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Photo by Airman 1st Class Mike Meares

Top notch honors

Patrick Air Force Base Honor Guard members demonstrate the funeral portion of the Air Force Space Command Honor Guard Competition March 24 at Peterson AFB, Colo. The 45th Space Wing Shark Attack 10-member team won first

place in the three-day competition for the second time. They will be the official honor guard for the upcoming Guardian Challenge competition in May at Vandenberg AFB, Calif. See story on Pages 10-11.

New main gate design relieves traffic, stress

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

If it's true that first impressions last, the base now has a brand new way to win the hearts of those who gain access to the base every day.

"The main gate project is 99 percent done," said 2nd Lt. Glenn Cameron, project officer for the construction. "All of the changes that affect drivers have been completed, and the entrance is once again a smooth-flowing 'welcome mat' for those gaining access to the base."

Traffic has reduced significantly since the new guard shack has been in place. With the past set-up of the gate,

cars awaiting entrance to the base would be backed up onto State Road A1A because the entrance could only accommodate approximately three cars. The main gate now allows for up to 20 cars to safely wait authorization for base access.

"Before we felt rushed when traffic would build up onto the highway," said Sgt. Manuel Barnes, a 45th Security Forces entry controller. "We're still doing the same job to the same high standards, it just relieves some extra stress for us. It feels much better."

Sgt. Barnes said once people come in and out of the gate a few times, they will feel more comfortable with the new

set-up. "It feels like we have more room to do our work and less chance of a dangerous situation building from a crowded gate."

"We can definitely tell a difference," said Senior Airman Shane Duzan a 45th SFS entry controller, "We were more vulnerable being so close to the road. Now we have enough space to carefully check all the cars without the traffic building up."

Airman Duzan said he also feels better about talking to those coming into the gate. "Now people are coming in telling us how much they like the new set-up, instead of asking us how long it will take to see a change."



By Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich
45th SW commander

Go Honor Guard! I've known all along that we have the best Honor Guard in Air Force Space Command, but now it is official. Our team successfully defended their title in the second command competition. Read about their success and see the photos of their sharp presentation on Pages 10-11. Of course, it was a total team effort not just of the 10 team members that performed, but the rest of the honor guard members serving proudly throughout the year, as well. We also have to laud all the supervisors who gave them the green light to serve, and our great community who has been so generous with donations for them. Thanks to all who played a role in supporting this hardworking team - a team that not only represented the wing well at competition, but who serve as great ambassadors for us every day.

Their win means they'll serve as the Honor Guard for Guardian Challenge, the command's premier space and missile competition, and will travel proudly alongside our own wing GC warriors. The competition is just one month away

and I can tell you our spacelift operations and maintenance folks have been training hard. In between all of these real-world launches, they've been pulling duty in the trainer running through all kinds of scenarios to sharpen their skills. Our security forces team is at the plate next as we head into their training window this month. I know they will all represent us well in our quest to bring the Schriever Trophy to the Space Coast.

And these aren't the only folks who have been under scrutiny. As you know we've had a variety of assessment teams visit the past couple of weeks. And while it is tough to have the headquarters come down with a critical eye, the truth of the matter is, it is important. These visits make our programs and our wing stronger. And sometimes - a lot of times - they find something good.

Take the Information Assurance and Assessment Program Inspection that wrapped up last week. They poured over our records, interviewed our program managers, and tested our knowledge and response capabilities for 10 days. When they out briefed me last Friday, a total of 19 individuals were recognized for outstanding achievement in a variety of the probed areas.

One of those individuals was Staff Sgt. Trevor Vander, lead communications security accountant in the 45th Space Communications Squadron. The team was impressed with his expertise in managing 27 wing and mission partner subaccounts with more than 1,500 cryptographic items. Sgt. Vander makes sure units holding COMSEC material use, protect and

account for their material. His was one of the more extensive areas reviewed, but his performance was indicative of the 18 other awardees and of the great work 45th SCS does everyday.

We also underwent the examination of the Inspector General last week with a four-day exercise of our mobility processes. This was our first test of our AEF 1/2 taskings. As with all firsts we had some lessons learned ... the IG will be providing a report on how things went, where we can improve and we'll put those recommendations to task and keep practicing as we hone our expeditionary operations in support of our AEF mission.

This week we hosted the Sexual Assault Assessment Team. We look forward to the information they'll provide from their command-wide survey of AFSPC bases. Our goal is to ensure we have the best resources and programs in place to address any potential problems. That's what leadership is all about.

And speaking of leadership, we sometimes forget just what it is we're here for. So I want to close by sharing with you some of the remarks given by Chief Master Sgt. Vic Jones to the graduating Airman Leadership School class. I think it is a great reminder of the fundamentals of leadership. We all need to remember that leadership is the responsibility of all of us as we serve this great nation of ours. God Bless!

Chief Vic Jones' remarks to Airman Leadership School Class 04-3

Class Motto: Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.

How appropriate ... our newest leaders relate leadership with learning. But which comes first - the leadership or the learning?

In surfing - I mean looking for support material - I noticed something peculiar. Did you know if you look for leadership and learning in the same search query, you find one without the other. Not a single source I looked up eluded to helping to start the leader process.

What I did find was the following statement (paraphrased): While leadership at the highest levels is important for America, we also need leaders right here at home. You do not need to be a president, a mayor, a general, a teacher, a coach, or even a chief to be a leader. You just need a vision, attainable goals, and the means to persuade others to support them.

Leadership takes many forms and comes from many sources. I found numerous articles supporting political, economic and military leadership as well as untold numbers of literature about spiritual and moral leadership.

But how do you learn it? Leadership, more often than not, comes from within. If you want to be successful in any endeavor, leadership has to come from each of us at every level. In saying

this, many believe strong leaders are born. I disagree. I believe being a strong leader is a learned behavior, and that it is within the grasp of the many, not just a few.

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When you began ALS, the faculty helped you to begin by synchronizing actions ... They combined you into a team, provided resources, shared their knowledge and pointed you toward a common goal: graduation.

They trusted past performance. They informed you of the end objective and empowered you to work together to achieve it. My favorite part is "Empowerment is NOT the monkeys running the zoo." And no, you are not monkeys ... monkeys do not work as a team.

Then, they tested you. What good is a program if we don't validate it? And through your tests, inspections and interaction you all have been held accountable.

Tonight-through presentation of your diplomas and higher-level awards for those who exceeded the standards - we recognize achievement.

Now Class 04-3 ... the only thing left is for each and every one of you to go out and tenaciously execute your duties and demonstrate a higher level of leadership. Get it?

Class 04-3 ... your motto is a sound one. I challenge each of you to put the "learn" in your foremost thoughts as you return to your work centers. Leaders select those persons whom they feel are motivated toward a common goal. To become a strong leader, means you sometimes have to be a strong follower. Not as easy a trait as you think with all the doubting Thomas' - those who will tell you to flush these past five weeks of leadership training and get back to reality. They are not leaders! Tell them so ... or at least tell me!

Leaders contribute their time and effort toward accomplishment of the unit goals. Leaders take personal responsibility for decisions affecting the outcome. Leaders ... share the rewards.

Leadership does not only apply to grand efforts. It is often the small efforts that require the greater level of leadership. The next time someone asks for a volunteer to work a squadron "burger burn" or to run the "holiday party" committee, what kind of leader will you be?

In closing, leadership sounds easy, but I will tell you it is not easily accomplished. Leadership is not asserted by rank or position. It cannot be demanded, but must be demonstrated. As you continue your careers ... practice patience, learn from others, and remember ... leadership is learned ... not divine intervention. It takes time.



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Rip current danger along Space Coast

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Rip currents pose one of the single most dangerous ocean swimming hazards and a person's response to being caught in one can have an effect on whether they live or die.

Last weekend, two people in Brevard County were rescued from the deadly pull of water rushing out to sea and people along the Space Coast are being told to learn more about what to do.

Taking a trip to the beach should be fun for the entire family, but when possible swimming dangers can be deadly; it's up to everyone to come to the beach with a plan.

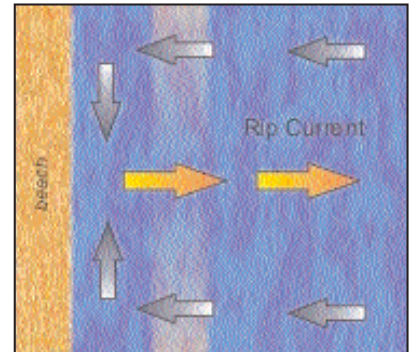
"Swim with a friend," said Tech. Sgt. Kevin Smith, 45th SW ground safety specialist. "Remember to tell people where you are going."

According to the National Weather Service, rip currents form when water moves over a sand bar and then breaks in the shallow water close to the shoreline. The water then needs an outlet to disperse itself and pushes back out to sea beyond the sand bar, "ripping" the sandbar in low areas.

With the fast moving water, even a good swimmer can be pulled out to sea already tired with no place to rest.

As helpful tips to safe swimming, Sgt. Smith said that swimmers shouldn't consume alcohol and that those who are not accomplished swimmers should wear a lifejacket because it could save a life if caught in a rip current.

"There's also no lifeguards along Patrick's beaches," said Sgt. Smith. "People need to keep a lookout (on their



Courtesy of the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration

Rip currents pull swimmers away from the beach. It's important for people to remain calm and swim parallel to the current to escape its deadly pull.

friends and family)."

Locating a rip current is easy if someone knows what to look for. Looking for murky water where sand and other debris is mixed into the waves can be the location where a sandbar has opened.

Also, waves are usually lower and less defined that the waves around them, pointing to more pull on the waves as the water is being flushed farther out to sea.

Surviving a rip current is a simple process where the swimmer needs to maintain their composure. Rip currents pull their victim away from shore, not under the water. Swimmers should avoid current areas, but if caught in the current, they need to swim out of the current by swimming diagonally along the shore or float away from it until it weakens.



Photo by 1st Lt. Warren Comer

Here's one for you

Capt. Paul Fischer, 45th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron, talks to military retirees on March 27 during Patrick Air Force Base's Retiree Day. Military retirees and their families came to the event to learn about numerous benefits that are available to them as well as talk to off base organizations that cater to military retirees. The event draws approximately 5,000 people each year.

Commander Q&A : Lt. Col. Earl E. Dorris, Jr. 45th Space Wing Director of Reserve Affairs



Q: What is the mission of the reserve affairs office?

A: To support active-duty by managing the wing commander's man-day program in accordance with Air Force instructions. My goal is to make the process as smooth and simple as possible by ensuring the necessary paperwork is completed accurately and timely to accomplish and to support the request.

Q: What makes this base unique for reservists?

A: The mission here is unique, but our role to provide the right people (trained and qualified) at the right time (when they are requested) remains the same. Together we accomplish the wing mission to "Provide

combat capabilities through Eastern Range, launch and expeditionary operations.

Q: How would you describe the relationship between reservists and active duty?

A: Outstanding. And the reserve program at the wing here is the "best" in the command. The support from the active duty functional managers and the program manager at command, the wing and the commander, truly make this a "Total Force." Even better, I prefer "One Force" and that would be the "Air Force" either active duty or reserve.

GeoBase aids disaster control

Mapping software provides better situational awareness

By Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery
45 SW Public Affairs

The 45th Space Wing is implementing the new GeoBase digital mapping system in an effort to streamline base operations and protect wing members in the event of a major incident.

"Air Force base operations continually rely on base maps to manage installation infrastructures," said Michael Gilley, 45th Civil Engineer Squadron geo integration officer.

According to Mr. Gilley, GeoBase provides installations the capability to make long-term, shared use of geospatial information or digital maps for base missions.

GeoBase provides one digital base reference map known as the Common Installation Picture where functional assets can be visualized to give a situational view.

The CIP shows key physical and built-up infrastructure information including buildings, roads and runways.

As well as providing a network-based map of Patrick Air Force Base, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station and downrange bases, a primary

use of GeoBase is for crisis response.

"After the events of Sept. 11, situational awareness is more important than ever," said Mr. Gilley.

Authorized users can access GeoBase maps over desktops via the base network to access the following applications:

- ✦ A cordon application to establish stand off perimeters from incident locations and site entry control points to route traffic from the area.

- ✦ The Global Positioning Satellite enabled Automatic Vehicle Location application installed on emergency vehicles and the wing mobile command post.

- ✦ Space Use application that allows CE Real Property Office the ability to edit and print building floor plans.

- ✦ Defensor Fortis Air Base Defense Planner for Security Forces allowing them to assign staff personnel, layout fire teams, build defense plans and evaluate options based on those plans.

"This cutting edge technology gives the Command Post the ability to better support the wing commander and group commanders on a moments notice by providing critical, detailed analysis of an on-going crisis," said Capt. Todd Reynolds, 45th Command Post operations officer.

"The GeoBase map will help CE Readiness

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45TH CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON

with displaying cordons, entry control points and traffic control points surrounding major accidents or attacks," said 1st Lt. Tasha Liscombe, 45th CES operations flight chief. "We will display these items to the disaster control group and on-scene commander for command and control purposes.

In addition, we have the ability to show Joint Warning and Reporting Network nuclear, biological and chemical attack plumes on the GeoBase map as a backup to the models provided by the Range Safety Office."

The ability to allocate resources to the scene as quickly as possible can reduce the impact on the base, said Senior Master Sgt. Michael Lefebvre, Patrick Fire Department deputy chief.

April History Highlights



45th Space Wing historical files

On April 6, 1959, the 556th Strategic Missile Squadron launched the first production model "Snark" at Cape Canaveral.

This is the 50th-year anniversary of the Air Force's role in space and missiles. The first issue of each month highlights 45th Space Wing milestones.

April 10, 1957 Construction started on the Eastern Range station on the island of Antigua.

April 6, 1959 The 556th Strategic Missile Squadron launched the first production model "Snark" at Cape Canaveral.

April 14, 1994 The 5th Space Launch Squadron was activated. Though the squadron was deactivated on June 29, 1998, it was reactivated on Dec. 1, 2003, to provide oversight for

Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicles at Cape Canaveral AFS.

April 30, 1999 Boeing signed lease and licensing agreements to use Complex 37 and other related facilities at the Cape for the Delta IV program.

April 8, 2003 A Titan IVB/Centaur carrying the MILSTAR-6 military communications spacecraft was launched from Complex 40.

The launch was successful and the five-ton satellite was injected into the proper orbit. The MILSTAR-6 became the fifth spacecraft in the MILSTAR constellation, completing the MILSTAR Block I/Block II satellite network.



AF officials testify on importance of space

By Senior Master Sgt. Rick Burnham
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials joined those from the U.S. Navy in congressional testimony March 25, speaking before a Senate Armed Services Committee's subcommittee on strategic forces, about future plans for using space.

Peter B. Teets, undersecretary of the Air Force and director of the National Reconnaissance Office, joined Gen. Lance Lord, commander of Air Force Space Command, to speak about recent successes in the acquisition of space-based platforms.

They also discussed established priorities for the years ahead. Joining them on the panel was Adm. James O. Ellis, commander of U.S. Strategic Command; and retired Vice Adm. Arthur K. Cebrowski, director of the office of transformation for the office of the secretary of defense.

Senators present for the hearing included Chairman Wayne Allard of Colorado, Bill Nelson of Florida, and Ben Nelson of Nebraska.

Secretary Teets told the subcommittee that space capabilities have grown in recent years, particularly because of cooperation between each of the armed services.

"I see substantial improvement in the capabilities in every mission area we have as we recapitalize our space assets for the years ahead," said Mr. Teets, whose responsibilities

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Gen. Lance Lord

COMMANDER, AIR FORCE SPACE COMMAND

as director of the NRO include the acquisition and operation of all U.S. space-based reconnaissance and intelligence systems.

As the Department of Defense's executive agent for space, the undersecretary said he had set five priorities for national security space efforts in 2004. They include achieving mission success in operations and acquisitions; developing and maintaining a team of space professionals; integrating space capabilities for national intelligence and warfighting; producing innovative solutions for the most challenging national security problems; and ensuring freedom of action in space.

"These priorities have shaped the fiscal 2005 budget for DOD space programs," Mr. Teets said. "Planned investments for new space sys-

tems will provide significant increases in performance, according to the full range of intelligence and military operations, to include the global war on terrorism."

The words prompted favorable comments from each of the senators present, particularly Senator Allard, who complimented the undersecretary for his efforts.

"Secretary Teets, I commend you for your reforms of the space acquisition process as you try to control risk and minimize problems," Senator Allard said. "Space is a very challenging environment in which to operate."

Gen. Lord thanked the senators for support of the Airmen of his command, and commented on the use of space operations in recent and ongoing U.S. military engagements.

"On behalf of the 39,000 hard-working men and women of AFSPC, I'd like to thank you for your continued support of our people and our programs," Gen. Lord said. "We conduct space and missile operations 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, and we could not do so effectively without your support."

"Space capabilities provide what we see as a greater real-time dimension," he said. "What we have seen in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom is that space capabilities are a helping hand to both joint and coalition forces. And we certainly demonstrated that in recent combat operations."

New 'PRO' streamlines civilian hiring process

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas - A new base-level central-approval authority for filling civilian positions is currently being tested at seven bases across the Air Force.

The Personnel Resource Official, or PRO, will be the point of contact in an organization or at a base that lets a manager trying to fill a position know whether he or she has the funds and a position number, and ensures information is correct and forwarded with the fill action.

"The PRO cuts a significant number of layers once required for management to get permission to fill a simple vacancy," said Ron Orr, principal deputy assistant secretary of Air Force for installations, environment and logistics.

Managers will now have a centralized internal-focal point in the organization to work all issues concerning a civilian vacancy before requesting to fill it, said Lou Fletcher, test project manager. "An added benefit will be a better product being forwarded to civilian personnel, thus eliminating rework of a requisition."

"We anticipate that these tests will further improve the civilian-fill process by going from seven steps to two, and from 40 days to three-day approval for the manager to initiate a fill action, said Patti Ford, chief of process improvement and quality assurance division at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. *Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News Service*

NCO Club reduces membership rates

By Theresa Amlong
45th Services Squadron

As of Thursday, technical training graduates in the grades of airman basic through senior airman don't have to pay dues for their first year of club membership at the Patrick Air Force Base NCO Club.

Beginning their second year, they will enjoy a reduced rate membership of \$2 per month. Club members of those ranks will now be charged the reduced rates of \$2, a \$5 reduction.

The rate reduction is courtesy of the "You Be You" Air Force services program and is a joint undertaking between the Air Force Services Agency and headquarters Air Education and Training Command.

The program aims to provide a positive introduction to Services and Air Force clubs by establishing first contact with new Air Force members.

The dues structure is made up of two components for technical training students - one that applies to the first year of membership, and a compo-

nent that applies to their second year and continues until they become staff sergeants.

"Currently, there are 26 individuals at Patrick AFB who are members of the NCO Club whose dues will go from \$7 a month to \$2 effective April 1,1" said John Detmer, 45th Services Squadron Business Operations Flight chief. Additionally, there are roughly 400 individuals on Patrick AFB that can qualify for this new membership rate by becoming NCO Club members and thereby enjoy the benefits of this excellent facility thanks to the Air Force headquarters."

"We invite all airmen to join the club and reap the advantages of this reduced dues system," says Mr. Chuck Cihal, NCO Club manager. "In addition to the low-price dues, our members enjoy lunch and dinner discounts, special functions, a free meal on their birthday and a wide variety of entertainment programs."

For more information, call the Patrick AFB NCO Club at 494-7491.

Patrick Taco Bell manager wins national award

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Susan Thorson has been the manager at Taco Bell here for two years and she has already won her second national award.

The Golden Bell award, given out annually by Taco Bell executives, is an honor that recognizes the hard work and dedication a manager proves through various inspections and evaluations throughout the year.

This year, the base store was ranked number one out of all licensed Taco Bell stores nationwide.

In the 2002 rankings, the Patrick store received a sixth place spot on the national lists, but Ms. Thorson knew that she and her crew could do more.

"It was good to be recognized, but we knew that we could take the top spot in the future," she said.

To win the top award, a manager must make sure that the store and staff represent the proper Taco Bell image, and he or she must ensure the staff will pass certain planned and surprise inspections.

The grading is based on a two-step evaluation process. The first step consists of two cleanliness, sanitation and food safety inspections. Only two stores in Florida received 100 percent on a hygiene inspection for 2003, and one was the Patrick restaurant.

"My staff here is outstanding," she said. "This award was something given to me, but it is a true reflection on how hard they work even when I'm not around."

While Ms. Thorson was taking advantage of the round-trip vacation to Hawaii that Taco



Photo by Jim Laviska

Susan Thorson, manager at Patrick Air Force Base Exchange Taco Bell, prepares a customers meal March 30. Thorson received the Golden Bell award recognizing the hard work and dedication during the past year. The base store ranked number one out of all licensed Taco Bell stores nationwide.

Bell provided as part of her reward, the staff on base was inspected by a "mystery shopper," the second step of evaluation by the executive staff in determining yearly winners.

"I wasn't even here and my hard workers received a 100 percent on the mystery evaluation," said Ms. Thorson. "They really should

be recognized for the work they do."

Ms. Thorson juggles a busy managerial schedule with her family life. "When it comes to my family and taking care of my husband and children, that definitely comes first," she said. "But I enjoy this challenge, and I like to see people benefit from our hard work."

Spring forward

People are reminded to turn their clocks ahead one hour Saturday night for Daylight Savings Time.

Take a stand

Since New Years Eve, Patrick Air Force Base's Airman Against Drunk Driving program has received more than 10 calls for a free ride home, some of them including passengers. Put into perspective that's 20 potential drunk drivers that got home safely.

AADD is made up primarily of volunteers from the Space Coast Junior Enlisted Advisory Council. Anyone between the ranks of E-1 through E-5 are encouraged to volunteer as either a driver or a dispatcher. For more information or to sign up, contact Airmen 1st Class Tracie Maxwell or Kelly Kinney at 494-8991.

Get free tax assistance

Free Federal income tax assistance is still available to those eligible at the base legal office through April 9. This service is by appointment only.

It's available to active-duty personnel, retired military, reservists and guardsmen on Title 10 status and their family members.

Make an appointment by calling 494-4914.

Communicate better

The next Toastmasters meeting is April 7, 12:30 p.m. at the Base Library. Toastmasters helps people improve communication skills by alleviating the fear of public speaking. Call Senior Master Sgt. Debra Levy at 494-1623 to sign up.

Bible study meets

The Officer Christian Fellowship meets every Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Seaside Chapel Annex.

OCF is a nondenominational lay-led bible study group. Members of the 45th Space Wing, including officers, enlisted and civilians are invited. For more information, call Jason Smith at 494-8076.

Volunteers needed

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

Looking for a job?

Get the answers needed to find a job by attending the Job Search and Resume Seminar Tuesday from 9 a.m. - noon at the Family Support Center. Learn how to conduct a total job search, market skills, develop a winning resume, understand the hiring process and develop a network. Call 494-5675 to sign up.

Take a class

The Family Support Center offers the following classes: Job Search, April 6 from 9 a.m. - noon; Organizing your home from 11 a.m. - noon. Infant Massage April 7 from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; Fundamentals of Resumes April 8 from 9-11 a.m.; Deployed Spouses Meeting April 9 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Applying for Air Force Jobs April 27 from 9-10 a.m.; CGO and GS9 and Above Financial Course from 12:30-4 p.m.

Call the Support Center to sign up at 494-5675.

MOAA offers scholarships

The Military Officers' Association of America, Cape Canaveral Chapter will award eight to 10 college scholarship grants ranging from \$2,000-\$3,000 for the 2004-2005 school year.

To qualify for the scholarship, a student must be accepted as a full-time junior or senior by an accredited college or university. The student must also be a legal resident of Brevard County and be a family member of an active-duty, Reserve, retired or deceased member of the military.

Requests for an application form should be sent with a self-addressed return business size envelope with postage to the Military Officers' Association of America, Scholarship Selection Committee, P.O. Box 254708, Patrick AFB, Fla. 32835-4708.

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/. If interested, contact a career field functional at Air For Personnel Center for application instructions.

41st Space Congress set for April

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.

AAFES delivers first run movies to troops

DALLAS - Major motion pictures have made their way to troops serving in Iraq. The Army & Air Force Exchange Service's aggressive efforts to bring the latest Hollywood movies took a big step yesterday with the opening of a "Reel Time" theater in Balad, Iraq.

With the opening of AAFES' first, 35mm "Reel Time" theater in Iraq, the 16,000 troops at Camp Anaconda, a large U.S. base near Balad, can now take a break from their harsh surroundings as they enjoy first-run movies. Col. James Chambers, commander of the 13th COSCOM & Life Sustainment Area Anaconda, and Col. Shelley Richardson, AAFES Europe commander, cut the ribbon which opened the door to the newly refurbished 745-seat theater.

"Our soldiers and civilians work hard every day," said Col. Chambers. "The new theater will provide a welcome break and a taste of home. Through the initiative of the 3rd COSCOM, the continuing efforts of 13th COSCOM soldiers and a great partnership with AAFES and Kellogg Brown and Root, this grand theater has been restored. The 'first-run' movie service that AAFES provides our soldiers will be a great morale booster and a place to relax if only for a couple of hours."

First-run movies are a tremendous quality of life benefit, according to AAFES Vice President of Food and Theater Richard Sheff. Providing entertainment for service men and women plays a key roll in maintaining morale.

Synchronizing actions

Patrick Air Force Base wins again



photos by Senior Airman Mike Mears

The Patrick Air Force Base Honor Guard won the Air Force Space Command honor guard competition for the second time in two years March 23-25 at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. The competition consisted of a uniform inspection and six events. The team trained for two and a half months prior to the competition. Above, the team goes through funeral honors.

By Stefan T. Bocchino
AFSPC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo., - It was a repeat performance. The Patrick "Shark Attack" team erupted in cheers as they were named the overall winners of the second annual Air Force Space Command honor guard competition March 23-25.

The competition is held to determine the best honor guard team within AFSPC and the right to represent the command at Guardian Challenge, the Air Force space and missile competition, in May. Two years ago the Patrick

AFB honor guard team won first place honors in the AFSPC honor guard competition. Last year there wasn't a competition. This year's team is comprised of entirely new members.

"Our reaction was delayed because they didn't call us 'Team Patrick,' but instead 'Team Shark Attack,'" said Staff Sgt. Janel Heidebrink, noncommissioned officer in charge of Team Patrick. "Once it finally hit us it was overwhelming. We worked so hard to get here. We wanted to remain the champions and bring that trophy home."

The Patrick Honor Guard team members

were: Capt. Jerel Jackson, 45th Range Operations Squadron; Staff Sgt. Janel Heidebrink, 45th Weather Squadron; Staff Sgt. Benny Windom, 45th ROS; Staff Sgt. Joshua Sacker, 45th Civil Engineer Squadron; Staff Sgt. Timothy Kilow, 45th CES; Senior Airman Roland Anderson, 45th Medical Group; Senior Airman Sammy Hendrix, 45th CES; Senior Airman Jessica Webb, 45th CES; Senior Airman Brett Mapston, Air Force Technical Applications Center and Senior Airman Levi

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Duncan, 45th CES.

The win did not come easy. Seven AFSPC honor guard teams had to endure two grueling days of competition. It was a close competition where six teams won individual honors, but Team Patrick came out on top.

"This is really a special day," said Brig. Gen. Douglas Fraser, AFSPC director of air and space operations, during opening ceremonies, March 23. "Over 200 years ago in 1775, the day that Patrick Henry gave his famous speech 'give me liberty or give me death.' I think it's appropriate that we honor that heritage because that's what you all do every single day. You represent our Air Force to most of the people around our nation. You are the image that they see."

After opening ceremonies, the first order of business was the uniform inspection, followed by six different events: Firing party, pallbearer, veteran's funeral, funeral honors and color guard. The judges, all Air Force honor guard members, scrutinized every inch of every team member.

"Little details are basically what we look for," said Airman 1st Class Melanie Steffen, Air Force honor guard. "Overall we are looking for fluidness in what they are doing and that the sequence is correct."

The team trained for two and a half months for the competition, according to Capt. Jackson. "The toughest sequence that we actually had time to prepare for was the full honors sequence," said Airman Hendrix. "It's tough because it has three parts - colors, pall bearing and firing teams - and requires a lot of synchronization."

The crowd at the competition comprised military personnel as well as friends and family of the honor guard team members. John Sacker drove all the way from Michigan with a friend. His eldest son is a member of Team Patrick. "It's fun to come down here and watch them compete," said Mr. Sacker, who has four sons, two of whom are in the Air Force.

"All of my sons have been through Junior ROTC so I've been to these things before," said Sacker. "I think this competition is a great idea. If people are as nervous as these guys are then it must mean something to them. They are all trying so hard."

The winning honor guard team came back to a cheering crowd Monday afternoon at Patrick's Outdoor Recreation dock. "I'm ecstatic," said Capt. Jackson. "I didn't think I could relive the feeling here that I felt when we found out we won, but the recognition and support my teammates and I have received from the wing for all our hard work - it feels great."

Every team can take pride in how they did said Chief Master Sgt. Michael Buckley, Air Force honor guard. "During the retiree standard honor funeral competition, there wasn't a group out of the seven teams I would not have been proud to see at Arlington National Cemetery," said Chief Buckley. (2nd Lt. Elizabeth Kreft contributed to this article.)



Right, Capt. Jerel Jackson, 45th Operations Squadron simulates presenting the colors to the relative of a fallen Airman.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery

Going all out

Jamie Hopkins from the Mission Support Group intramural softball team dives to catch a fly-ball at the preseason intramural softball tournament Tuesday at the South Housing Sports Complex. The tournament concludes Friday at 7 p.m.

Strong finish for softball team

The Patrick Air Force Base Varsity Softball Team finished in 3rd place in the ISA Worth Classic in Palm Bay March 30-31. The team will soon join the Melbourne league. Their next scheduled tournament is the USSSA Strawberry Festival April 10 in Plant City, Fla.

Hooping it up

The Patrick AFB varsity basketball is currently in first place going into the playoffs in the Satellite Beach Parks and Recreation League Thursday nights.

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.

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Brig. Gen.
Greg Pavlovich
45th SW
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Q: I want to commend the superlative services provided by the ID Card Section of your personnel division. I recently visited to get an ID card update for an Air Force widow whose husband had just died. Staff Sgt. Shawn Rivers and his staff, especially Staff Sgt. Jeff Tingle who actually processed the card, were the most courteous and helpful people I have ever worked with - absolutely outstanding! Volunteer Edward Coleman was also great, offering advice and help to everyone who signed in.

What I expected to be a long and arduous task turned out to be an enjoyable experience. I sincerely appreciate them being so efficient and nice in a situation when the waiting room was absolutely filled to capacity.

A: Thanks for taking the time to point out the stellar customer service you received from our Military Personnel Flight. Their waiting room is constantly overflowing, but they still manage to treat every customer with the care they deserve. They truly reflect our emphasis on making a great first impression on our customers by providing them with world-class service. Thanks again for taking the time to highlight the dedication of Sgt. Rivers, Sgt. Tingle and Mr. Coleman ... I always like to recognize folks who Get It!

RIVERSIDE DINING

Saturday Brunch - Cajun meat loaf, **crispy baked chicken**, ribeye steak

Saturday Supper - **Fish amandine**, pork chops w/mushroom gravy, stir fry chicken w/broccoli

Sunday Brunch - Chicken Parmesan, sauerbraten, tuna and noodles

Sunday Supper - Fried shrimp, **ginger BBQ chicken, spinach lasagna**

Monday Lunch - **Baked chicken**, simmered knockwurst, Swiss steak with tomato sauce

Monday Dinner - Roast turkey, baked ham, fish and fries

Tuesday Lunch - Grilled Salisbury steak, onion-lemon baked fish, yakisoba

Tuesday Dinner - BBQ beef cubes, **paprika beef**, pork chop suey

Wednesday Lunch - Southern style cat-

fish, BBQ ribs, Southern fried chicken, pork chops

Wednesday Dinner - Country style steak, fried chicken, **pita pizzas**

Thursday Lunch - Liver with onions, orange-spiced pork chops, tempura fried fish

Thursday Dinner - Pepper steak, **Mr. Z's finger lickin' chicken**, ginger pot roast

April 9 Lunch - Beef and corn pie, pea and pepper rice, **seafood Newburg**, veal paprika steak

April 9 Dinner - Yankee pot roast, **simmered corn beef**, pineapple chicken, fish

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

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The Calendar

Month of the Military Child Events

All month

▲ Children enjoy \$1 hot dogs and free shoe rentals at the Bowling Center.

▲ \$10 off children's inflatables, \$5 surfboard rentals (children 16 and under) and \$20 off a full day boat rental at Outdoor Recreation when an adult is accompanied by a child.

▲ \$10 off a five-day Disney park-hopper at Information, Tickets and Travel.

Friday

▲ Teen Gym Jam, 6 p.m. – 11 p.m., at the Youth Center. Open to kids in the 6th-12th grades. Activities include music, basketball, pizza and more.

Sunday – Saturday

▲ Children 12 and under eat free at the NCO and Officers' Club.

Monday

▲ Children's art exhibit opens at the Child Development Center.

April 6, 13, 20, 27

▲ Free golf lessons 5-5:30 p.m. at Manatee Cove Golf Course. Children must be at least 8 years old and accompanied by an adult.

April 9

▲ Kid's Night Out, 6- 11 p.m., at the Youth Center. Twenty-four slots available for children in kindergarten – 6th grade. Cost is \$10 per child. Call 494-4747 to register.

April 10

▲ Third Annual Kid's Fest and Egg Hunt, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., at the Youth Center.

▲ Bunny Bowling, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., at the Bowling Center. The top three children with the highest scores win gift baskets.

April 15

▲ Mural Day at the Child Development Center. Parents can join their children as they paint an outside mural at the CDC.


April 17

▲ Parent child fishing tournament, 7 a.m. – 11 a.m., at Outdoor Recreation. Call 494-2042 to register.

April 22

▲ Earth Day at the Child Development Center. Parents bring recyclable items for children to use in art projects.

See next week for more events.



Celebrating the Month of the Military Child



Photo by Marla Holbert

Child Development program assistant Remy Tan shows 2-year-olds Trey Quinn, left, and Jason Rojas how to draw a picture with chalk at Patrick's Child Development Center.

By Marla Holbert
45th Services Squadron

It's not always easy being a military child. Change comes often. Friendships come and go. Moving to foreign countries and different bases sometimes becomes a family ritual.

But most military children are resilient. They adapt easily, adjusting accordingly and overcome obstacles on a daily basis. Perhaps that's what makes them so special. As a result, the Air Force recognizes April as Month of the Military Child.

"April is a tribute to military children and the role they play in our family's lives," said Pamela Jordan, chief of the 45th Services Squadron Family Member Support Flight. "They are nurtured in an atmosphere that makes them very unique. That's why it is important to highlight this event, as well as others for our Patrick youth."

The month-long event includes numerous activities hosted by the 45th SVS, ranging from free meals to discounted attraction tickets. The most anticipated activity, the Kid's Fest and Egg Hunt slated for April 10 at the Youth Center, has grown to Herculean proportions.

"We'll have about 6,000 eggs covering the three ball fields," said Lynne Phillips, program director for the Patrick Youth Center. "We are targeting children up to age 12. This will be the 16th year I've conducted the egg hunt and we always have averaged more than 300 children, plus their family members. I expect the turnout to become even larger this year due to the variety and type of activities we are offering at Kid's Fest."

Family Child Care Coordinator Tina Washington, said the event offers more activities than in the past, targeting toddlers, preschool, school-aged and teen youth.

"There will be an infant and toddler arena with wall climbing for children over 3; puppet shows for all age groups; plus obstacle courses, bungee runs, water tag, a moon walk, face painting and more," she said.

"Our main goal is to make this event a bonding experience for families," Mrs. Jordan said. "We hope to give our youth an experience to remember."



Lent Schedule

Catholic

Lenten Devotions: April 6 at South Patrick Chapel: Meager Meal, 5:30 p.m. and Devotion, 6:15 p.m.

Devotions: presented by Father Chris Hoffman: Tuesday, March 16, 6:15 p.m.

Living Stations of the Cross: April 6, 6:15 p.m.

First Friday Mass: Friday, April 2, 9:30 a.m., South Patrick Chapel

Protestant

Lenten Meals/Devotions: Wednesdays at South Patrick Chapel, April 6 at 5:30 p.m.

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 being 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

April 3, 5 p.m. at South Patrick Chapel

April 4 Passion/Palm Sunday

April 4, 8:45 a.m. South Patrick Chapel

April 4, 11:30 a.m. in Base Theater

Special Services

April 6,7 Daily Mass at 1130 a.m. in Base Library

April 8, Holy Thursday

7 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper at South Patrick Chapel

April 9, Good Friday

Noon at Base Cleary

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

April 10, Holy Saturday

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

April 11, Easter Sunday

8:45 a.m. at South Patrick Chapel

11:30 a.m. at Base Theater

Protestant

April 4 Passion Sunday

8:30 a.m. at Base Theater

11 a.m. at South Patrick Chapel

April 11, Easter Sunday

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

April 9, Good Friday

Noon at Base Theatre

April 11, Easter Sunday Sunrise

Service 6:30 a.m. at Officers Club patio

Jewish Services

Passover - Holy Days begin April 5 at sundown and end April 13 at sunrise

First Seder April 5

Second Seder April 6

For more information on Jewish practices and high holy days, call Mr. Barry Chefer at 494-6063.

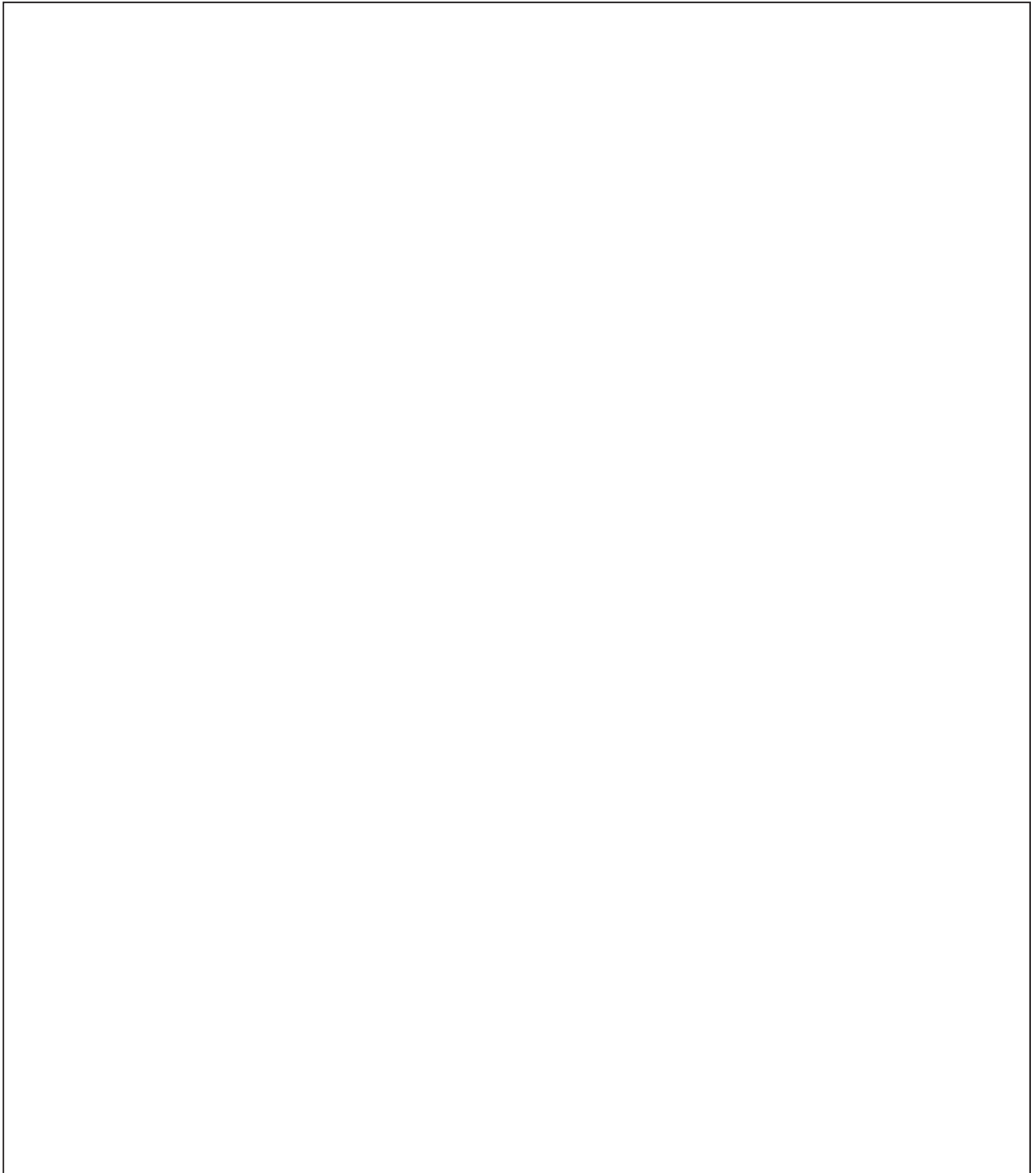


Friday - *50 First Dates* Henry, a veterinarian at an aquarium in Hawaii, falls in love with a girl with short-term memory loss, but he has to keep getting her to fall in love with him every time they meet in order for them to have a relationship since she doesn't remember the last time she met him. Stars Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore. Rated PG-13 for crude sexual humor and drug references. 96 min.

Saturday - *Welcome to Mooseport* A former president retires to a small New England coastal town to write his memoirs. But his neighbors plead with him to fill the vacant mayoral seat. A local plumber runs against him, setting off a surprisingly fierce and competitive campaign, in which the plumber is also battling to win the love a local woman. Stars Gene Hackman and Ray Romano. Rated PG-13 for some brief sexual comments and nudity. 115 min.

Sunday - *50 First Dates* See Friday's synopsis.

Thursday - *Broken Lizard's Club Dread* At an anything-goes tropical resort for swingers, a non-stop party takes a turn for the weird when dead bodies start turning up faster than you can drink a rum punch. Everyone begins to look suspicious. Can the inhabitants of pleasure island unite, solve the mystery and restore their happy hour? Stars Jay Chandrasekhar and Kevin Heffernan. Rated R for violence/gore, sexual content, language and drug use. 104 min.



Events

Thursday, 4:00 p.m. The Central Brevard Library will hold an Easter celebration with bunny stories. Participants can decorate an adorable egg bunny for his or her table. Refreshments will be provided. Special guest, storyteller Ada Forney. Ages 5 and older. Pre-register by calling 633-1795.

Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Timeless Treasures Quilt Show at the Melbourne Auditorium, 625 E. Hibiscus Blvd., presented by the Seaside Piecemakers Quilt Club of Satellite Beach. Features more than 300 judged quilts and wearable art display, lectures and demonstration, quilt appraisals and silent auction. Club donates numerous quilts every year to the community. Call 777-5660 for more information.

Sunday, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Bunny Brunch and Magic Show at the Palm Bay Community Center. The event is for children ages 11 and under. Tickets are \$5 per person in advance and \$6 at the door, children ages 2 and under get in free with a paid adult. Tickets include a

continental brunch, a magic show, face painting, crafts and an egg hunt. Children should carry a small basket to collect eggs in.

Tickets are on sale at the Palm Bay Community Center. For more information, call 952-3443.

April 9, 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. Dance will be supervised by recreation staff and Palm Bay Police Dept. Children cannot leave building without a parent/guardian. For more information call 952-3443.

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

Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. at Central Brevard Library. Cathy's Crazy Crafts does paper punch

Zabilansky. Learn paper punch techniques and take home as much stationery as you can create during the class. This two-hour class costs \$5 with all supplies provided. Class size is limited. Reservations are required. Call 633-1792 for more information.

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.

Clubs

First Saturday of the month, 7 p.m., Palm Bay Parks & Recreation holds a Poetry and Spoken Word Club at the Palm Bay Community Center, 1502 Port Malabar Blvd., Palm Bay. Call Rick Scott at 952-3443 for more information or go to www.palmbayflorida.org.

