604.88	604.88	604.88	604.88	625.44	724.32	761.28	777.92	823.00	850.80	892.56
O-5	413.28	485.24	518.80	518.80	518.80	518.80	534.40	563.24	601.00	646.00	682.96	703.72	728.32	728.32	728.32
0-4	348.32	424.16	452.44	452.44	460.84	481.16	514.04	542.92	567.64	592.64	608.88	608.88	608.88	608.88	608.88
O-3	323.68	361.92	386.92	428.08	448.60	464.64	489.84	514.04	526.60	526.60	526.60	526.60	526.60	526.60	526.60
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E-5	169.56	184.56	193.52	201.96	215.24	224.04	232.84	241.48	245.88	245.88	245.88	245.88	245.88	245.88	245.88
E-4	158.12	167.04	176.88	190.48	198.04	198.04	198.04	198.04	198.04	198.04	198.04	198.04	198.04	198.04	198.04
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Effective Jan. 1, 1999. This chart reflects an increase of 3.6 percent over 1998 pay levels. Normally, reservists receive credit for four drill pay periods during one weekend unit training assembly. Source: Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

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During the holidays, our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you – especially to those serving far from home, performing difficult and sometimes dangerous missions apart from family and loved ones. Each of you is a national treasure, whose dedication and selfless service make a tremendous dif-

ference, not only to your fellow Americans, but to people in need all over the world. Every day, you show America at its very hest!

At this special time of year, Carolyn and I wish you a safe and rewarding holiday season and wish you the absolute best in 1999.

Do you have a story idea or suggestion for the Kanza Spirit?

Contact the Public Affairs office at extensions 3616, 3703 or 3704.

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addressed to the council may forward it to the council through their unit representative. Commanders and First Sergeants are always welcome to attend.

ENLISTED PME OPPORTUNITIES

Airman Leadership School (in-residence): We have 2 remaining class dates for FY'99. They are Class 99-F on 1 Jun - 2Jul 99, and 99-G on 27 Jul - 27 Aug 99. Interested SRA should contact Group Training for an application.

GROUP TRAINING BULLETIN BOARD

Group Training now has a section on the

Bulletin board under McConnell's public folders. Topics include Enlisted PME, Officer PME, Formal School, Computer Training and much more! Please take a minute to check out all of the information now available to you. We are still in the "growing stages" so if there is a topic not listed that you feel would be valuable, please let us know!

MONTGOMERY GIBILL

Effective 1 Oct 98, those who receive Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve benefits and fail to complete their six-year service obligation will have to pay back a portion of the benefits they received to the government. This pertains to those who left after 1 Oct 97, but DOES NOT affect those who

are medically disabled or who leave under the Reserve Transition Assistance Program (RTAP). If you are voluntarily requesting a transfer to inactive status, you may request a temporary period of non-availability for valid reasons (such as job conflict, personal hardship, etc.) through your unit commander. You must obtain this authorization PRIOR to effective date of transfer. Remember, this recoupment process only applies if you have USED your MGIB benefits! Enlisted members automatically become eligible for MGIB benefits upon their first 6-year enlistment. Officers may receive benefits at any point up to six years prior to their high year tenure. Contact Group Training for more information or see our bulletin board page and link to the VA directly!

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WICHITA WEEKEND

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Friday, Jan. 8

Wichita Thunder hockey -- Topeka Scarecrows at Wichita, 7:35 p.m., Kansas Coliseum (located 7 miles north of Wichita on I-135).

Saturday, Jan. 9

"Words and Music by ... Comden and Green" --Musical with narration by Stage One, Jan. 9-10, Wichita Art Museum, 619 Stackman Drive. Shows at 3 and 8 p.m. Tickets, \$15. Reservations, 262-5330. Food and beverage also available by reservation.

Wichita Wings soccer -- Montreal Impact at Wichita, 7:30 p.m., Kansas Coliseum (located 7 miles north of Wichita on I-135).

Sunday, Jan.10_

"Words and Music by ... Comden and Green" --Musical with narration by Stage One, Jan. 9-10, Wichita Art Museum, 619 Stackman Drive. Shows at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets, \$15. Reservations, 262-5330. Food and beverage also available by reservation.

Don't forget, the 931st will host a Family Night at the Wichita Thunder hockey match Saturday night of the February UTA. See page 6 for more details.

LIVE THEATRE

Crown Uptown Dinner Theatre

"It Runs In The Family" Dec. 31 -- Jan. 31

Call 681-1566 for dinner and showtimes.

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Thurs. & Sun.

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Fri. & Sat.

\$21.45 \$24.45 \$24.30

\$27.48

UTA Movies

All Movies \$1.50; All times 7 p.m.; doors open 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 8 -- THE WATERBOY -- (Adam Sandler, Kathy Bates); Despite being the constant target of jokes and public humiliation from the university football team, the waterboy loves his job. When he is fired for pure ineptitude, he gets a chance to be waterboy for another football team. Things change when his new team discovers he has a talent for tackling. Rated PG-13 (language, some crude sexual humor); 90 minutes.

Saturday, Jan. 9 -- HOME FRIES -- (Drew Barrymore, Catherine O'Hara); A fast food worker in a small town is the object of the obsession of an eccentric mother and her two sons. One son wants to marry her and the other wants to kill her. Rated PG-13 (thematic elements, some sexual humor) 95 minutes.

Sunday, Jan. 10 -- THE RINGMASTER -- (Jerry Springer, Jaime Pressly); Fights and accusations are all in a day's work for Jerry Farrelly, host of a daytime gabfest-turned boxing ring. He's rarely had a day like today, two sets of guests create mayhem on the set. Rated R (strong sexual content and language) 90 minutes.

The Ticket and Tour office at McConnell Air Force Base has discount tickets on dozens of events in the Wichita Community and surrounding area, including movies, theatre, sports trips and other tours.

For information on what is available, contact the office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The numbers are (316) 652-6007 and 652-6038.

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