

# Sunburst

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## Briefly

### Quarterly awards

Congratulations to the 49th Fighter Wing first quarter award winners: Capt Woody Boyd, 49th Mission Support Group, Senior Master Sgt. Robert Daniels, 49th MSG, Staff Sgt. Mara Laffitte, 49th Medical Group, Airman David Young, 49th MDG, Mrs. Charlotte Engeman, 49th MDG, Ms. Kathleen Henderson, 49th MXG

### Finance to go

The 49th Comptroller Squadron will come to offices to provide financial services and distribute myPay pins. This saves time for members who need to perform basic pay transactions available in myPay.

For more information, contact Senior Airman Michael Artis at 572-3770 or [michael.artis@holloman.af.mil](mailto:michael.artis@holloman.af.mil)

### General aviation day

The Aero Club has its general aviation day from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 1. Pilots will give rides over Alamogordo for \$15 per person.

For more information, call the Aero Club at 572-3752.

### Graduation

Graduation for students receiving degrees from Community College., of the Air Force, Central Texas College, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Park University, Troy State University and University of Phoenix is 2 p.m., today in the Oasis Enlisted Club. All are welcome to attend.

For more information contact the Education Center at 572-3971.



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgts. Ryan Hardy (left) and Jonathan Dingus made an emergency landing on a dirt strip in Deming, N.M. when their plane began trailing smoke.

## Crew makes emergency landing

by Senior Airman Martha Whipple  
*49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

Two 49th Maintenance Squadron staff sergeants consider themselves lucky after making an emergency landing in a Cessna on a dirt strip near Deming, N.M. March 17.

Staff Sergeants Ryan Hardy and Jonathan Dingus share a love for flying and a friendship that started

through the 49th Services Squadron Aero Club.

Their bond for both was tested when their aircraft began to lose power between Las Cruces and Deming.

"As soon as the plane started losing revolutions per minute, I climbed to a higher altitude to give us more options if we had to land," Sergeant Hardy said. "I lined the

plane over Interstate 10 while Jonathan began troubleshooting possible causes for the drop in power."

Sergeant Dingus said their adrenaline was pumping in the cockpit as the two worked together to assess the situation. Then the radio squawked, "Cessna approaching

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High: 74  
Low: 49  
TODAY



High: 77  
Low: 40  
SATURDAY



High: 81  
Low: 44  
SUNDAY



High: 80  
Low: 46  
MONDAY

Weather forecast provided by the 49th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight

# Get re-energized and refocused ... to get 're-blued'

by Master Sgt. Darrell Payne  
*AFPC Chief of Directorate Support Staff*

I was privileged to attend the Basic Military Training graduation ceremony recently of a young man that I know through a good friend.

That morning I got up and put on my sharpest uniform - a carefully creased shirt, pressed pants, highly shined dress shoes, ribbons, name tag and hat. I wanted to look exceptionally sharp on his special occasion.

As we arrived at Lackland's parade field, I was amazed at the sense of urgency that was in the air - one that I had not seen for a long time. People were buzzing everywhere. Proud family members were trying to get a good seat to see their new trainee at graduation time.

The graduating troops were marching in tight formations from the training side

of the base. Band members, also trainees, were getting their instruments ready as the flights assembled on the parade grounds.

As I was completely engulfed by all the activities going on, I was approached several times by visiting family members wanting to know tidbits of information: Do you know where training flight 367 is? Do you know which way the band will be facing during the ceremony? Are you some type of instructor?

That's when it really hit me, I was at the very place I started my Air Force career. Twenty something years ago, I was preparing to graduate just as these folks were today.

As I watched the troops march by me on the way to the parade field, I realized that my replacement was somewhere in one of the graduating flights.

The ceremony began at 9 a.m. sharp.

No delays and no interruptions; the ceremony was done with perfection and professionalism from the opening to the closing.

As the troops went through their drill maneuvers on the parade field in preparation for review by the commander, I could feel my eyes starting to swell. I was here to see the start of an Air Force career, just as my parents did for me in 1982.

I felt so proud to be part of the Air Force family and this trip, at this time, was the most meaningful adventure that I have experienced during my Air Force career.

You see, sometimes we (Air Force enlisted members) forget that we all started this journey on this same parade field. Some have paid and are paying the ultimate price of freedom for this great country of ours - a journey beginning at this very place.

I was immensely "blued" during the ceremony. If I had my way, I would have marched along with the new troops to show a sign of commitment and solidarity.

Of course that was physically impossible; however, I can assure you I took each step with each flight as they passed in review.

It was a proud time for me and I could see by the gleaming faces that the graduates were ready; they were set; they were on the way to bigger and better things by serving in the best Air Force in the world.

On the drive home, I reflected what I had just experienced - something I feel each senior noncommissioned officer should do once at least once during their career.

To get reenergized and refocused ... to get "re-blued."



Photo by Ms. Laura Pellegrino

## Buckle up!

**Senior Airman Bray Danner, 49th Security Forces Squadron patrolman, checks that drivers are wearing seatbelts Wednesday. The 49th SFS will perform random check points to support the wing's "Wear it or Walk" seat belt campaign.**

## DUI Update

Days since last DUI	<b>12</b>
DUIs this year	<b>18</b>
This week last year	<b>12</b>

### Last six DUIs

- 49 CS April 11
- 49 CES March 27
- 49 OSS\* March 22
- 49 MMS Feb. 21
- 8 AMU Feb. 16
- 49 MMS Feb. 13

## 572-RIDE works!

Calls made are lives saved

**390** Saves this year  
**13** Saves this week



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# Keystone advisor tops nation

by Senior Airman Martha Whipple  
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A marketing specialist by day and Holloman's Keystone Club advisor 24-7 juggles two full-time jobs, two daughters and 21 teenagers.

Ms. Matrice Adger is good at juggling. She is the top Keystone Club advisor in the nation. She brought home the 2003 National TeenSupreme Keystone Club Advisor of the Year award.

"I am so honored," she said. "This is the highest level of recognition an advisor could receive and to have a group of teens that feel so appreciative of the hard work, dedication and love I have for them and this program is truly speechless. And then to be recognized out of 350 Keystone Clubs all around the world is again astounding and unbelievable. I am still floating."

The Keystone Club is something Ms. Adger loves, she said. She's always thinking of ways to get the teens involved in a positive and educational event or function, she said. She's always had youth involved in her life. She came to Holloman almost nine years ago with two young daughters. She wanted to keep them involved in events, functions and sports.

Ms. Adger first became an instructor at the Youth and Teen Center for a marching dance group. Then she became a staff member. Then the director introduced her to the Keystone club.

"Mr. Lee Groce, the Youth Director at the time, asked me to attend a Program Institute Seminar in 2000," she said. "This is where I first learned of Keystone Clubs. He gave me the empowerment to get Holloman's program up and running, and we have made history since."

At its very first national conference in 2002, the club was nationally recognized as one of the top three for work on the TeenSupreme National Project called Saving Lives. The Keystone Club set up an organ donation and transplant drive, where they participated in a family day at the community center to inform the people about the importance of becoming an organ donor.

That same year at the Southwest Regional TeenSupreme Conference, the teens returned home with four regional awards, including Ms. Adger's 2002 Southwest Regional Advisor of the Year. The Keystone Club also earned national honors in 2003 for the Keystone Power Bar in the free enterprise category. The club earned third place this year for their banner displayed at the conference.

Holloman teens have accomplished a lot and continue to strive for more. The goals for 2004 are to continue to wow the community, Ms. Adger said.

"We'll continue to find ways to set good examples for the youth of the community, and continue to find ways to serve and educate the community and prove teens care," she said. "We'll continue to provide educational, positive, fun events and functions for the youth and the community, and continue to be the best!"

The Keystone Club is also currently involved



Courtesy photo

**Ms. Matrice Adger poses for a photo. She was named the top Keystone Club advisor in the nation.**

in starting up a technology club called ClubTECH. This is also a program within the Boys and Girls Club where teens learn how to design music, create screenplays and movies, and create graphic designs and Web pages.

For the past 39 years the Keystone Club Program which is a program for teens ages 14-18 through the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, has held an annual conference in which more than 1,500 teens and their advisors come together. Keystone is an acronym for Keeping Every Youth Strongly Tuned on National Excellence.

Mr. Dan Salinas, Youth and Teen Center director, said perhaps the most outstanding contribution she has made to her club is her contribution of sharing her gift of warmth, sincerity, leadership and unwavering commitment to ensure all the teens she works with become successful young Americans and share all their knowledge with others.

"I love working with teenagers," she said. "The reason I do this job is because to me it's not really a job. It's fun, and I feel I have the opportunity of a lifetime to mentor a young adult. I love to see and feel what the teens feel when they have made a positive impact on themselves and their community, and to see them involved in something that will educate them on many aspects of the world in which they will become young adults. This is truly a joy which I anticipate each time I'm in their presence. I feel I gain more from the teens."

*(Without the support of the parents entrusting me to be a leader for their children and help guide them, this club would not be nationwide known as it is. Without the hard work, dedication, enthusiasm and loyalty of the 21 Keystone club members, this club and our well-known reputation would not exist. The support of the 49th Services Squadron and the Youth Center and its staff has been phenomenal. I'm grateful for the support the Keystone Club receives. We ask the community for their continued support through our fundraising events and keeping an opened mine for the special events and functions that are yet to come.— Ms. Matrice Adger)*



Photo by Staff Sgt. Alan Port

## Aim high

**Brig. Gen. Mark Stearns, 12th Air Force vice commander, visited Holloman to brush up on his T-38 skills. He completes the T-38 refresher training this week.**

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Deming VOR.”

“We looked at each other,” Sergeant Hardy said. “I read his mind and he read mine. The caller was referring to us.”

Sergeant Hardy answered the squawk. Mr. Paul Johnson, a pilot from Deming, called the Cessna which was trailing smoke. Mr. Johnson directed the Cessna crew to land on his dirt strip.

“My neighbors and I just happened to be outside near the strip,” Mr. Johnson said. “We’re retired and now build and fly planes for fun. I noticed the plane was smoking and cleared the way for the crew to land on the strip. I’m just glad we were there to help.”

Both NCOs agree training kicked in immediately, and the

team relied on crew resource management to make decisions that possibly saved their lives when the piston was melting and the engine was burning oil.

Sergeant Dingus said the landing was smooth and it was the first soft field landing for both crew members. It was an experience, he said.

“Experience is what you get when you didn’t get what you wanted in the first place,” Sergeant Dingus said. “We relied on training and trust in each other to get us safely on the ground.”

Sergeant Hardy said they’re lucky.

“Luck is when skill meets preparation,” he said. “Our luck resulted in an aircraft with no structural damage.”

## Fitness center challenges active-duty Air Force

by Ms. Laura Pellegrino  
Sunburst staff writer

This June, eight Team Holloman members will go on an all-expense paid trip to compete against the entire command in a physical challenge.

The challenge is the Air Combat Command Fitness and Sports Challenge Championships, which are June 7 to 11 at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

The Fitness and Sports Center will hold tryouts for the team during May fitness month, said Ms. Denise Allen, Fitness and Sports Center fitness program director. The four men and four women who score the highest in the 5-kilometer run, push-ups and crunches will be considered

for the team.

Once the team members are chosen, their commanders will be notified and they will request permission to practice together during duty hours, she said.

According to the ACC Fitness and Sports Challenge Championships 2004 Events Guide, the program was designed to emphasize both fitness and sports competitiveness.

Teams must participate in seven events – a 5-kilometer run, push-up contest, crunching contest, wacky ski race, tug of war, obstacle course and co-ed volleyball.

In 2002, Holloman's team won first place in the Fitness and Sport Challenge. The ban-

### Tryout dates/May Fitness Month:

- 5k run: 11:30 a.m., May 17
- Push-up contest: 11 a.m., May 18
- Crunches: 11 a.m., May 19
- Co-ed volleyball: 11 a.m., May 25
- Tug of war: 11 a.m., May 26
- Team selection: 11 a.m., May 27.

ner recognizing this achievement hangs in the fitness center.

For more information about the Fitness and Sports Challenge Championships, call Ms. Allen at 572-2391.

# Holloman Salutes



*The following people received their associate's degrees:*

#### **49th Fighter Wing**

Master Sgt. Christina Maxwell  
Tech. Sgt. Steven Wilson  
Staff Sgt. Tamica Harris  
Senior Airman Jessica Alfke  
Senior Airman Elaine Phinn

#### **49th Operations Group**

Master Sgt. Franklin Stone  
Tech. Sgt. James Gustafson  
Staff Sgt. Jenette Reitman  
Staff Sgt. Ryan Slattery  
Staff Sgt. Travis Welborn  
Senior Airman Bradley Bears  
Senior Airman Emily Verzal  
Senior Airman Ijeoma Memeh

#### **49th Materiel**

##### **Maintenance Group**

Master Sgt. Randall Harms  
Tech. Sgt. Jesse Lucio  
Tech. Sgt. Toney Wells  
Staff Sgt. Scott Ballerstein  
Staff Sgt. Pamela Harrington  
Staff Sgt. Jay Murphy  
Staff Sgt. Christina Samaniego  
Staff Sgt. Kenneth Winkle  
Senior Airman Lakita Batts

#### **46th Test Group**

Master Sgt. Anthony Thompson

#### **Det. 10, 372nd Training Squadron**

Tech. Sgt. Clarence Court  
Tech. Sgt. Alan Riney

#### **49th Maintenance Group**

Master Sgt. Paul Healy  
Tech. Sgt. Noel Norton  
Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Patrick  
Staff Sgt. Scott Ballerstein  
Staff Sgt. Timothy Bullington  
Staff Sgt. Jose Castilleja III  
Staff Sgt. Raymond Diazrios  
Staff Sgt. Mathew Haro  
Staff Sgt. Mary Montoya  
Staff Sgt. Miranda Rankin  
Staff Sgt. Jared Tomlinson  
Senior Airman Julie Chasse  
Senior Airman Brian Cofrancisco  
Senior Airman Yvette Harrison  
Senior Airman Mathew Kyle  
Senior Airman Mears  
Senior Airman Micheal Truitt

#### **49th Medical Group**

Master Sgt. Lakenrick McDougale  
Master Sgt. Brian Salley  
Staff Sgt. Stacey Fejer

#### **4th Space Control Squadron**

Tech. Sgt. James Wallace  
Staff Sgt. Theresa Hardy  
Staff Sgt. Craig Rispoli  
Senior Airman Micheal Bischof

#### **Civilians**

Stacy Nickolson  
Aimee Nimmo  
Sheri Thomas

#### **49th Mission Support Group**

Master Sgt. Polly Chike  
Master Sgt. David Gonzales  
Master Sgt. Susan Hunter  
Master Sgt. Rhonda Jacobs  
Master Sgt. Anthony Knox  
Master Sgt. Jerome Oliver  
Master Sgt. Alexander Ray  
Tech. Sgt. Lisa Hall  
Tech. Sgt. Steven Holt  
Tech. Sgt. Paul Houghton  
Tech. Sgt. Gerald Limbourne  
Tech. Sgt. William Nash  
Tech. Sgt. Nolverto Nieto  
Staff Sgt. Daviana Curbelo  
Staff Sgt. Lance Dorsey  
Staff Sgt. Kristy Fox  
Staff Sgt. Charles Gillespie  
Staff Sgt. Aaron Jiron  
Staff Sgt. Heather Parker  
Staff Sgt. GrymonPrez  
Staff Sgt. Alvin Reed  
Staff Sgt. Yuka Yoshikura  
Senior Airman Jonathan Bliss  
Senior Airman Ralph Brundge  
Senior Airman Kristin Gwitt  
Senior Airman Bobbi Workman  
David Pearson

## Pest Management tip

### House Fly

**Description:** 1/6 to 1/4" long, gray to yellowish in color.

**Diseases:** E. coli, Salmonella, cholera, typhoid fever, and dysentery.

**Control:** *Non-chemical:* sanitation, window/door screens, fly swatters, fly strips.

*Chemical:* general use insecticides and baits.

**More information:** <https://holloman-web/msg/ces/operations/entomology/index.html> or call 572-7170.



Graphic from [www.nature.ca](http://www.nature.ca)

# Holloman Salutes

*The following people received their bachelor's degree:*

#### **49th Fighter Wing**

Master Sgt. Mark Lancaster  
Tech. Sgt. Paul Coupaud

#### **49th Maintenance Group**

Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Harp  
Master Sgt. Robert Revis  
Tech. Sgt. Darrell Harcourt  
Staff Sgt. Kevin Tomasko

#### **Civilians**

Andrew Hoover  
Cambri Johnson  
Cecil Lunceford  
Tiffany Luson  
Sandra Mendez  
Marian Urdahl  
William Wolfe

#### **49th Mission Support Group**

Master Sgt. Laurie Lessing  
Master Sgt. Vanessa Williams  
Senior Airman Miguel Villalobos  
Abby Bernier  
Patti Ren

#### **49th Materiel**

**Maintenance Group**  
John Christenson

#### **4th Space Control Squadron**

Staff Sgt. Joshua Killian

#### **Det. 1, 82nd Aerial Targets Squadron**

Master Sgt. Donal Cogdell

#### **Air Force Office of Special Investigations**

Special Agent Timothy Allen

#### **German Air Force**

Staff Sgt. Ben Westermann

*The following people received their master's degree:*

#### **49th Operations Group**

Maj. Mitchell Migliori  
Maj. Michael Wilburn

#### **49th Mission Support Group**

Major Gregory McClure  
1st Lt. Adrienne Miller  
1st Lt. Jeremy Pankoski

#### **4th Space Control Squadron**

Capt. Jody Addison

#### **417th Training Squadron**

Maj. Mark Hoehn

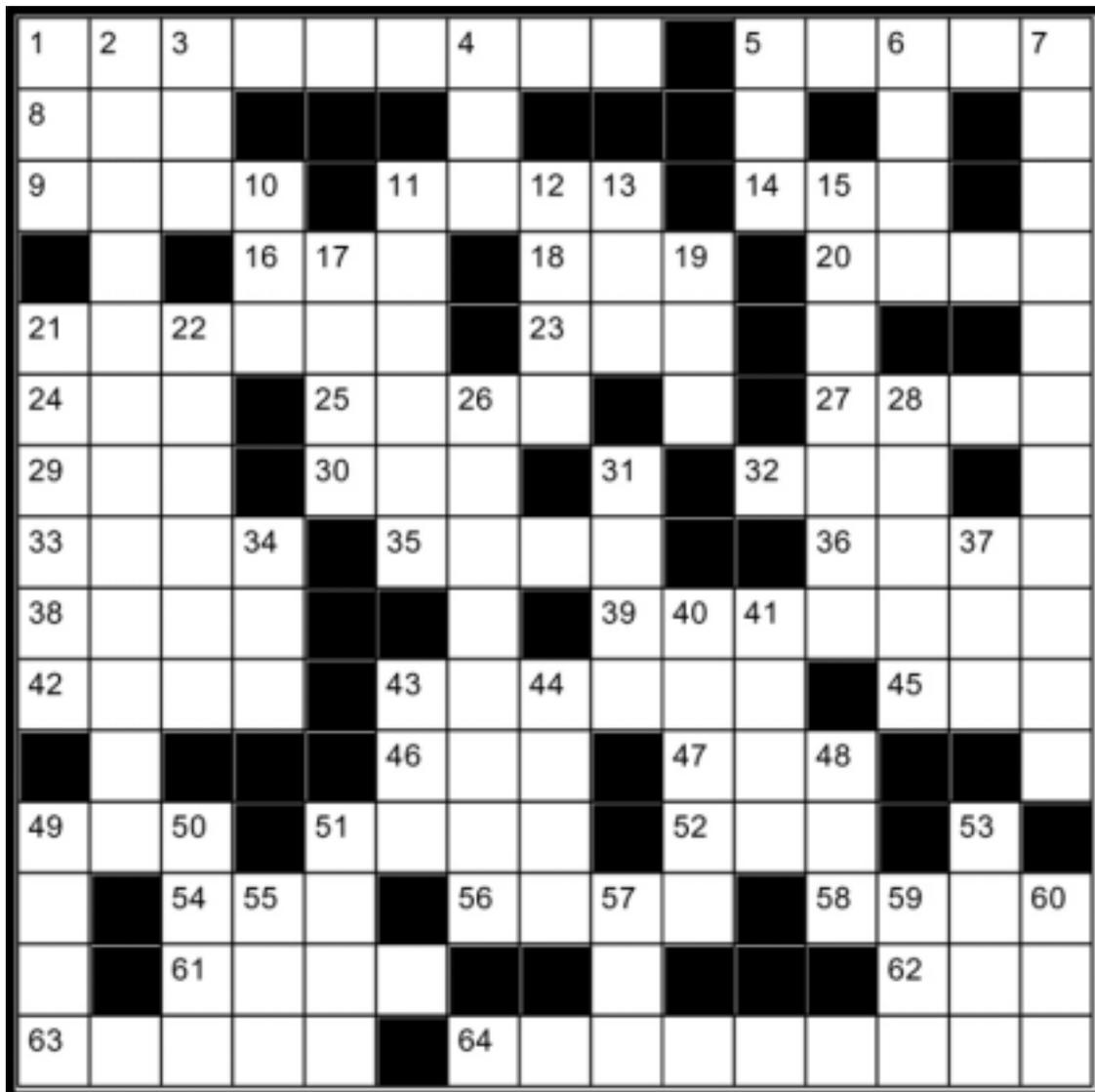
#### **46th Test Group**

Maj. Stephen Georgian  
Mr. Timothy Walton

#### **Civilians**

Ellen Mary Chatterton  
Lucinda Holder  
Courtney Macon-Arnold  
Jennifer Lyn Miner  
Meghan Musante  
Willymae John Smith  
Dawn Tofuri  
Steven Mark Van Duyn

# CROSSWORD



## Mother Earth Friendly

### ACROSS

1. Earth Day founder
5. Part two of the 2 down triangle
8. Fish eggs
9. Stuck up person
11. Bring in
14. Write
16. Military ID
18. Swine
20. Columbian river
21. Part one of the 2 down triangle
23. Airport abbreviation
24. Bruins great Bobby
25. Killer whale
27. Late night host
29. SE hydroelectric power co.
30. Person who works on 55 down
32. In favor of
33. Domesticated
35. Christmas log
36. Site home to 13th Air Force
38. More of the same, briefly
39. Part three of the 2 down triangle
42. In law, take effect at a specified date
43. The world of living things;

outdoors

45. X
46. Military edu. center person
47. German city
49. Finish
51. Part of a sentence
52. Arafat's org.
54. Bullfight cheer
56. Transmitted
58. Hereditary title
61. Coffee
62. 70-80s band \_\_\_ Speedwagon
63. Air pollution concern
64. Contamination of 7 DOWN

### DOWN

1. Lady title
2. Goal of Earth Day
3. Company head, briefly
4. Fd. agency concerned with 7 down
5. Music genre
6. Arm bone
7. Natural world
10. Letterman school (abbrev.)
11. Source of waste/concern
12. TV show host Caroline
13. Indicating "no"

15. Study of relationship between organisms
17. Barge
19. Talk
21. Spoiled
22. Plays
26. Region between Black and Caspian seas
28. Spew
31. Inca country
34. Inventor Whitney
37. Pub drink
40. Burst
41. Cubicle
43. New movement
44. Value or pitch
48. One of the Stooges
49. Tickle me toy
50. Martial arts school
51. Actress Campbell
53. Cookie type
55. Computer connection
57. Zero
59. Former White House spokesman Fleischer
60. "Man of a thousand faces" Chaney

# Marriage counselor helps Team Holloman

by Senior Airman  
Martha Whipple

*49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

Those who are struggling and want help, those who have good marriages and want to keep their relationship growing and those who want to learn how to help other couples can through Dr. Gary Chapman's Toward a Growing Marriage Conference from seminar from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., May 8 at the chapel here.

Dr. Chapman said he uses power point presentations, humor and other tools during his conferences to help couples resolve conflicts, express love, make sex a mutual joy and get spouses to change without manipulation.

"Every week people tell me the seminar was a real growth point in their marriage," Dr. Chapman said. "Many couples have come back a year later and told me that the seminar saved their marriage."

Couples will learn how to speak each other's love language and change the emotional climate in their marriage through the seminar. They will learn how to listen and respect each others opinions. They will learn how to work together as a team and not as enemies, he said.

"Just a few weeks ago, a couple came to me and the wife said, 'Dr. Chapman, we came to your seminar one year ago. To be honest, it was a last ditch effort for us. We had been married nine years and we said on the way to the seminar, if something doesn't happen today, then maybe we should just call it quits.'" That's the attitude the couple came with, but during the second session, the couple found themselves laughing. Before the day was over, both were smiling at each other. When the couple left, they thought they could change their marriage. That night the husband asked, 'Would you like to work through the book like Dr. Chapman suggested?' This has been the great-

est year of their marriage, Dr. Chapman said. He attributes his gift of helping others to his own marriage experience.

"My wife and I struggled for several years in our marriage," said Dr. Chapman, who has been married to Mrs. Karolyn Chapman for 40 years. "That's probably why I am involved in helping others. We found answers that changed our marriage and I share openly our experiences."

As his marriage conference continues to help others, his two grown children are his greatest inspiration. To see the way they are relating to their spouses gives him great encouragement, he said.

Dr. Chapman said he's excited about coming to Holloman.

"I know military marriages have unique pressures," he said. "It has been my privilege to take my seminar to several military bases in this country and abroad. I have been greatly encouraged by the reception I've received. I would like to say to the troops that as I travel across the country giving marriage seminars, I have discovered that the people of this country are concerned and are praying for our troops. Please know that there are thousands of citizens who stand with you."

Dr. Chapman was Holloman's Chap. (Capt.) Bradford Phillips', pastor at Winston-Salem, N.C.

"He ministered to my family and me," Chaplain Phillips said. "He is a man with a heart for marriages and families. He's a scholar, counselor and statesman in every way. We are getting the best to strengthen our marriages and families at Holloman before troops deploy this year."

Dr. Gary Chapman is a well-known marriage counselor and director of marriage seminars. He is also a senior associate pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, N.C., where he has served for more than 25 years.

Cost of the seminar is \$35 per couple and \$20 per single. For more information, contact the chapel at 572-7211.

**ALS retreat**

There is a graduation retreat for Airman Leadership School Class 04-D at 11:30 a.m., Thursday in the dorm mall area behind building 339. Students invite commanders, first sergeants, supervisors, family and friends to attend. Uniform requirement is duty uniform.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Stacey Horton at 572-5860.

**Maintenance course**

Housing Maintenance, with help from Home Depot, is sponsoring a screwdriver maintenance class at the housing self-help store from 8 a.m. to noon, May 22. The class is open to all residents who live in military family housing. There will also be a workshop for kids ages 5 to 13. Sign up at the self-help store, housing maintenance or the housing office. Hot dogs and sodas will be served. There will be licensed supervision for the younger kids while the parents attend the class.

The subjects that will be covered in the screw driver maintenance class are: using and resetting GFCI receptacles, faucet repair, clearing jammed garbage disposals, toilet repair (fill valves, flappers, flush arms), repairing chipped sinks, installing items on your walls (pictures, towel bars, coat hooks, wall anchors, etc.), closet doors (rollers, guides, etc.), replacing toilet seats, re-screening screens, replacing doorstops, patching small holes in walls, hanging mini-blinds, replacing doorknobs, replacing cabinet hinges, changing filters, appliance care, and yard care management.

For more information or to sign up, call 572-5784 or 572-7901.

**Fun Run/Walk**

**B On the BIG SCREEN**



**Dirty Dancing (PG-13)**

6 and 9 p.m., today

**Secret Window (PG-13)**

6 and 9 p.m., Saturday

**Spartan (R)**

6 p.m., Sunday

For a limited time, tickets are 99 cents.



Photo by Capt. Tom Knowles

**Inspection team**

**Staff Sgt. Glenn Santos, 889th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, and Airman First Class Armando Rooks, 888th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, perform a customs inspection on military personnel baggage. Sergeant Santos is deployed from the 15th Security Forces Squadron at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, and Airman Rooks is deployed from the 49th Security Forces Squadron.**

The third annual Holloman High Speed Test Track Mach 10K Fun Run/5K Walk is 7 a.m., May 1 at the test track. The 10K run begins at 8 a.m. and the 5K walk begins at 8:10 a.m.

Early registration (by today) is \$15 and late and race day registration is \$20. The event is open to all Holloman or military identification card holders.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Michael Knight at 679-2933 or 1st Lt. Kendall Okeson at 679-2204.

**Hip Hop concert**

A hip hop fellowship night is from 7 to 11 p.m., May 1 at the community center.

National gospel hip hop artists, Mr. Timothy Brindle and 2Five the Hood Reverend, will perform a free concert.

For more information, call the chapel at 572-7211.

**Red Cross**

The Red Cross schedule of classes is as follows:

Community first aid and safety: 9

a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday at the Holloman Community Center.

For more information, call the Holloman Red Cross at 572-7066.

**Fashion show**

The Fashion Show, "A Spring of Style," sponsored by the Airmen's Advisory Council, is 3 to 5:30 p.m., May 8 at the Whispering Sands Community Center. The show features entertainment by the Falcon Cheerleaders, Keystone Steppers, D.J. Scotty Scott and many more.

All proceeds benefit the Holloman Youth and Teen Center and the Boys and Girls Club of Otero County.

Admission is \$5 for ages 11 and older and free for ages 10 and younger.

For more information, call 430-3204.

**Pizza and cookie kit sale**

Keystoneers is sponsoring a fundraiser for their 2004 Southwest

Regional TEENS Supreme Conference in July in Austin, Texas. Little Caesar Pizza Kits and Cookie Dough Tubs contain all the ingredients to bake delicious pizza, bread, and cookies at home in minutes. Items range in price from \$12.75 to \$18.

The deadline for orders is May 21. Orders will be delivered June 1 and 2.

For more information, call Matrice Adger at 572-3753.

**Chapel Services**

**Weekday Masses** – 11:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

**Sunday** – Catholic Mass, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

- Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m.
- General Protestant Worship Service, 11 a.m.

- Protestant Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. at Holloman Intermediate School and Catholic Religious Education, 10:45 a.m.

# What's going on in the Tularosa Basin and beyond...

## Volunteers

Twelve volunteers are needed to monitor the "Tiger Jump," an inflatable jumping pen for children, at the Earth Day fair Saturday at the Alameda Park Zoo in Alamogordo. Two people are needed for each one hour shift, with a total of six shifts, to ensure the kids' safety while playing. The first shift begins at 10 a.m. and the last one ends at 4 p.m. Volunteers must choose the times they are available and call 2nd Lt. Carla Swain at 572-3006, 572-7285, or e-mail her at [carla.swain@holloman.af.mil](mailto:carla.swain@holloman.af.mil).

## Basketball tourney

The Gus Macker three-on-three Basketball Tournament is May 15 and 16 at the Riner Steinhoff Soccer Complex parking lot. Team entry fee is \$100 for mail-ins and \$105 online registration with a credit card. Team registration deadline is Tuesday for mail-in and May 2 for online registration.

Send registration fee to Gus Macker-Alamogordo, P.O. Box 70, Greenville, Mich. 48838 or go to [www.macker.com](http://www.macker.com).

Volunteers are needed as court monitors, scorekeepers and registration.

For more information, call the Chamber of Commerce at 437-6120.

## Saturday in the park

Saturday in the Park, an event honoring military personnel from Holloman, is 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., May 15 at Washington Park. Various profit and non-profit groups will have booths throughout the park offering military displays, food, beverages, baked goods, arts and crafts, and games.

For more information, call 439-4142 extension 12 or 17.

## MOAA

The Tularosa Basin Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America has its monthly meeting Thursday. Cocktails are at 6 p.m. and a no-host dinner is at 7 p.m. New members are welcome. The speaker is Mr. Larry Furrow, White Sands Missile Range Public Affairs officer. He will speak on activities of WSMR. Active duty military officers and their spouses are invited to attend.

To R.S.V.P., call Mr. Ray Von Husen at 437-6456.

## Tree sale

The 10th annual community Earth Day Fair Committee offers one-year bare root stock trees for sale at 50 cents each. There are 2,000 bur oak, native pecan, desert willow, New Mexico olive, ponderosa pine, hybrid cottonwood, catalpa and Mexican white oak. A large amount of free mulch will also be available.

For more information, call Mr. Chuck Galusha at 434-6296.

## Cherry festival

The 2004 High Rolls Cherry Festival is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., June 19 and 20 in High Rolls. There will be entertainment in addition to food and drink, cherry and cherry product sales, plenty of activities for kids, and about 55 arts/crafts vendors from around the region. High Rolls is on U.S. highway 82. Parking and admission are free. Visit the Web site at [www.highrollsfestivals.com](http://www.highrollsfestivals.com).

For more information, call 682-1151.

## Comedy show

Nationally known singer/comedian Broderick Rice will perform at 7 p.m., May 1 at Christian Joy Center Church in El Paso, Texas, 1208 Sumac Dr. Tickets are \$10 and are available at Christian Joy Center Alamogordo, 1502 East 10th St. and Star of the Morning Christian Book Store, 1508 East 10th St. Children 2 and under are free. The event is limited seating and there is an additional charge at the door.

For more information call the Christian Joy Center Church at (915) 595-1307.

## Relay for Life

The Relay for Life event is April 30 to May 1 at Griggs Field in Alamogordo. For more information or to volunteer, call Ms. Beth Markle 479-6026 or e-mail [eam@zianet.com](mailto:eam@zianet.com).









Photos by Ellis Neel

### Leading the pack

**Top:** Kayla Moore, Holloman Middle School, tears up the track to win her heat of the girls 100-meter dash during the track meet at Alamogordo High School Tiger Stadium Tuesday. The Falcon boys team took first place, the girls took second.  
**Left:** Holloman Lady Falcon Nicole Toomey competes in the long jump during the middle school track meet.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

### In full swing

**Top:** 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron's Lance Harris takes a cut during the Intramural Softball preseason tournament, Wednesday. The 49th LRS team beat the 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron 24-4.

**Right:** 49th Maintenance Squadron maintenance flight's Storm Phillips makes a jumping catch Wednesday during their 15-14 win over the 49th Maintenance Squadron avionics team.





Photo by Mr. Jaren Wilkey

**J.T. Hamamoto had the lowest score in Air Force Academy history during the Wyoming Cowboy Classic in Scottsdale, Ariz., April 13. The cadet carded a three-round total of 69-67-69—205. It is the lowest 54-hole tournament score in the history of the school.**

## Golfer breaks academy record

An Air Force Academy golfer had the lowest score in school history April 13.

J.T. Hamamoto placed second overall at the Wyoming Cowboy Classic in Scottsdale, Ariz., and he finished 5 strokes under par — 1 stroke behind the winner, Travis Bertoni from California Polytechnic State University.

The cadet carded a three-round total of 69-67-69—205.

It is the lowest 54-hole tournament score in the history of the Air Force Academy, breaking the 2001 record of 207.

Hamamoto was tied with three other golfers heading into the final round and a 1-under par 69 helped him secure the runner-up position.

The Air Force team tied for 12th overall with an 867 (295-285-287).

It was the lowest team

score of the year for the Falcons. University of California, Los Angeles won the tournament.

The Falcons next play at the Brigham Young University Cougar Classic beginning April 23 in Provo, Utah.

It will be the final regular season tournament before the Mountain West Conference championships. (AFP)

# Holloman woman recognized

by Mr. Donald Larsen

49th Maintenance Squadron

A 49th Mission Support Squadron NCO joined the military for two reasons: to get an education and to serve her country.

Staff Sgt. Sarah Spry has faced many challenges in the seven years since becoming a member of the U.S. Air Force.

“The Air Force has changed so much during the time I’ve been in,” she said. “Fewer people to accomplish the mission and the increased responsibilities each person has to assume to make up for the shortfalls have been especially challenging for me,” she said.

Despite the challenges, Sergeant Spry said that helping people with problems, whether large or small, keeps her motivated to excel.

The accomplishments she is most proud of are making staff sergeant on her first try and being the top 10-percent of the personnel in her career field that made it, she said.

According to Sergeant Spry, Chief Master Sgt. Grace Peterson was a true pioneer for enlisted women in the Air Force.

“She was a World War II veteran and sewed on chief June 1, 1960,” the sergeant said. “That was years before the Equal Rights Amendment. She paved the way for all enlisted women.”

Sergeant Spry said the next generation of women should know that they can do anything they put their mind to.

“Don’t let being a woman be an excuse for not doing something,” she said. “Gender doesn’t matter; performance does.”

“In the future, the possibilities for



Courtesy photo

**Staff Sgt. Sarah Spry helps a customer at the 49th Mission Support Squadron orderly room.**

women are unlimited. We only need the inspiration and strength to achieve. Then we can accomplish anything humanly possible.”



Photo by Master Sgt. Val Gempis

**Staff Sgt. Marshall Gentry (right) teaches Japanese high-school students proper snare-drum techniques during a music clinic April 15. Sergeant Gentry is a percussionist with the U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific-Asia at Yokota Air Base, Japan.**

## Airmen teach music to students

by Master Sgt. Val Gempis  
*Air Force Print News*

The sound of harmony reverberated throughout the cavernous city hall at Matsuyama, Japan April 15 as Air Force musicians shared their knowledge and experience with more than 100 Japanese high-school students during a music clinic.

Airmen from the U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific-Asia at Yokota Air Base, Japan, perform during public concerts, ceremonies, recordings and parades. They provide professional music products and services for military functions, recruiting efforts, and local and international community-relations events.

"This is a wonderful way to engender a positive response and feelings toward the United States and the U.S. Air Force that these students will hopefully remember for a long time," said Staff Sgt. Keith Fitzgerald, a trombone player. "These [students] are the next generation, the next leaders of this society."

The band's 20-person jazz ensemble, called Pacific Showcase, has been touring southern Japan for the past two weeks, holding concerts in cities, including Kobe, Okayama, Fukuyama and Hiroshima.

Staff Sgt. Terry Grace, a string bass player, said he was impressed by the strong musical backgrounds of the students.

"They learn quickly. They have natural skills and [a] great feel for music," he said.

Through an interpreter, Sergeant Grace explained to the students the proper fingering techniques of an upright bass. The students laughed and giggled as he used humor to demonstrate how to properly position hands on the fingerboard. They were eager to learn and asked technical questions.

"You can't help but get excited when you see them smile," Sergeant Grace said. "This [is] one of the reasons I came to Japan. I love to interact with people, and I love to teach."

Staff Sgt. Marshall Gentry, a percussionist, said the students were a little shy at first, but after watching him use gestures and humorous body language, they began to warm up to him.

"I want them to have fun, learn, and also to have a good experience working with Americans," said Sergeant Gentry while demonstrating how to play a snare drum.

After spending an hour of one-on-one time with the students, the band gave a concert for more than 1,000 people in the packed auditorium.

One of the students was so impressed with the band's performance, he wanted to join the Air Force band, Sergeant Grace said. He gave the student one of the band's compact discs.

"You should have seen the look on his face," Sergeant Grace said. "He looked like he just won a million bucks." (AFPN)





The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from April 12 to Monday.

### Tickets

Security Forces issued 25 tickets: three for careless driving resulting in an accident, two for no registration, one for loud music coming from a vehicle, one for inattentive backing, three for no insurance, three for failure to stop, two for no seatbelt, two for a loud muffler, one for pedestrians right of way in cross walk, one for an illegal turn, one for assault, three for speeding one to 10 mph over the speed limit and two for speeding 11 to 15 mph over the speed limit.

### Patrol response

- April 12 – An NCO's family member reported she was being assaulted by her husband. Investigation revealed a mutual assault had occurred.

- April 18 – A "be on the lookout" was initiated for an NCO's missing daughter. She returned home later that day.

- April 18 – An NCO's family member reported she was assaulted in the dorms.

- April 18 – An Airman's family member reported loud music coming from a house in base housing.

- April 18 – An anonymous caller reported underage drinking in the dorms.

- April 18 – A civilian reported that she borrowed an Airman's wife's cell phone and the Airman was sending threatening messages intended for his wife.

### Property loss, damage or theft

- April 12 – There was a minor accident at building 809 when an Airman backed a government-owned vehicle into a fixed object.

- April 12 – An NCO reported damage to a chair in dorm 335.

- April 13 – There was a minor accident at building 136 when an Airman backed a GOV into a fixed object.

- April 14 – There was a minor accident between two privately owned vehicles at the shoppette.

- April 14 – There was a major accident between three POVs at building 809.

- April 15 – An NCO reported personal items were stolen from building 888.

- April 15 – An NCO reported he lost a compact disc case with 20 CDs in it in building 866.

- April 15 – An NCO reported a dolly was missing from building 302.

- April 16 – There was an accident between two POVs at the main gate.

The 49th Security Forces Squadron is requesting any information regarding theft of government property from dormitory 337.

A Bose stereo system (five speakers and subwoofer) and a DVD/VHS player was stolen from the dayroom of the dorm.

If anyone has any information regarding this incident, call the Security Forces Investigations Section at 572-7177.



Photo by Ms. Laura Pellegrino

The Holloman Hero submission form is available online. It can be downloaded at:  
[https://wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/wing/49FW\\_PA/internal.html](https://wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/wing/49FW_PA/internal.html)

# *Holloman Hero*

## Airman 1st Class Melissa Hedger

### 49th Comptroller Squadron

**Duty title:** Travel Accounting Technician

**Time in service:** 13 months

**Time at Holloman:** Eight months

**Hometown:** Campton, Ky.

**Personal and Career goals:** I want to get my degree as a physician's assistant and get a commission in the Air Force. The financial stability that the Air Force provides allows me to continue my education while gaining the hands-on experience in my current career field.

**What accomplishment during your Air Force career are you most proud of?**

Being personally recognized by our field site director at DFAS-Limestone with the "Partnership for Success" award was very rewarding for me. While it's a great feeling receiving positive feedback and praise from your chain of command, it's an especially good feeling being recognized by an outside agency.

**Core value portrayed: "Excellence in all we do"**

Airman Hedger epitomizes "Excellence in all we do." Through her superb attention to detail and meticulous work habits, she's mastered and consistently surpassed Air Combat Command standards for accuracy and timeliness in her appointed job.

With her drive for perfection, our Team Holloman members enjoy one of the quickest travel voucher processing times in ACC.

This means her fellow Airmen don't wait to see money in their bank accounts. She is an outstanding performer and she gets the job done right the first time!

– **Maj. Regina Goff**  
*49th CPTS commander*





# Immigrant brings music to service

by Airman 1st Class  
Harold Barnes III  
22nd Air Refueling Wing  
Public Affairs

From the capital of Peru to Wichita, Kan., the only zampoña player at McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas, is sharing his gift of music with the Air Force.

Airman Fredy Pasco works on the commander's support staff of the 22nd Maintenance Operations Squadron, but spends his off-duty time filling the air with the sound of an Inca instrument known as the zampoña. He started playing the woodwind-type instrument that at first glance looks like a xylophone, when he was 6 years old in his hometown of Lima, Peru.

Airman Pasco touched American soil for the first time April 16, 1998.

"I remember it like it was yesterday," he said.

Music and family are the few constants in Airman Pasco's life. Moving from Peru to Miami was the first major change in his life. The U.S. Embassy was offering special immigration status, and his mother, Martha, applied. Once approved, the family packed up and moved to a country with a new language, a new culture and new jobs.

Airman Pasco said high school was a rough adjustment, but his musical talent brought him into the spotlight during the school's Hispanic Heritage Month celebration.

Anytime he plays the instrument, it gathers attention, Airman Pasco said.

While in high school, he learned about the Air Force from recruiter visits. His interest was sparked.

"I'm a Hispanic; I came from the very bottom of the United States," he said. "I lived in a trailer and sometimes didn't have food to eat."

The family struggled in Miami, but Airman Pasco said he was determined to make his parents proud.

"It was tough, but it didn't stop me," he said. "It didn't stop me from going forward."



Photo by Airman 1st Class Harold Barnes III

**Airman Fredy Pasco plays the zampoña, an Inca instrument he has been playing since he was 6 years old. He came to America from Peru on April 16, 1998, and joined the Air Force in September 2003.**

He enlisted in the Air Force during his senior year of high school and left for basic military training in September 2003.

"I came to the United States; I want to be someone," Airman Pasco said. "BMT was the hardest thing ... but whatever they put on my back, I wanted to show them I could handle it."

Though he is Peruvian, he feels like a true American, and will defend the flag with everything he has, he said.

Looking back at all the changes in his life, Airman Pasco said it has been a struggle.

"It's a big contrast coming from a different country [at] 13 years old [and learning a] new language," he said. "Even though you have difficulties, my mother always told me, 'there is no life without problems.'"

He said he encourages everyone who has difficulties in life

to "go forward" and "be strong."

Airman Pasco said he has found "his path to the future."

"Airman Pasco is a great Airman, very polite, hard working, very dedicated, and focused," said his supervisor, Senior Airman Shyra Coit.

Through all the changes in his life, his musical talent and the zampoña have kept him connected to his culture, he said.

A staple of the rural music of the country, his interest in the zampoña began as he heard the folk music played at parties and festivals by people from the rural communities of Peru. Many of Airman Pasco's family members play traditional instruments like guitars and similar string instruments.

"I play by ear," Airman Pasco said. "I listen and just fill in because I know every note of my instrument." (AFP)