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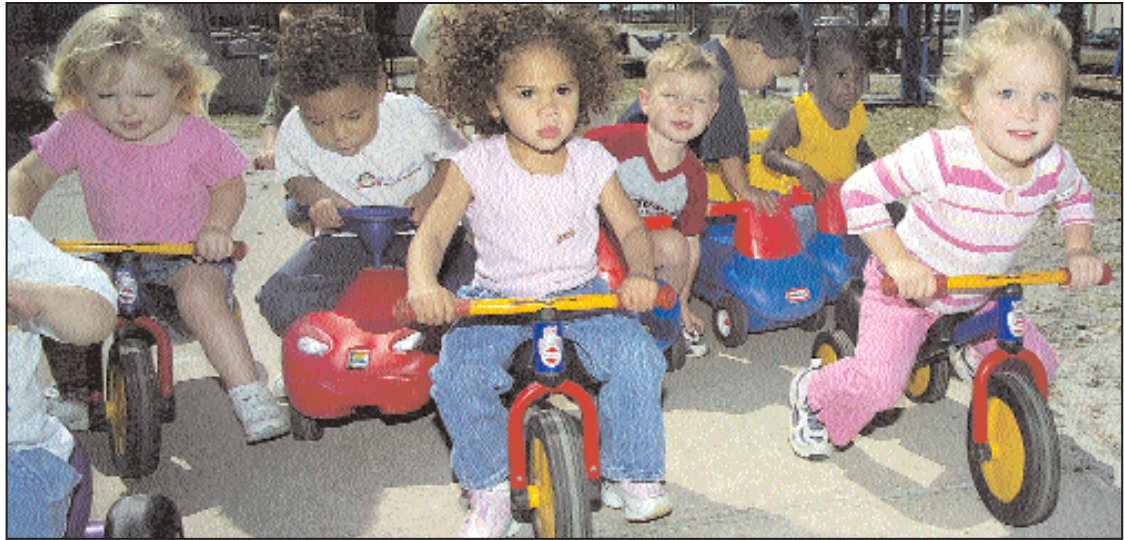


Photo by Jim Laviska

### Low riders

A group of 2-year-olds get in some riding time on their tricycles at the Child Development Center Tuesday. April is the Month of the Military Child and the base is celebrating

with special events and services all month. Free meals, discounted attraction tickets and an egg hunt are just some of the things offered. Call 45 SVS for more information.

## Antiterror programs win AFSPC awards

**2nd Lt. Elizabeth Kreft**  
45th SW Public Affairs

It's spring-cleaning annual awards-style for the 45th Space Wing.

The 45th Space Wing Antiterrorism Office and the 45th Security Forces Squadron brought home Air Force Space Command awards this month for outstanding antiterrorism programs on the installation and unit level.

"These kinds of awards show our skill in working on base to protect our people," said Master Sgt. Kevin Fishel, 45th SW antiterrorism officer. "It also demonstrates our effectiveness in cooperating with our peer agencies off base to put together one of the most valuable antiterrorism and counter-intelligence programs in the Air Force."

The awards were for "Best Antiterrorism Program," and both the unit and the wing will compete for Air Force-level recognition in June.

"Our successful operational mission is directly linked to a solid antiterrorism and force protection program," said Sgt. Fishel.

"We led the command for the Joint Staff's Combating Terrorism Readiness Initiative Funding. Four projects were awarded totaling more than \$286,000, and our submission process was benchmarked by 14th AF, headquarters AFSPC and U.S. Strategic Command."

One of the current antiterrorism construction projects here is the repositioning of the large truck inspection point.

"After some serious research, we realized that having the trucks come that far onto the base was not conducive to proper and secure search of the large vehicles," said Sgt. Fishel.

"Positioning the check point along highway A1A moves it away from the traffic-choke point at the South Gate and the service population areas, thus providing better protection for our base populace and our inspectors."

Protective berms will be phased into the inspection point as well as other technologies to assist the truck inspectors. The addition of public address systems in both on-base housing areas will give residents and workers in surrounding buildings much needed real-

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**By Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich**  
45th SW commander

Happy Spring! You know it is officially spring when we've "sprung" forward and the spring breakers have come and gone.

Spring is a time of renewal so I hope your religious and family activities are enabling you to take advantage of this glorious time of year. An important part of renewal is time off.

I know lots of people took leave last week to enjoy the kids or the beach, and I encourage that. For military, we're at the halfway point in the fiscal year so make sure you are on track with your annual leave plans so you don't lose leave.

Taking leave throughout the year not only ensures you are recharging your batteries appropriately, it also makes sure you don't put your organization in a bind in September with everyone scrambling to take leave. The civilian leave cycle runs on a calendar year, so for our civilian force should be tracking at about a quarter of earned leave spent.

Spring is usually a time associated with cleaning. Well, the 45th Space Wing has been cleaning house, literally, in South Housing. Some of you may have noticed that the demolition of the dilapidated houses has begun.

That is an important first step in what will eventually mean quality housing for our people. Ultimately, 552 new homes will be built on 36 acres. I want to stress new homes because a recent news article indicated some renovations would be taking place. That was incorrect. There has been some other project activity so we'll be doing another housing update in the Missileer soon. I want to be sure everyone is kept informed as this large-scale project progresses.

We've also been cleaning house, figuratively, in the awards arena. We just learned that Master Sgt. James Moffitt of our 45th Weather Squadron was the Air Force award winner in the Outstanding Staff Support category. Wow! At the command level, our Logistics Readiness Flight won the Readiness Effectiveness Award, recognizing them as the best stand-alone LRF in the Air Force Space Command. Airman 1st Class Melissa Fepuleai of that organization was

also recognized. She was named AFSPC Logistics Plans Airman of the Year. Our Security Forces chalked up two more awards. Col. Michael Hazen, AFSPC top cop, presented two antiterrorism program awards during his visit last week - one for Best Antiterrorism Program and another for Best Antiterrorism Installation.

In other news, Mr. Mark Cleary, our wing historian, was honored with an Excellence in Wing History program award. How fitting that as the command celebrates 50 years of Air Force Space and Missiles, we get to honor one of our own who has been helping document that rich heritage so diligently.

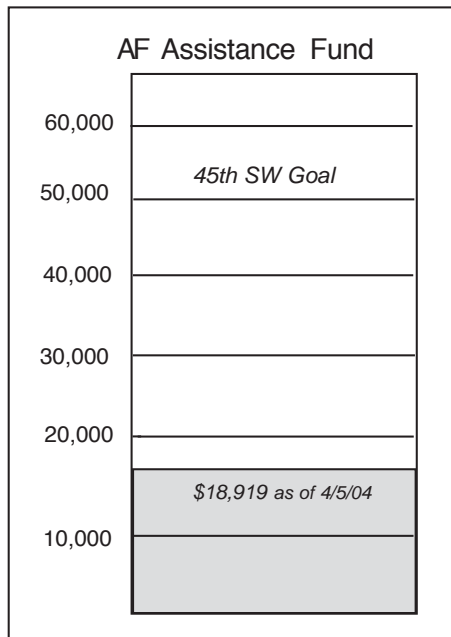
This week we had some more good news from the Information Assurance and Assessment Program team who, as you remember, wrapped up an extensive inspection here late last month. They honored three personnel here with Medallion Awards. Master Sgt. Kyle Lee, 45th Range Management Squadron, Tech. Sgt. Ross Rosenberg, 45th Space Communications Squadron, and Monica Lombardo, Computer Raytheon Services, were recognized as "Information Assurance Professionals" for their efforts in the area of emissions, computer and information security, respectively. Congratulations to all of our recent award winners ... as usual, 45th Space Wing professionals were leading the way.

One area where we haven't been outpacing the other AFSPC bases is the Air Force Assistance Fund campaign. With just over a week left in the campaign, we're only at 49 percent of our monetary goal (as projected from our wing population strength). Worse yet we've only had a 12 percent participation rate. Last year the command had a slow response and it meant an extension of the campaign. Let's try to avoid that and get out in front of this - we have until April 18 as the campaign is scheduled now.

Haven't been contacted and can't find the key worker for your unit? Then please call one of the wing project officers: Lt. Col. Lynn Malone (494-8191) or Maj. Scott Langan (853-8340).

Remember, AFAP donations directly support our people. You can give to one of four charities, and donations can be made in increments throughout the year through payroll deduction, or as a one-time gift.

Consider this. Last year the Air Force Aid Society, one of the four charities represented in the AFAP campaign, provided Patrick Airmen with \$124,675 for emergency assistance and



education, plus money for community enhancement programs.

That money meant a world of difference to a number of folks faced with an emergency or a difficult financial time. We were able to help our own people in their time of need all because we made a proactive charitable investment. Believe me, every little bit helps. Even a person donating a dollar per paycheck can help make a difference.

One person who made a huge difference in our Air Force as the eighth Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force is retired Chief Sam Parish. He's visiting this week and will be interacting with folks at some of our professional military courses and touring the installation.

His visit will culminate with the Chief's induction ceremony today as we initiate seven senior master sergeants into the elite rank of our enlisted force. Welcome Chief Parish!

In closing, I know you have all been watching the news and have seen the activity level increase in several areas in Iraq.

We have almost 100 folks deployed, most of them in the CENTCOM area of responsibility. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers throughout their deployment window for the next couple of months, but especially now.

God bless!

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# NASA recognizes DDMS shuttle recovery efforts

By Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery  
45 SW Public Affairs

The Department of Defense Manned Space Flight Support Office was presented an award from NASA for its role in support of the Space Shuttle Columbia recovery effort.

The award, a collage made up of pictures from the mission and a mission patch, expresses the appreciation for the vital contributions to the Columbia recovery efforts and for helping forge a lasting partnership with NASA, said Dean Schaaf, NASA ground operations manager.

DDMS provides support, including astronaut rescue and recovery, contingency landing site support, medical support, contingency airlift coordination and other items requested by NASA in the event of a shuttle emergency.

Before Columbia's break-up, DDMS was in standard posture providing contingency support, said Lt. Col. Frederick Van Cleave, DDMS deputy chief of operations.

"When it became apparent Columbia was missing DDMS executed their Catastrophic Incident Checklist, channeling up requests for a search and rescue.

Many DDMS personnel prepared themselves for long hours.

"We keep the Support Operations Center manned 24 hours a day during a routine shuttle mission," said Lt. Col. Van Cleave. "Usually it's just one person, but after the incident, we had as many as three people in there around the clock."

According to Lt. Col. Van Cleave, DDMS

“We gained a better understanding of how to react to a disaster of this magnitude.”

**Col. David Dingley**

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MANNED SPACE FLIGHT SUPPORT

contacted installations in the mishap area to determine the best location to support recovery operations.

Once they decided on Barksdale Air Force Base, La., DDMS activated their prearranged military airlift to transport NASA, contractor and DDMS personnel to the site.

"We continuously rotated our people for a couple weeks at a time to the various search sites," said Col. David Dingley, DDMS commander.

Because NASA did not have the capability, DDMS coordinated and ran air searches and scheduled air assets – including military helicopters – during the recovery effort.

"By synchronizing our actions with NASA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the U.S. Forestry Service and a list of other agencies, we were able to recover approximately 40 percent of the orbiter," said Col. Dingley.

"The plans we had in place worked well," he said. "and we gained a better understanding of how to react to a disaster of this magnitude."

## MILESTONES

### Promotions

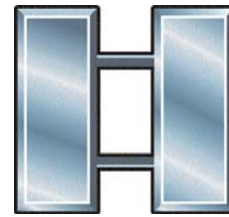
Maj. James Ross, 45th Mission Support Group, Detachment 1 commander, was promoted to lieutenant colonel April 1.

### Retirements

Master Sgt. Randy Martin, 45th Space Wing Protocol Office, retires April 28 after 22 years of service.

### Schools

Lt. Col. Albert Zelenak, 45th Mission Support Group deputy commander, was selected to attend Air War College.



## Promotions to captain announced

1st Lt. Jorge Manresa, 45 CONS

1st Lt. Waylon Mitchell, 1st SLS, SMC

1st Lt. Felix Tran, 17th Test Squadron



## Commander Q&A:

**Lt. Col. Rex Gibson**  
333rd Recruiting Squadron

### Q. What is the mission of the 333rd Recruiting Squadron?

**A.** Our mission is to recruit quality men and women from Central and Southern Florida, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands who have the right skills to sustain the combat capability of America's Air Force. Qualified individuals are mentally, morally and physically capable of handling the sophisticated systems and equipment of today's highly technical air and space force.

### Q. How important is it to keep filling the AF with qualified people?

**A.** Sustainment and replenishment are vital to the success of our operations. I strongly support Air Force leadership's recognition of placing their recruiting objectives high on the

list of priorities. The Air Force cannot maintain its reputation as a global powerhouse without quality men and women committing themselves to this organization and their country.

### Q. What is unique about the recruiter position?

**A.** This job is entirely unique. A unique computer system, unique training and unique personality traits are all combined to encompass the recruiting world. There are no jobs in mainstream Air Force that are similar to the recruiting position. The most unique thing about being a recruiter is being sent into a civilian sector to represent and maintain an Air Force presence on your own.

# Education key to assault prevention

**By 2nd Lt. Amber Millerchip**  
Air Education and  
Training Command Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — In line with April's Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Air Force leaders encourage all Airmen to be knowledgeable about sexual assault risks, consequences and prevention.

"Sexual assault in an organization that depends on each individual in life and death situations is simply intolerable," said Gen. Don Cook, Air Education and Training Command commander. "Our most important obligation to our Air Force people is to give them a safe and secure working, living and training environment. We will continue to do everything we possibly can to prevent such criminal behavior. Have no doubt, you and all Airmen, are personally responsible for preventing assaults of any kind."

Sexual assault includes rape, physical assault, indecent assault and attempt to commit these crimes. According to the National Center for Victims of Crime, a woman somewhere is raped every minute.

Some of these offenses involve force, where one person overpowers the other with a weapon, strength or physically imposing size. Use of force can include coercion, such as using rank or authority.

Women in their late adolescence and early adult years, particularly those drinking alcohol, are most at risk, said Capt. (Dr.) Julie Storey, clinical psychologist in the life skills support center here.

"Many are on their own for the first time in their lives and do not have safety nets such as parents or guardians," Capt. Storey said. "They make poor judgments, and the consequences of those judgments, at that age, are a lot higher."

Reactions of both victims and perpetrators of sexual assault are also affected by sexual-assault mythology. Most myths blame the vic-

tim. For example, "Women who are careful don't get raped, so therefore if I had been careful this wouldn't have happened to me."

Assailants who believe these myths may think their actions are justified, and a victim who believes them may delay or refuse to report an assault, Capt. Storey said.

Believing the myth, "Only bad or provocative girls get attacked," can result in a false sense of security by women who are sure they do not fall into either category. Anyone can be assaulted, even the elderly. This is particularly true because attackers are often people known and trusted by the victim, Capt. Storey said.

According to the crime center, 40 percent of victims know their attackers.

"That sense of invulnerability is a big one," she said. "You do things such as walk away and leave your drink sitting on a table or bar [or] go to a party and say, 'I'm going to get drunk because everyone else is getting drunk.' So [they think] nobody's really accountable for what's happening."

According to the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault, 75 percent of perpetrators and 55 percent of victims are under the influence of alcohol at the time of an acquaintance rape.

Alcohol affects the way the brain processes things. It decreases inhibitions and impairs judgment on both the part of the victim and perpetrator, Capt. Storey said. That impairment affects the victim's ability to understand and detect danger. It also affects the perpetrator's social judgment as to what is appropriate.

Alongside more targeted education on risk factors, young women need to learn the importance of reporting assaults immediately, she said.

If attacked, regardless of any associated misbehavior, a victim should immediately report to an emergency room for medical assistance and to begin the investigative process. Early reporting of sexual assaults is an important factor in

gathering timely evidence related to the crime, she said.

"Victims may spend a lot of time worrying about other peoples' opinions or the consequences of revealing their misconduct at the time," Capt. Storey said. "The longer they wait, the less chance of a conviction."

Air Force bases have programs, procedures and communication channels to report assaults. Victims are provided medical, legal, emotional and spiritual help. Specifically, life-skills center providers are available to provide individual-counseling services to deal with the emotional consequences of assaults.

The providers also encourage victims to seek group counseling from a rape-crisis center. One step of recovery is for victims to realize they are not alone and to diminish the sense of isolation, embarrassment and shame, Capt. Storey said. The centers allow victims to talk to other victims about their experiences, begin to change their beliefs and normalize their reaction to the traumatic event.

Besides life skills and crisis centers, the Victim Witness Assistance Program, a federally-mandated program, is available on every Air Force installation through the base legal office. The program assigns each victim a volunteer advocate to navigate the legal process and serve as another part of the victim's support system.

Prevention starts from within, with smart decision-making, trusting instincts, developing situational awareness and having the confidence to not follow the crowd, said Lt. Col. Cheryl Thompson, chief of military justice at the command's directorate of the staff judge advocate.

"We need to be responsible for ourselves and our friends," Col. Thompson said. "We need to take care of and look out for each other." *Air Force Print News*

## Volunteers remove rubbish, keep Brevard beaches beautiful

**By Clay Gordin**

45th SW Environmental Planning

It's time for the 19th Annual Keep Brevard Beautiful Beach Trash Bash. This event, sponsored in Brevard County by Keep Brevard Beautiful, Inc. and supported by the 45th Space Wing, focuses on removing as much litter as possible in the county.

This year, "Opportunities to Do More in 2004" for Patrick Air Force Base is April 17 from 8 a.m. – noon. Patrick AFB check-in point will be at the A1A beach parking lot

across from the Patrick AFB Fire Station.

The "Trash Bash" beach cleanup for Cape Canaveral Air Force Station has been rescheduled for April 20 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to ensure the success of Trash Bash. Last year during the Great American Cleanup, more than 18,572 volunteers collected over 232,000 pounds of litter on Brevard County's shorelines, roadsides and neighborhoods. Forty-one PAFB volunteers cleaned up 2,700 pounds of litter, and 138 volun-

teers collected 18,000 pounds of litter at CCAFS. CCAFS site captain Shawn Fisher and Wesley Westphal, Patrick AFB site captain, will coordinate with mission partners to assign beach cleanup areas, access points and directions to access points. The Patrick AFB cleanup is open to the public and the CCAFS cleanup is open to badged employees only.

Volunteers will receive a brief training on trash gathering process at the check-in sites. Volunteers will use "butt scoopers" to remove cigarette butts. Discarded fishing

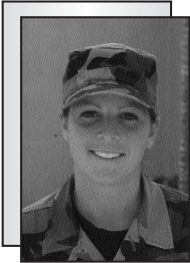
lines will be removed from the shorelines to help eliminate the hazard fishing line poses to marine wildlife and to divers.

Volunteers are advised to bring water to drink and refreshments; wear comfortable, weather appropriate clothes including shoes, hat and sunscreen. Latex gloves will be provided.

For more information, call Shawn Fisher at CCAFS at 853-6824 or for the Patrick AFB cleanup, contact Wesley Westphal at 494-9386.

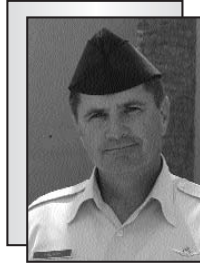
# THE BUZZ

## Why will the 45th Space Wing 2004 Guardian Challenge team be victorious?



"Personnel from the 45th SW are well-trained, highly skilled and the best at what we do."

Airman 1st Class Tracie Maxwell  
45th MDG



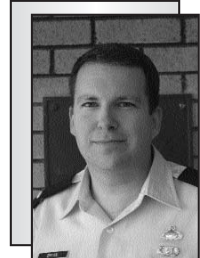
"Winning is not just an attitude it's an expectation. Members of the 45th SW are above average people doing above average things and will achieve above average results."

Chief Master Sgt. Lloyd French  
AFTAC



"We have great people a high paced ops tempo and the teamwork to pull this off."

Thomas Hotchkiss  
45th SW XP Office



"The 45th SW represents excellence from top to bottom. We'll see this displayed at Guardian Challenge."

1st Lt. Paul Bryan  
AFTAC

## Guardian Challenge returns space and missile legacy

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. - Guardian Challenge, the Air Force's only space and missile competition, returns to glory this May following last year's hiatus.

Air Force Space Command has announced that all systems are go for the May 2-7 Guardian Challenge at Vandenberg AFB, Calif., ultimately determining the top space and missile warriors in the Air Force.

"Guardian Challenge embodies the spirit, expertise and drive of the world's greatest space and missile warfighters, and it's time for the competition to resume," said Gen. Lance W. Lord, commander of Air Force Space Command.

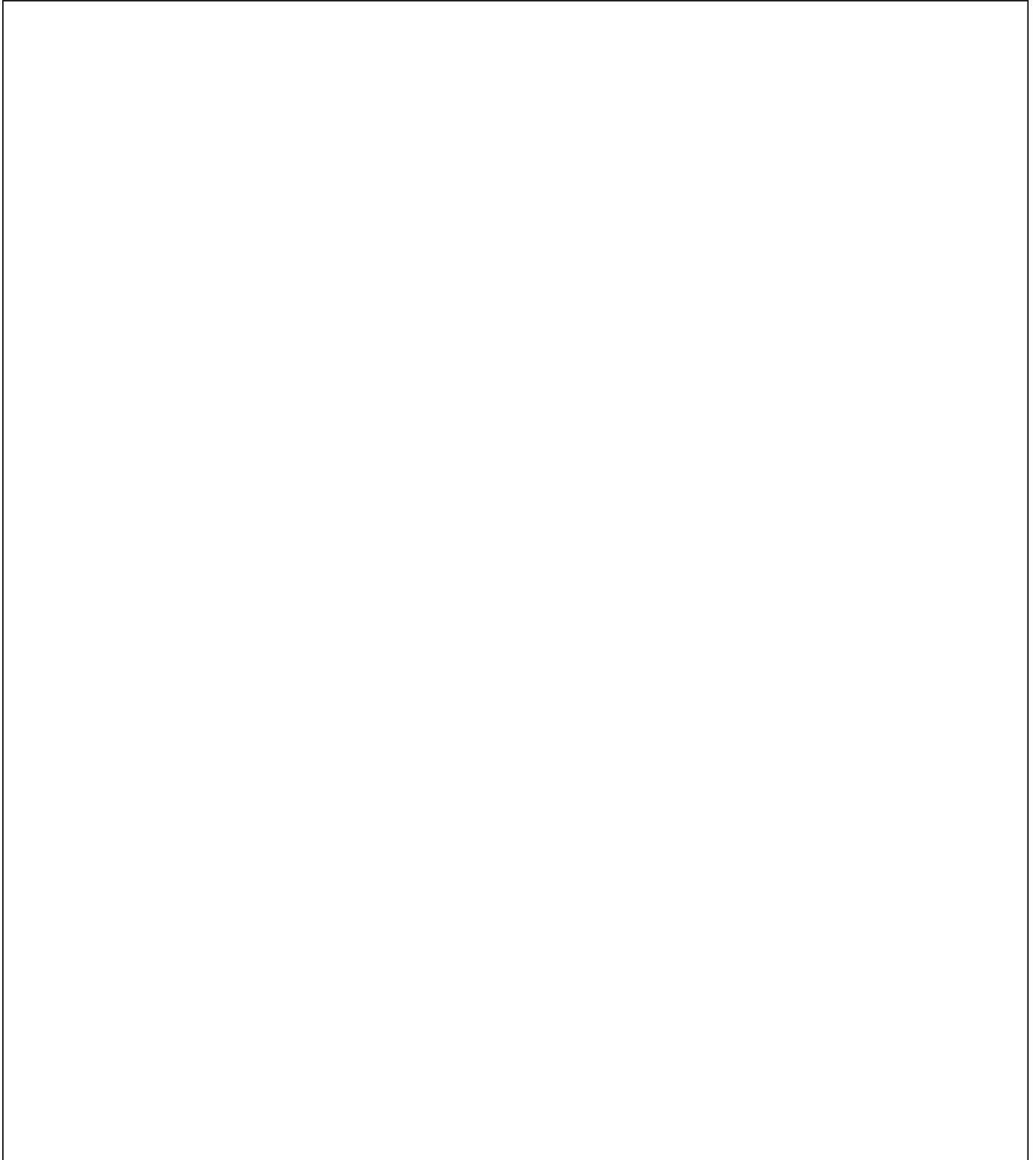
Recent military operations have demonstrated the integral and integrated nature of space to national defense. Guardian Challenge provides the testing ground for the readiness and combat capabilities key to America's space and missile professionals.

"Guardian Challenge is all about cultivating and refining the talent of our space and missile warriors," Gen. Lord said. "The competition demonstrates our commitment to our mission - I look forward to an exceptional Guardian Challenge."

Last year's Guardian Challenge was cancelled due to a high operations tempo related to the onset of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Air Force Space Command assets were fully tasked, and the command felt the workload needed to train for and conduct the competition would stress resources needed for day-to-day operations.

Guardian Challenge features about 200 competitors from AFSPC units participating in a five-day competition to improve space and missile procedures and operations. All AFSPC installations are represented this year, including the inaugural participation of Space and Missile Systems Center at Los Angeles AFB. Sent as observers in 2002, SMC will send a Security Forces team to compete this year.

Teams display their capabilities to a squad of evaluators from their fields. Competition areas include evaluations of chefs, security forces, missile operations, space operators and helicopter aircrews.



## Upgrades improve info flow

**By 2nd Lt. Elizabeth Kreft**  
*45th SW Public Affairs*

Often, it's what goes on behind the scenes that makes everything come together.

In the case of the \$28 million Combat Information Transport System network upgrades taking place now at Patrick and the Cape, it's what's underground that makes the difference.

The cable and network improvements will significantly affect the transfer rate of information from network to network, but most of the changes will be done without anyone seeing or hearing of it.

"Basically we are going to take the connecting wires that are old and out of date, and replace them with cables that are much smaller and more versatile, and will transfer information at a much faster rate," said Jack Worthy, CITS Program manager.

"We are taking the dirt roads we are currently working on, paving them and turning them into super highways of information," said Mr. Worthy. "This upgrade will certainly provide more reliable communication services for space and range readiness capabilities."

Underground wires that are now an aver-

age of five inches in diameter and containing 900 pairs of wires are being replaced with fiber cables the size of an average pinkie finger. They will perform 10 times the workload and won't expel electrical noise interference.

Mr. Worthy explained the intricate upgrades with a comparison to personal computers. "The improvements are necessary to stay current just like it would be necessary to upgrade a regular personal computer about every two to three years."

The internal network on base has not been upgraded since 1992.

"The current backbone of the intranet here can handle approximately 10 megabytes of information flow," said Mr. Worthy. "These updates will provide for a 10 gigabyte flow, which is approximately 261 times faster."

More than 151 miles of cable upgrades are scheduled for core facilities along the entire Eastern range. In all, more than 284 wing facilities and 9,000 workstations will be affected by the advancements, and the connectivity the new backbone brings to the network will be seen throughout the Eastern Range.

# Chiefs promote higher education with scholarships

**By Chief Master Sgt. Richard Salender**  
*45th Operations Group*

Five Patrick AFB personnel and family members have some extra cash to put toward their education thanks to the Space Coast Association of Chief Master Sergeants.

Staff Sgts. Rosael Robinson and Fernando Magri, both of the Air Force Technical Applications Center, along with Shawn Baker, Linda Nutt and Zahilly Salinas, were each recently presented with \$200 checks through the Chiefs' Annual Scholarship Program.

The scholarship program is available to active duty and retired enlisted personnel and their family members who are enrolled in an initial associates or bachelor degree program.

To compete for the scholarships, applicants needed to show how their continuing education would benefit the military and improve the surrounding community. "Competition was very keen this year," said Chief Master Sgt. Tony Borland, a member of this year's judging committee. "Selecting the winners from the many applications we received was tough." Sgt. Robinson is currently enrolled in Columbia

College, working toward an associate degree in computer information systems. She is active in the local community, volunteering time at the Patrick AFB Child Development Center and assisting at the Melbourne Daily Bread shelter. She excels in her AFTAC position, being named the Communications and Information professional of the year for 2002 for both AFTAC and higher headquarters.

Sgt. Magri is working toward his Bachelor of Science degree in computer information systems through Columbia College. He works in the AFTAC Web publishing office, where he handles publications management and web development duties for the entire organization. Sgt. Magri plans to continue his work in the computer information field through to the master's level.

Mr. Baker, son of Chief Master Sgt. John Baker, 45th Launch Group, is currently attending Brevard Community College where he is working toward an associate degree in computer engineering. After finishing his associate work at BCC, Mr. Baker plans to transfer to the University of Central Florida to begin his bachelor work. His long-term goal is to teach at the high school level. He currently mentors two

Satellite High school students by assisting them with their science research and computer programming needs.

Mrs. Nutt, wife of Master Sgt Bob Nutt, former first sergeant with the 45th Launch Group, is enrolled in a full-time bachelor program majoring in accounting at Florida Metropolitan University. She has excelled academically, being named to the Dean's list once and the President's List three times. After completing her undergraduate requirements, she plans to earn a master's degree, followed by a Florida public accountant certification, with her ultimate goal being to open her own CPA firm.

Zahilly Salinas, stepdaughter of retired Master Sgt. Jose Gonzalez, 333rd Recruiting Squadron, is enrolled at the University of Miami, seeking a bachelor's degree in health science, specializing in physical therapy. Ms. Salinas is a very active member in the local community, volunteering at the Miami Children's Hospital and the Miami Big Brother-Big Sisters chapter. She is also active in her school, serving as the treasurer of the Puerto Rican Students' Association.



# Weeklong activities salute volunteers

**By Sal Noto**

*45th Family Support Center*

Volunteers from Patrick Air Force Base and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station will be honored for their numerous contributions to the military and local community during a week filled with special events April 18-24.

Volunteers, whether active duty, retirees, DoD civilians or family members, play an invaluable role in the day-to-day activities at Patrick AFB and Cape Canaveral AFS. In many situations, 45th Space Wing offices wouldn't be able to operate successfully without volunteers.

Volunteers can take advantage of events and specials throughout Volunteer Week. Activities will also include a Health Mart at the Health and Wellness Center on April 20. It will offer blood pressure screenings, a Tricare Briefing, free literature on diabetes, cholesterol, hypertension and tobacco reduc-

tion. There will be "Cooking for 2" demonstrations for seniors.

Volunteer Appreciation Week will be celebrated with a buffet breakfast April 21 from 7:30-9 a.m. at the NCO Club. The event features door prizes, free coupons and the presentation of this year's Volunteer Excellence Award winners. To take advantage of the weeklong celebration, all volunteers must wear their volunteer badge, which will be available for pick-up from the Family Support Center.

The breakfast is free for volunteers. Guests will be charged \$12 (price includes one volunteer ticket) and tickets are limited. Get tickets through units.

The 45th Services Squadron also offers specials for volunteers during Volunteer Appreciation Week:

▲ Bowl for \$1 per game all week during non-league times at the Rocket Bowling Center.

▲ Sign up for a membership at the Marina and

the \$10 initiation fee is waived.

▲ Receive 25 percent off the lunch menu (must be a club member).

▲ Buy one lunch buffet at the NCO Club, and get another one free.

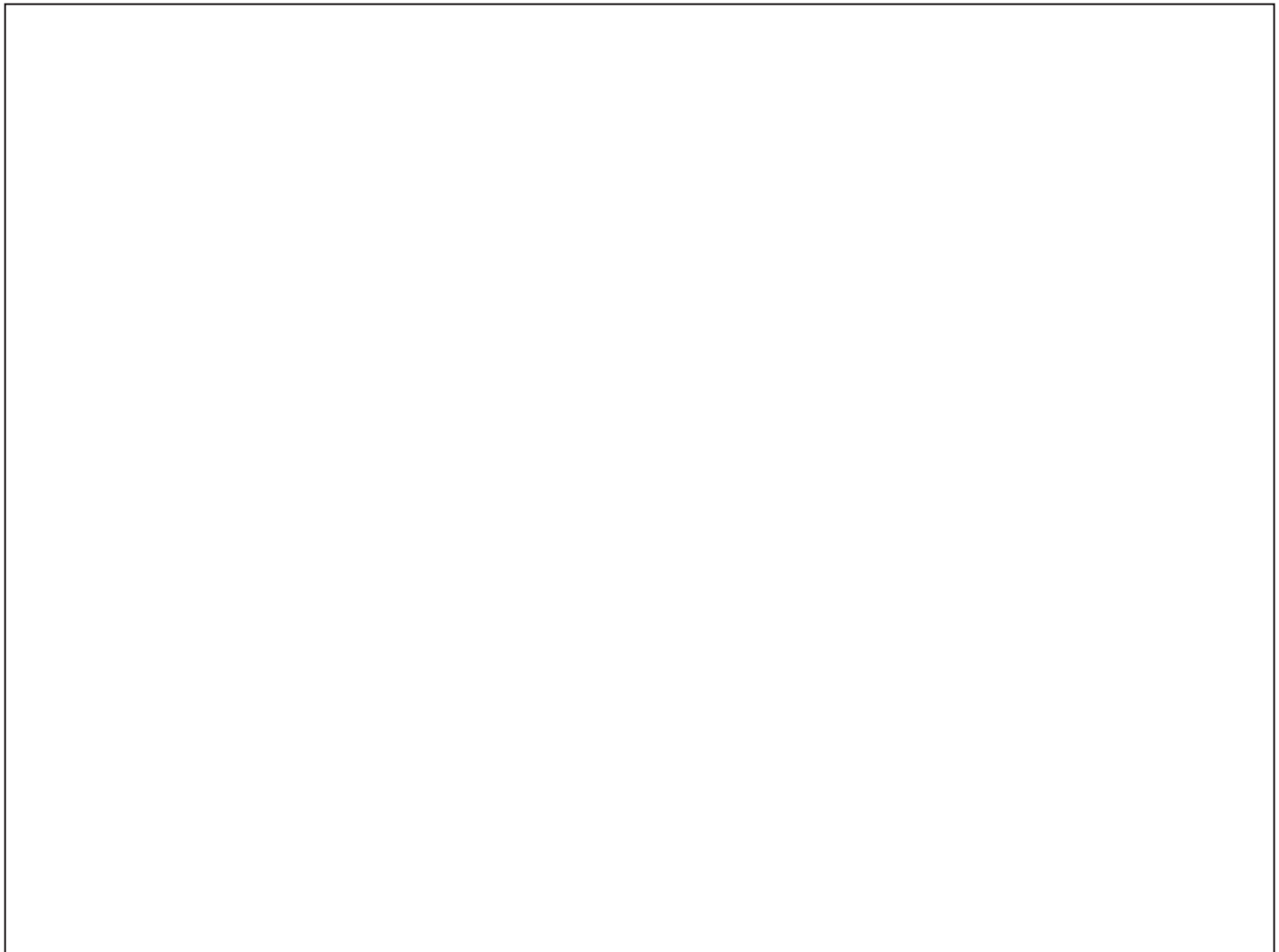
▲ Free do-it-yourself framing at the Skills Development Center.

▲ Auto Skills offers a free touchless carwash (must pick up voucher at Skills Development, Bldg. 415.)

▲ Information, Ticket and Travel offers \$25 off per cabin on a seven-day cruise.

▲ Get 50 percent off a half-day or full-day boat rental, and a free day bike rental at Outdoor Recreation.

For more information, call, Mr. Sal Noto at 494-2278 or 494-2298.





# DoD officials discuss new civilian personnel system

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — A letter signed by Defense Department leaders asks DoD civilian employees to be patient as teams work to make the new National Security Personnel System a reality.

The April 1 letter, signed by David S.C. Chu, undersecretary for personnel and readiness, and Navy Secretary Gordon England, stresses that DoD sees the new personnel system as a combined effort.

The system, passed as part of the fiscal 2004 National Defense Authorization Act, allows DoD officials to transform the civilian personnel system to make it more agile and responsive.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said the new system would make it easier for the department to make new hires and keep highly skilled employees. It also would allow DoD to move workers to shortage specialties as national security concerns change, he said.

In the letter, Mr. Chu and Secretary England state, "We are determined to take the time necessary to do the job right."

Taking time will allow the department to consult with employees, managers and unions, a DoD spokeswoman said. The letter encourages people interested in the system to present their thoughts, ideas, views and concerns.

Department officials are also working

with other government agencies as they develop the new system. They are consulting with people at the Office of Personnel Management, the Office of Management and Budget and the Government Accounting Office as the new system takes shape. They are also taking lessons from the Department of Homeland Security, which built its own personnel system after it was formed last year.

Five teams within DoD are looking at process, personnel, programs, requirements and communications, officials said. A sixth team will draw recommendations from these five together in one package. That proposal is scheduled to be presented to Secretary Rumsfeld and other senior leaders in April.

Once approved, senior leaders will work with Congress on implementing the system.

Mr. Chu and Secretary England said that the system still is being formed, and few details about how the system would work are available because there is no system yet. Concepts and proposals will change over time and department leaders will do their best to keep employees informed, they said.

Information will be available on the DoD and DefendAmerica Web sites, the Pentagon Channel and local commanders' television programs. The new system also has its own Web site.

## AWARDS, cont. from Page 1

time warning information.

While the honors were for unit and wing levels, both groups recognize it is individual effort that made the win possible. "The trust that we have in our people was demonstrated through these awards," said Capt. Cheryl Morgan, SFS operations officer. "We train them well, and they tenaciously execute their antiterrorism duties with a vigor that properly represents this squadron and the wing."

Both Security Forces members and the antiterrorism wing monitors say that working within the framework of the wing's START concepts account for their awards. Recognizing that in order for any of these award-winning programs to be effective, they must hold people to be accountable for their actions and to be involved in the prevention process.

"The wing's antiterrorism office is just the top of a very broad umbrella of programs that help to protect our base and our people," said Sgt. Fishel. "We have 75 program managers for different units and mission partners on base that work with us to make sure people are getting the proper training and education to synchronize our actions against terrorism."

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## BRIEFS



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### Special service

Chaplain's assistants Staff Sgt. Aaron Geer and Senior Airman Brandon Lovelady move equipment in preparation for Sunday's Easter Sunrise Service. For list of services, see "Chapel Notes" on Page 17.

## Troop rotation continues

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The largest rotation of U.S. forces since World War II continues in Iraq, Defense Department officials said March 31.

In all, more than 250,000 U.S. servicemembers are affected.

Planning for the rotation began months ago. New units worked with units already in Iraq to learn their mission and plan the movement. In December, the units began flowing into the region and began the relief-in-place process.

Officials said they expect the rotation to continue through May, when 110,000 U.S. servicemembers will be in place. They will replace the 130,000 Americans who have been serving in the region. When the rotation is complete, about 80,000 Soldiers, 25,000 Marines and 5,000 Airmen and Sailors will be in Iraq.

To date, about 95 percent of the servicemembers deploying to Iraq have arrived in the region. More than 90 percent of the cargo has arrived, and more than 60 percent of the people returning home have done so.

While the number of American forces is dropping, Iraqi troops will more than make up the cut, officials said. A new Iraqi army brigade should be operational by the time the coalition returns sovereignty to an Iraqi government June 30. In addition, units of the Iraqi civil defense corps will work with the units. More than 210,000 Iraqis are involved in security work in the country, officials said.

### Traffic changes

There is a new traffic pattern at Patrick's South and Main Gates, due to guidance from Air Force Headquarters. Effective immediately, there will be serpentine barriers on both inbound and outbound lanes.

Personnel should pay particular attention to new entry and exit procedures.

Personnel entering South Gate proceeding north on South Patrick Dr. may use either lane. All semi-trucks, trailers, contractor vehicles and oversized government vehicles will be required to be in the right lane and proceed to the search area.

Personnel exiting the South Gate proceeding on South Patrick Dr. must use the left lane. Personnel driving west on Pineda Causeway/S.R. 404 must be in right lane.

Once drivers enter the barrier serpentine they will not be able to switch lanes. Personnel are encouraged to remove ID cards from pouches or wallets as they approach the gate to expedite entry. For more information, contact Master Sgt. John Puppo at 494-2266 or 2nd Lt. Michael McManus 494-6946.

### Major road under construction

Drivers should use caution when driving to and from Patrick Air Force Base on the Pineda Causeway. The Florida Department of Transportation is working on the bridge. The long-term project includes repaving the Pineda Causeway from A1A to just west of U.S. 1, guardrail replacement and bridge repairs. Be aware of workers on the bridge and pay attention to lane changes.

### Calls set

The next Civilian Call is Thursday, 11 a.m. at the Cape and April 21, 11 a.m. at Patrick's Base Theater. Officers' Call is at the Officers' Club April 16 at 3:30 p.m.

### Volunteers needed

Asian/Pacific Heritage Month is in May and a committee has been formed to plan events. Call 494-6333 to volunteer.

### Spouses recognized

Spouses' Day is May 14 with a host of activities for spouses at the Family Support Center. The event kicks off early with "Why I Appreciate My Spouse Letter-writing Contest" April 19 - May 7. Letters must be two pages or less,

double-spaced and should include the writer's name, e-mail address, work and home phone numbers. E-mail letters to Larry Fulk on global e-mail or drop them off at the Family Support Center, Bldg. 722. Winners will be announced at the May 14 Spouses' Day Cook-out Dinner. Call 494-5675 for more information.

### Take a class

The Family Support Center offers the following classes: Deployed Spouses Meeting, Friday 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Applying for Air Force Jobs, April 27 9-10 a.m.; and CGO and GS-9 and above Financial Course, April 27 12:30-4 p.m. This class covers establishing a home financial plan, debt management, savings and investing, the Thrift Savings plan, understanding life insurance and all about credit reports. Spouses are invited to attend.

Classes are in Bldg. 722, the Family Support Center, unless otherwise noted. Register by calling 494-5675.

### Officers needed

Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base has vacant positions to fill in this summer including: chief of the extension course program at the AF Institute of Advanced Learning; chief of Technology Implementation and Testing, Air War College; deputy associate dean for Residents and Electives; professor, AWC; curriculum area manager; and flight commander, Squadron Officers' School.

For complete job descriptions and requirements for these and other positions, visit [http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/special\\_utilization/](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/special_utilization/). If interested, contact a career field functional at Air Force Personnel Center for application instructions.

### 41st Space Congress set

The 41st Annual Space Congress is April 27-30 at the Radisson Resort at the Port in Cape Canaveral. This year's theme is "Determination: Meeting Today's Challenges, Enabling Tomorrow's Vision. The international conference brings together scientific, commercial, military and educational communities to discuss current and future activities affecting space initiatives. For ticket information, visit <http://www.spacecongress.org> or call 452-3068.

# The sky's not the limit

By Ken Warren

45th SW Public Affairs

Jihan Dinally started believing she could fly early last year. Her dad, Khaleel, a 45th Space Wing range safety manager, encouraged her. Now, after more than a year of research, development and construction she and her team of fellow seniors and student engineers at the Florida Institute of Technology are almost ready to take to the sky.

Come April 16 at FIT's annual Seniors on Showcase, Jihan's six-member team will present and hopefully fly a model aircraft they designed and built called "VERTIGO" (Versatile Exploratory Robotic Tilt Rotor for Information Gathering Operations).

Khaleel, who also has a background as an Air Force aircraft maintenance officer, serves as the unofficial advisor to Jihan and her team. In addition, Dave Davidson, a contractor with the 45th Civil Engineer Squadron, helped the team with sheet metal applications. All are anxiously looking forward to seeing VERTIGO soar.

The lightweight model aircraft will be about six feet long, with a wingspan of nearly seven feet. It is designed to take off and land vertically and fly horizontally. Its rotors rotate a full 90 degrees.

When the rotors are at their top positions VERTIGO will act as a helicopter. At an appropriate altitude, the rotors will rotate downward allowing the aircraft to fly horizontally.

"We modeled it after the V-22 Osprey," said Jihan.

"We chose this design because it's a challenge," said Mike Giordano, one of Jihan's teammates.

"Yeah, the Osprey is the most awesome aircraft ever built," added Luke Alexander, another teammate.

Each person on this team of future engineers is primarily responsible for various aspects of designing and building the model aircraft: the tail is Luke's; the fuselage is Mike's; Thaddeus Misilo and David Kickham are the electronics wizards; Joe Dietz is the nacelle specialist; and the wing's are Jihan's.

Jihan says her father inspired her interest in math, science and engineering. "If he didn't have the job he has, I'd probably never have want-



Photo by Ken Warren

Jihan Dinally and her dad Khaleel look at one of the wings of the experimental aircraft she helped design. The aircraft, dubbed VERTIGO, will be showcased at the Florida Institute of Technology April 16. Jihan and her fellow designers developed the aircraft with inspiration from the V-22 Osprey.

ed to do anything involving space or aircraft," she said.

Khaleel says he knew she would probably be an engineer early on. "When Jihan was in elementary school she used to say she wanted to design a new space shuttle," he said.

In fact, Jihan says she would like to work at NASA after she graduates. "My life is surrounded by space. It would be so exciting and worthwhile if I could put my mind to use on developing space systems."

For now, Jihan and her teammates are pouring most of their time, energy and money into VERTIGO. "This is a big part of our grades and a huge part of our lives. We work on it all day, every day," she said.

Her team estimates the cost of the model aircraft will be around \$5,000. "That's mostly for electronics," said Thaddeus. VERTIGO will be remote controlled and equipped with a video camera, a wireless video transmitter and radio serial modems for communications.

"It's going to be like an electric-powered, mini-spy plane," David added.

This project keeps them both exhausted and energized. To a person, each member of the team retains and displays eager excitement. "This allowed us to put all of our engineering that we learned into something tangible," said Jihan. "It also taught us a lot about working with people and the value of team work. This is preparing us for the real world.

The real world needs visionary young people who are ready to fly like Jihan Dinally. For her, the sky is not the limit.

# AF Reservists start new fitness testing

**By 2nd Lt. Lance Patterson**

*Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs*

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. (AFPN) — Air Force Reservists across the country are under the new Air Force fitness-testing standards as of April 1.

Previously, fitness was measured by height-based weight restrictions, and reservists were tested on aerobic health through a three-mile walk. The new standards include a waist measurement, push-ups, crunches and a 1.5-mile run.

"Our emphasis is on the overall health and wellness of our members' lifestyles," said 2nd Lt. Eric Doggett, unit fitness program manager for the Air Force Reserve Command headquarters here. "Being physically fit paves the way for more rewards than a passing score; it promotes a more productive and energetic way of life."

About 75,800 Reservists train on full- and part-time duty. Since Sept. 11, 2001, about one in four has been activated and about 6,000 are currently mobilized.

"Air Force Reservists play an integral role in our national defense and are vital to the effectiveness of our military in combat," said Maj. Richard Watson, commander of the 951st Reserve Support Squadron here. "Having our people physically fit not only helps that (they) stay healthy, but it also ensures the Air Force Reserve Command

mission is a success."

In February, key members of the command staff were tested under the new standards.

"In a climate with a high-operations tempo, we just need to be better fit," Maj. Watson said.

All Airmen are expected to meet the new physical-fitness program standards. People who score above 90 are considered in excellent health. A total score of 75 to 89.99 is good; 70 to 74.99 is marginal; and less than 70 is poor.

The scoring is broken down by age and gender. Beginning with "under age 25," the charts go up every five years for both men and women. As an Airman's age progresses, the number of push-ups and crunches required for a 100-point score goes down and more time is allowed for the run. However, the waist-measurement standard remains constant, no matter what the Airman's age.

"Abdominal circumference is the only chart that doesn't allow for age," Lt. Doggett said. "For men, a top score of 30 points means a measurement of less than 32.5 inches, whether you're 18 years old or 55. For women, it's 29.5 inches." Visit <https://www.mil.afrc.af.mil/hq/sg/FitnessProgram/PhysicalFitness.htm>



Photo by Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery

## In the paint

Patrick Air Force Base Varsity Basketball player William Lloyd drives past opposing defenders to lay the ball up during a Satellite Beach League playoff game April 1.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Hooping it up

The Patrick AFB varsity basketball plays in the championship game of the Satellite Beach Parks and Recreation League Thursday.

### Women's softball league

The 2004 women's softball league is open to all active-duty military personnel and their family members 18 years and older, DoD/NAF civilians and their family members 18 years and older and contractor personnel employed at Patrick AFB.

Cape Canaveral Air Force Station and Kennedy Space Center contractor personnel are not authorized. Start dates and times for games will be determined at a later date after teams have been formed. For more information, call Ralph Robinson at 494-3187.

### Monthly WarFit event

The annual Pedal, Paddle, Pant competition will be held April 30. The event is scheduled in conjunction with the Guardian Challenge picnic. There are four players per team. Register by April 29. For more information contact the Fitness Center at 494-4947.

### Get a unique workout

The Patrick AFB Fitness Center offers a wide range of aerobics and body conditioning classes. Classes run Monday - Saturday and include cycling, abdominal classes, kick boxing and step classes.



**Friday** *Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen* New York City teenager Lola rules her school. She's the most popular kid around and assumes that will always be the case. But when her family moves to the suburbs, she finds that at her new school, Carla is the "drama queen" in residence. Stars Lindsay Lohan and Adam Garcia. Rated PG for mild thematic elements and language. 90 min.

**Saturday** *Twisted* Police detective, Jessica Shepard, tracks a serial killer who murders the men she dates. When Jessica begins blacking out before each murder takes place, her partner, Mike Delmarco, and the police commissioner target her as the prime suspect. Starring Ashley Judd and Samuel L. Jackson. Rated R for violence, language and sexuality. 99 min.

**Sunday** *Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen* See Friday's synopsis.

**Thursday** *Eurotrip* Scott thinks his German pen pal is a guy. But when he discovers that Mieke is actually a hot babe, Scott and his buddy Cooper buy plane tickets and head across the Atlantic to visit. Stars Scott Mechlowicz and Michelle Trachtenberg. Rated R for sexuality, nudity, language and drug/alcohol content. 92 min.

Movie times are 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Tickets for adults are \$2.50, children under 12 pay \$1.50.

## RIVERSIDE DINING

Saturday Brunch - Creole shrimp, doubly good chicken, **savory baked chicken**, Swedish meatballs

Saturday Supper - Baked fish, **barbecue chicken**, **doubly good chicken**, **Hungarian goulash**

Sunday Brunch - **Cantonese spareribs**, **roast turkey**, **oven-fried fish**

Sunday Supper - **Steak loin strip**, **stir fry beef with broccoli**, **turkey nuggets**

Monday Lunch - Baked stuffed fish, **pot roast**, roast loin of pork

Monday Dinner - **Cannelloni beef**, chili mac, **Southern fried chicken**

Tuesday Lunch - **Salmon cakes**, teriyaki chicken, **veal parmesan**

Tuesday Dinner - Country captain chicken, **meatloaf**, **turkey ala king**

Wednesday Lunch - **Pork schnitzel**, **sauerbraten**, **reuben sandwich**, **bratwurst**

Wednesday Dinner - **Barbecue spareribs**, lemon-herb chicken, **stuffed pork chops**

Thursday Lunch - Glazed

pork chops, herbed baked chicken, Mongolian barbecue

Thursday Dinner - **Glazed Cornish hen**, **Jaegerschnitzel with mushroom sauce**, roast loin of pork

Friday Lunch - **Mexican baked chicken**, **stuffed green peppers**, **Swiss steak with tomato sauce**

Friday Dinner - Lasagna, **spaghetti with meat sauce**, **Italian sausage**

Menus are subject to change. For more information, call dial-a-menu 494-2845. Items bolded are healthy choice meals.

## The Calendar

### Saturday

▲ Bunny Bowling, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., at Rocket Lanes Bowling Center. The three children with the highest scores win gift baskets. Call 494-2958.

### Sunday

▲ Easter buffet at the Officers' Club. Two seatings available: 12 p.m. and 3 p.m. Buffet includes marinated leg of lamb, steamship round of beef, roasted turkey, "catch-of-the-day" and more. Cost is \$17.95 for adults, \$9.95 for children ages 5-12; children under 5 eat free. Members who show their club card receive \$2 off. For reservations, call 494-4012.

### Tuesday

▲ Framing class, 6-9 p.m., at the Skills Development Center. Cost is \$25 plus materials. Sign up a minimum of 10 days before class. Call 494-4270 for reservations.

### Thursday

▲ Air Force Clubs Scholarship Drive begins at the NCO and Officers' Club. Six scholarships worth \$25,000 awarded Air Force wide. Local scholarships worth \$500 and \$300, are also available. Call 494-4012 or 494-7491.

▲ Free introduction to fishing class, 5 p.m. at Outdoor Recreation. Advanced registration required. Call 494-2042.

### April 17

▲ Parent child fishing tournament, 7-11 a.m., at Outdoor Recreation. To register, call 494-2042.

### April 19

▲ Medical Support Squadron appreciation day at Rocket Lanes Bowling Center. Members of the unit pay 50 cents to bowl and 50 cents for shoe rentals. Call 494-2958.

▲ Framing class, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., at the Skills Development Center. Cost is \$25 plus materials. Sign up a minimum of 10 days before class. For reservations, call 494-4270.

▲ Two-week scuba diving classes begin at Outdoor Recreation. Cost is \$235. Call 494-2042.

### April 21

▲ Secretary Appreciation Day, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., at Rocket Lanes Bowling Center. Secretaries accompanied by their bosses bowl free. Call 494-2958.



Photo by Maria Holbert

Family childcare provider Cheryl Woodland assists 23-month-old Lance Andree, left, and Zeeah Smith, 19 months old, as they play with a water table. Ms. Woodland is one of several on-base providers who participates in the FCC subsidy program, which brings down childcare costs by charging the same rates as those offered by the Child Development Center.

## Taking the stress out of childcare

By Maria Holbert  
45th Services Squadron

One of the biggest challenges upon relocating to a new base or expanding a family is finding quality childcare at an affordable price.

For military families, that problem is falling by the wayside, as the Air Force Family Child Care subsidy program is implemented.

The subsidy, designed to provide full-time childcare in private, on-base homes, brings down childcare costs by charging the same rates as those offered by Child Development Centers. Tina Washington, Patrick's Family ChildCare coordinator, said the change alleviates some of the stress new or incoming families might otherwise experience.

"Many times families face long waiting lists at child development centers and are forced to go off base and pay higher rates," she said. "Under the new FCC subsidy program, childcare fees are placed in six categories, based on a family's annual income. Prices should drop by \$80 to \$150 a week."

New pricing, combined with professional service, is a win-win for parents and providers, Washington said.

"Parents can have peace of mind that their child is being cared for by an Air Force licensed or affiliated provider," she continued. "Current, as well as potential caregivers must endure a whirlwind of requirements, including fire, safety, professional development and home inspections."

Kellie Richmond, a Patrick Family Child Care provider, said the program is an excellent way to supplement the rising costs of childcare for parents, as well as caregivers.

"I think it's a wonderful program," Mrs. Richmond said. "It helps out parents by lowering their costs. For providers, it helps us become more competitive with the CDC."

Mrs. Richmond said that the supplemented rates allow her to enrich her program through increased field trips and activities.

"I use the extra money to make my program better...more field trips and a better variety of educational activities," she said. "I'm able to do things with my program that I wasn't able to do before, like buying a season pass to the zoo for all of the kids."

Tech. Sgt. John Fuller, of the 920th Rescue Wing, has a 2-year-old son in the subsidy program. "I can't find an equivalent off base provider for the same price, nor the convenience of the location," he said. "The waiting list for the CDC was pretty long, but (through the FCC program) I was able to have my son in a monitored environment on base for the same price."

He added that most childcare facilities do not offer the flexibility that the Family Child Care program provides.

Presently, families who qualify for the subsidy program must: have children under the age of 3; have a child with special needs; or require swing and midnight shift care.

Mrs. Washington expects the classifications will broaden, however, as more funds become available through the Air Force.

Currently, there are nine FCC providers at Patrick with four additional providers waiting to in-process. Many have space for more children, Mrs. Washington said. For more information, call 494-8381.





**Regular Mass and Services**

**Catholic**

Daily Mass (Tues. - Fri.) at 11:30 a.m. in the Library while Seaside Chapel is being renovated.

Saturday: 4 p.m. confession, 5 p.m. Mass in the South Patrick Chapel.

Sunday: 8:45 a.m. Mass in South Patrick Chapel, and 11:30 a.m. Mass in the Theater.

Religious education classes: 10:15 a.m. at the Education Center for pre-K - 6th grade, grades 7-12 Youth Ministry at 6 p.m. at South Patrick Chapel.

**Protestant**

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Traditional Worship in the theater while Seaside Chapel is renovated.

9:50 a.m. - Adult Sunday School in Seaside Chapel. 10 a.m. - Grades K-12 at South Patrick Chapel. Van transportation provided for base children.

11 a.m. - Contemporary Service in the South Patrick Chapel.

**Easter Schedule  
Catholic**

**Good Friday**

7 p.m. Service of the Lord's Passion at South Patrick Chapel

**Holy Saturday**

8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil at South Patrick Chapel

**Easter**

8:45 a.m. at South Patrick Chapel

11:30 a.m. at Base Theater

**Protestant**

**Easter**

6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service at Officers' Club

8:30 a.m. at Base Theater

11 am. at South Patrick Chapel

**Ecumenical Service**

**Good Friday**

Noon at Base Theatre and the Cape Chapel (E&L Building)

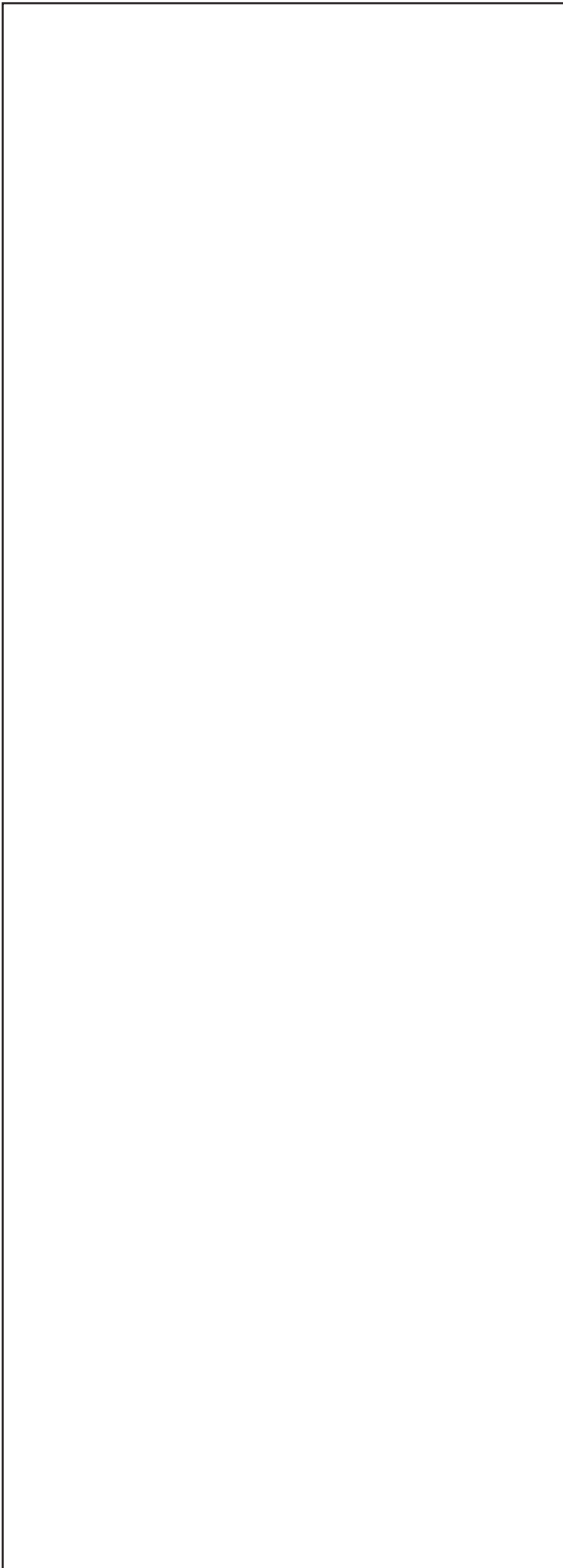
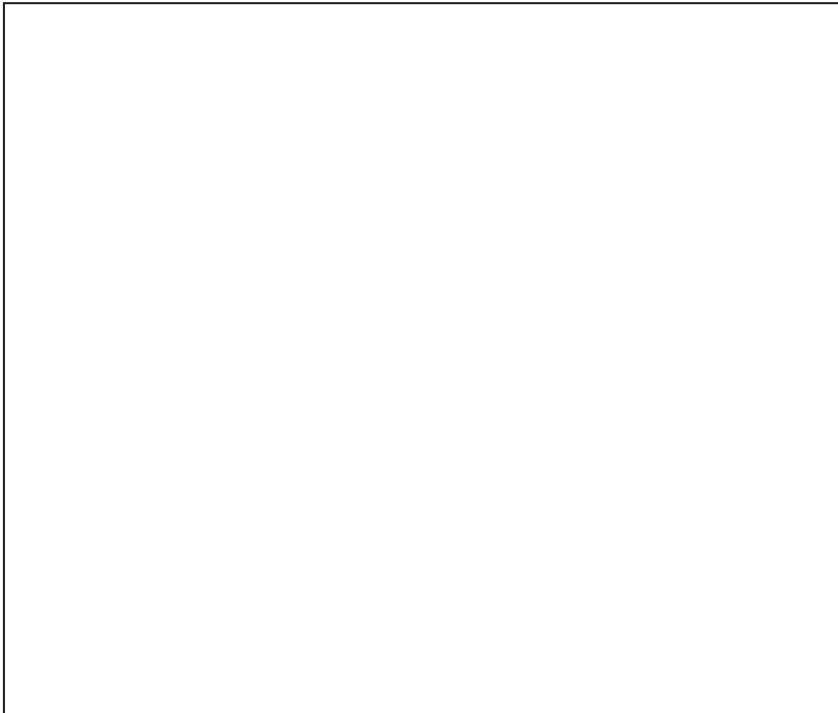
**Easter**

6:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at Officers' Club patio

**Jewish Services**

**Passover**

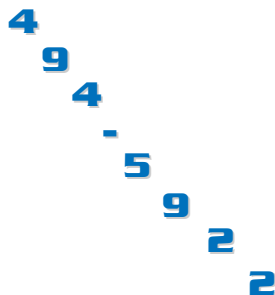
Holy Days began April 5 at sundown and end April 13 at sunrise. For more information on Jewish practices and high holy days, call Mr. Barry Chefer at 494-6063.



# ACTION LINE



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**Q.** I am a retired Army colonel and my wife and I are wrapping up a three-month winter visit to the Space Coast. I just wanted to let you know how impressed I was with the men and women of your installation. My first impression was coming through the South Gate where the security personnel had an outstanding military appearance and exhibited exceptional military courtesy to this old soldier. What a fine example and standard those airmen set for all who enter Patrick AFB! I believe it is the finest I have seen on any of the DoD installations I have entered in the past few years.

We used the commissary, exchange, pharmacy, library, Officers' Club and golf course frequently throughout our stay and we were always treated with consideration and courtesy. The library and the golf course personnel were especially helpful, no matter our needs. I thank you for all of the outstanding and courteous performances by your personnel that I observed during our visit.

**A.** Thanks so much for taking the time to recognize the sharp appearance of our Security Forces and the stellar service you received at the base. The

START banners at the front gate are a pledge of our performance commitment, and as that 'A' reminds us, we're 'all accountable' to make a first and lasting impression. We know we only get one chance to make a first impression so we're glad we got it right. Fortunately, we have an excellent team of active-duty, Reserve, civilian, volunteer and contractor personnel who take that responsibility seriously.

Thanks again for the recognition and thank you for your service ... it is our pleasure to serve those who have served before us, who helped make the Armed Services the outstanding force it is today.





**Events**

**Friday, 6:30-9 p.m.**, City of Palm Bay Parks & Recreation will hold a youth dance for children ages 6 to 12. Event will feature music by Timmy V from WA1A 107.1 FM. The dance will be supervised by recreation staff and Palm Bay Police Dept. Children cannot leave the building without a parent/guardian. For more information, call 952-3443.

**Saturday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**, Titusville Art League's Sunshine Saturday. For \$3 elementary-age youngsters can make bunnies, hats, bracelets, alligators, angels and more. Those who wish to paint T-shirts can bring a new one from home or purchase one at the event for \$5. Children who attend will be assisted in art projects by the league's award-winning artists. Attendees can

enjoy the hot dogs, drinks and brownies that will be available for purchase at lunch time. For more information, call 268-2147.

**Friday - Sunday**, Big Squeeze Festival at Brevard Community College Campus of Palm Bay. Festival opens Friday at 4 p.m. and will feature a fireworks display. Entertainment will be provided by live bands. There will be a midway with rides and food. Other highlights both Saturday and Sunday include the chamber's Business Fair and Expo, an arts and crafts show, a juried car show from 1-4 p.m. Saturday and an open car show on Sunday, both sponsored by Classic Reflections Car Club, cooking demonstrations by professional chefs, a farmers market and free information about Florida agricultural projects. For more information or to register for events, call the Greater

Palm Bay Chamber of Commerce at 951-9998.

First Saturday of the month, 7-9 p.m., Family Night of Karaoke at the Palm Bay Community Center. Cost is \$1 per child and \$2 per adult. For more information call 952-3443.

**Classes**

Mondays, African Dance and Drum Class at Palm Bay Community Center. Learn traditional West African dance and movement. Class times are 6 p.m. for children and 7:15 p.m. for adults. Prices are \$32 for children for a four-week session and \$38 for adults. Walk-ins are welcome for \$10 per class. For more information, contact Fatou Camara at 960-6200 or the community center at 952-3443.









