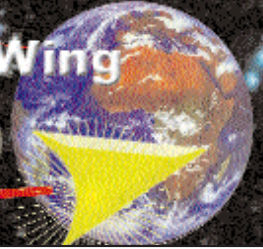


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## All-American Memorial Day

Airman 1st Class Djuna Shorter, 45th Space Communications Squadron, belted out the Star Spangled Banner at Space Coast Stadium in Viera at the beginning of Monday's Brevard County Manatees vs. St. Lucie Mets baseball game. The Memorial Day outing had an All-American zing to it, as the local community treated military members to hot dogs, bratwursts, hamburgers and a ticket to the game. Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich, 45th Space Wing commander, made a short speech and a number of just-returned military members threw out the first pitch. *(Photo by Tim Shortt, Florida Today)*

## Environmental wins White House award

By Terri Bracher  
45TH CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON

The 45th Civil Engineer Squadron's Environmental Flight won its first White House Closing the Circle Award. This year's award for recycling will be presented at a ceremony at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building in Washington D.C., June 10.

The "Closing the Circle Award" recognizes federal employees and their facilities for efforts that result in significant contributions to, or have made a significant impact on, the environment in specific categories under Executive

Order 13101: Greening the Government Through Waste Prevention, Recycling and Federal Acquisition, and Executive Order 13148: Greening the Government Through Leadership in Environmental Management.

"While the wing has been repeatedly recognized for environmental excellence at the Department of Defense level, this prestigious award recognizes our environmental leadership throughout all federal agencies," said Jack Gibson, 45th CES deputy base civil engineer.

The 45th Space Wing was one of five Air Force bases to receive an award.

The wing's recycling program includes outreach, collection, separation and processing activities where products or other materials are recovered from the waste stream for use in the manufacture of new products.

The most notable feature of the wing's program is the ability to reduce, reuse and recycle commodities and remain a good steward of the environment given the space mission and unique environmental challenges at six different operating locations extending more than 10,000 miles downrange.

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*Outstanding is just the START!*



By Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich  
45TH SW COMMANDER

Summer greetings everyone! Let me start out by thanking the 45th Security Forces Squadron, the Civilian-Military Council and Mr. Johnnie Rivera and the Officers' Club staff for the great tailgate picnic Monday at Space Coast Stadium prior to the Manatee baseball game. A big thanks to the Manatees as well who rolled out the red carpet for us. It was a fun time and I believe the approximately 1,000 people from the base who went to the game agree the food was great and it was a super time. Thanks for coming!

I'm very excited and proud of the 45th Space Wing's involvement in the scheduled June 8 launch of the Mars Rover-A aboard a Delta II rocket. The Rover-A is the first of two June launches for NASA to explore the red planet. This mission is receiving worldwide attention with millions across the globe anticipating the great information we'll receive back from the rovers.

MER-A and B will reach Mars in January 2004. The two MER missions seek to determine the history of climate and water at two sites on Mars where conditions may once have been favorable to life. Both rovers are identical. Each rover carries five scientific instruments including a panoramic camera and a rock abrasion tool that will grind away the outer surfaces of rocks to expose their interiors for examination. The rovers weigh approximately 400 pounds. They will drive over the planet's surface approximately 130 feet each Martian day. Each of the missions are planned to last at least three months.

Hundreds of thousands of students have been tracking the mission and more than 9,000 participated in the "name the rover" contest. NASA will announce the winner and the names of the rovers the day before the launch. So as you can see, it will be a mission to remember.

Best of luck to our 1st Space Launch Squadron and the entire Delta II team as they provide the thrust behind NASA's historic mission. I know everyone has worked hard and we are ready to go. Just another example of preparation meeting opportunity, making the 45th Space Wing and all its mission partners' shine in

the eyes of the world.

Speaking of great launches in space, a belated thanks to Lt. Col. Tom Eye, Det. 1, 45th Mission Support Group and his team for holding a first-class event commemorating astronaut Gordon Cooper's 22-orbit flight May 15, 1963. The event was sponsored by the University of Central Florida and held at Space Launch Complex 14 the morning of May 18. A great deal of effort went into the event to bring "Gordo" and his Mercury team back together again for the 40th anniversary of this historic flight. Tom, to you and everyone at the Cape who had a hand in the celebration, thanks for the effort and SUPER JOB!

Well, the kids are out of school and the thermometer is pushing 90 degrees everyday. The 45th Services Squadron pool is open at the NCO Club and the beaches are crowded each day. So that can mean only one thing, it must be time to play "Around the World in 90 days," or ATWIND. It starts Sunday and lasts through Aug. 31. While fun to play individually, I ask that everyone play for another important reason - the base with the most participation receives free money from command to spend on quality of life items.

This year, Space Command is putting \$100,000 up for grabs. Last year we came in third place and received \$5,000. The first place prize is \$25,000 and it's the one we're after. For individuals, each base will have a monthly \$1,000 winner and the grand prize winners receive trips to Vail, Colo, plus cash.

It's free to play and you can receive game pieces by using Services' facilities during the summer months. For more information, visit the ATWIND Web site at [www.atwind.com](http://www.atwind.com) or call 1-888-597-9960. Let's all play and bring home the money to the 45th! The game is open to military members, civil service employees and their family members. See Page 15 for more details on ATWIND.

I'd like to officially welcome all the company grade officers here next week for the annual Eastern Region Company Grade Officer's Association conference. Our CGOs do a phenomenal job, first and foremost, performing the mission. But it's their charitable contributions that impress me whether it's hosting Special Olympics or building homes for Habitat for Humanity. This conference gives our CGOs a chance to educate others on our space mission along with an opportunity to discuss future events. Welcome to you all!

If you're like me, you're glad the tax deadline of April 15 is in the rearview mirror. The final tallies are in and I want to thank all of our volunteers for their outstanding efforts with Patrick's tax assistance program. Their significant commitment provided an invaluable service

to our active duty, Guard, Reserve and retiree community. Their hard work saved our families more than \$151,965 in fees they would have incurred had they sought commercially available tax assistance services. At last count, the total amount recovered in refunds this year is approximately \$1,261,377. WOW!

On behalf of the entire Patrick AFB and Cape Canaveral AFS community, I offer my heartfelt gratitude for all the time and effort our volunteers devoted to help our military families. Not that any of us are looking forward to next year's tax season, but we hope these same volunteers will chip in again next year to provide this outstanding service to our military community. At the same time, I'd like to thank Staff Sgt. Ariane Freeman of our Legal Office for coordinating the schedules of our volunteers and the appointments of those needing service. It was an OUTSTANDING effort across the board.

I need to speak to you about a couple of bits of business. First, the Air Force is now making it mandatory for all military members to use split dispersal on travel vouchers. Too many people weren't paying the bills they racked up with the money finance gave them after a trip. This will alleviate the problem. If you don't mark the split dispersal box, it'll be kicked back for correction. And with our finance folks constantly deployed overseas, we don't need to make any more work for them than they already have to perform. So please make a note of it.

Second, I wanted to give you an update on Patrick South Housing privatization. If everything goes right with approval in Congress, we'll make a public announcement June 9 announcing the contractor selected for the nearly \$80 million project. Immediately following the announcement, we have Town Hall meetings planned to explain to everyone "down into the weeds," what is going to happen.

Unfortunately, until Congress approves it officially, I can't release the information, but in next week's Missileer, if the schedule holds for the announcement, we'll be letting folks know when the Town Hall meetings will be held. I'm as anxious to tell you about the plans as people are to learn about it so lets keep our fingers crossed there are no delays in Congressional approval.

For anyone returning home this week, WELCOME BACK and thanks for your service in a tough environment. If you haven't heard, our July 3 and 4 celebrations will be in your honor so put them on your calendar and plan on coming out.

Please keep safety and security at the forefront of everything you do and have a super weekend. I know today is payday so no silly stuff like drinking and driving leaving the clubs tonight. Take care and God Bless!



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**Geisha guy**

Lt. Col. Ralph Gracia, 45th Inspector General, joins the Hideko Bay Area Japanese Dance Group during the Asian-Pacific American Heritage luncheon at the Officers' Club May 21. This year's theme a "Salute to Liberty", was expanded on by Dr. Minal Desai, 45th Medical Group internal medicine physician, guest speaker at this year's luncheon. (Photo by Maj. Cindy East)

# American Idol 3?

Chap. (Maj.) Christopher Hoffmann  
45TH SW BASE CHAPEL

America just finished watching and waiting to see who would be American Idol 2. Kelly Clarkson was the winner of the first contest and she went on to create an album. Ruben Studdard narrowly won over Clay Aiken.

Some pundits believe that both may get album deals too. Naturally people are hungry to compete to be the next Idol.

I know that if a person is successful professionally as a singer or actor they can make a lot of money. Yet, I wonder if it is really worth it? Many of those who are successful in Hollywood talk about how much they miss just being able to go out to a store or restaurant without being mobbed by fans.

Others say that those who are jealous will do all sorts of harmful things to someone rich or famous. People have been stalked. Many stars have to live secluded lives with the protection of bodyguards and weapons. Virtually everyone who has become popular deals with unscrupulous people who will try to steer him or her into immoral activity. Is it worth it?

I hope all the best for Ruben Studdard. Yet I am fearful for him. I worry that he will never be able to recapture the closeness of his small Alabama town ever again. I worry that he will be sucked into the whirl of press conferences, tours and promotions and forget who he is.

You and I will probably never be voted American Idol 3. Maybe you wish that could be you on stage. Maybe you believe that you have more talent than either Studdard or Aiken. You could be right. In fact, you are right about one thing. You have more gifts and talents than you realize. Most people are idols to someone else, but never know it. You may be an idol to your children. I hope that you are. You are probably an idol to your spouse or parents. Those of us who wear the uniform are idols for many people these days. People are proud of us and want to thank us. We just say, "It's my duty."

Most people long for things that they can't be (becoming American Idol 3), and forget all that they are already.

Take some time to remember that you have been blessed. You have many gifts and talents. You probably have hidden talents that you don't even realize yet. Look around at those you love. My guess is that they look up to you. Be the hero, the idol that they know that you are. Continue to hone your skills and develop your talents. No one may give you a record contract, but you will know that you are the best person that you can be.

Thank God for making you who you are. Ask Him to help you be a better person than you are today. I know that there are many good things waiting for you yet undiscovered. You truly are the American Idol.

# Jewish lay leader explains Shavuot tradition

By Barry Chefer  
45TH SW CHAPLAIN'S OFFICE

*Author's Note: Readers have often asked why "G-d" is not fully spelled out in this publication. This is derived from the Jewish law that G-d's name must be sanctified.*

*Since newspapers usually end up in the recycle bin, Jews protect G-d's name by modifying the spelling. However, in other printed material that is not disposable, such as books, G-d's name is spelled out.*

## The Giving of the Torah

Shavuot, the second of the three major festivals, comes exactly fifty days after Passover. This year it is June 5-7.

It marks the giving of the Torah by G-d to the entire Jewish people on Mt. Sinai, 3,315 years ago.

In Hebrew the word "Shavuot" means weeks and stands for the seven weeks during which the Jewish people prepared themselves for the giving of the Torah.

During this time they shed themselves of the scars of bondage and became a holy nation ready to stand before G-d.

Each year, Shavuot is the special time for the Jewish people to reawaken and strengthen their relationship with G-d.

## Customs of Shavuot

Shavuot is a joyous Holy Day shared with

family and friends at special holiday meals. Synagogue services are also conducted. It is customary to decorate the synagogue and home with fruits, flowers and greenery.

## Dates to Remember

This year Shavuot begins the evening of June 5 and concludes at sunset June 7.

These are considered major Holy Days and work-related activities are not permitted. Individuals seeking information about worship services in the local area should contact me at 494-6063.

To learn more about Judaism, visit [www.patrick.af.mil](http://www.patrick.af.mil), click on "Wing Staff," "Chaplain," "Jewish Community."

# Aggressive driving is very dangerous

By Bill James  
45TH GROUND SAFETY

Wing Safety was recently notified of personnel displaying the behavior of an aggressive driver and violating basic traffic codes throughout the installation.

An aggressive driver, or someone commonly referred to as displaying "road rage," is someone who is impatient and intentionally tries or succeeds in injuring or killing another motorist, passenger or pedestrian in response to a traffic dispute or altercation.

A recent six-year study reflected that 10,000 plus incidents of aggressive driving occurred in the United States.

More than 200 men, women and children were killed and another 12,610 were injured. The two most common weapons that were used by the aggressive driver was either a firearm or the vehicle.

What is the catalyst that triggers these violent acts? Let's look at the attitude of the driver. Has he or she had a bad day at work, just had an argument with his or her spouse or some other type of dramatic or traumatic experience? Has the other driver made an unintentional or poor driving mistake, such as tailgating, lane blocking, nonuse of turn signal, blowing the horn, pulling out in front of vehicles, lane changing. When either of these factors are

thrown into the mix, there is the potential for an explosive situation.

How can these situations be avoided? First, don't be the one to start stirring the pot. Focus on proper driving techniques, such as following at an adequate distance, use proper lane changes, stay in the right lane unless passing, use turn signals. On the other side, don't become agitated and become an aggressive driver.

Prepare to drive, get adequate rest, leave on time, anticipate delays and resolve personal issues before getting behind the wheel. Play it smart on the road and be prepared to avoid a situation that may result in an accident.

Secondly, traffic laws are created to ensure the safety of every driver on the road but why do drivers continuously violate these critical life saving rules?

The two primary reasons are a blatant disregard of the law or inattention due to the driver being mentally pre-occupied and not focusing on the road. Either condition creates an unsafe situation for everyone that may interact with these drivers.

The typical problems seen in and around the installation are.

▶ Drivers are turning left off of A1A into the main gate before there is adequate lane space to enter the base. The vehicle is in A1A's south-

bound lane and stops traffic flow for southbound vehicles.

▶ During peak traffic times, drivers are turning right off of A1A into the main gate and immediately merge to the left entrance lane versus staying in the right lane and traveling around Bldg 425.

▶ This creates a bottleneck and backs up traffic at both entrance points. To rectify this situation during the peak morning rush, the lanes are now divided with barriers to prevent crossover of traffic.

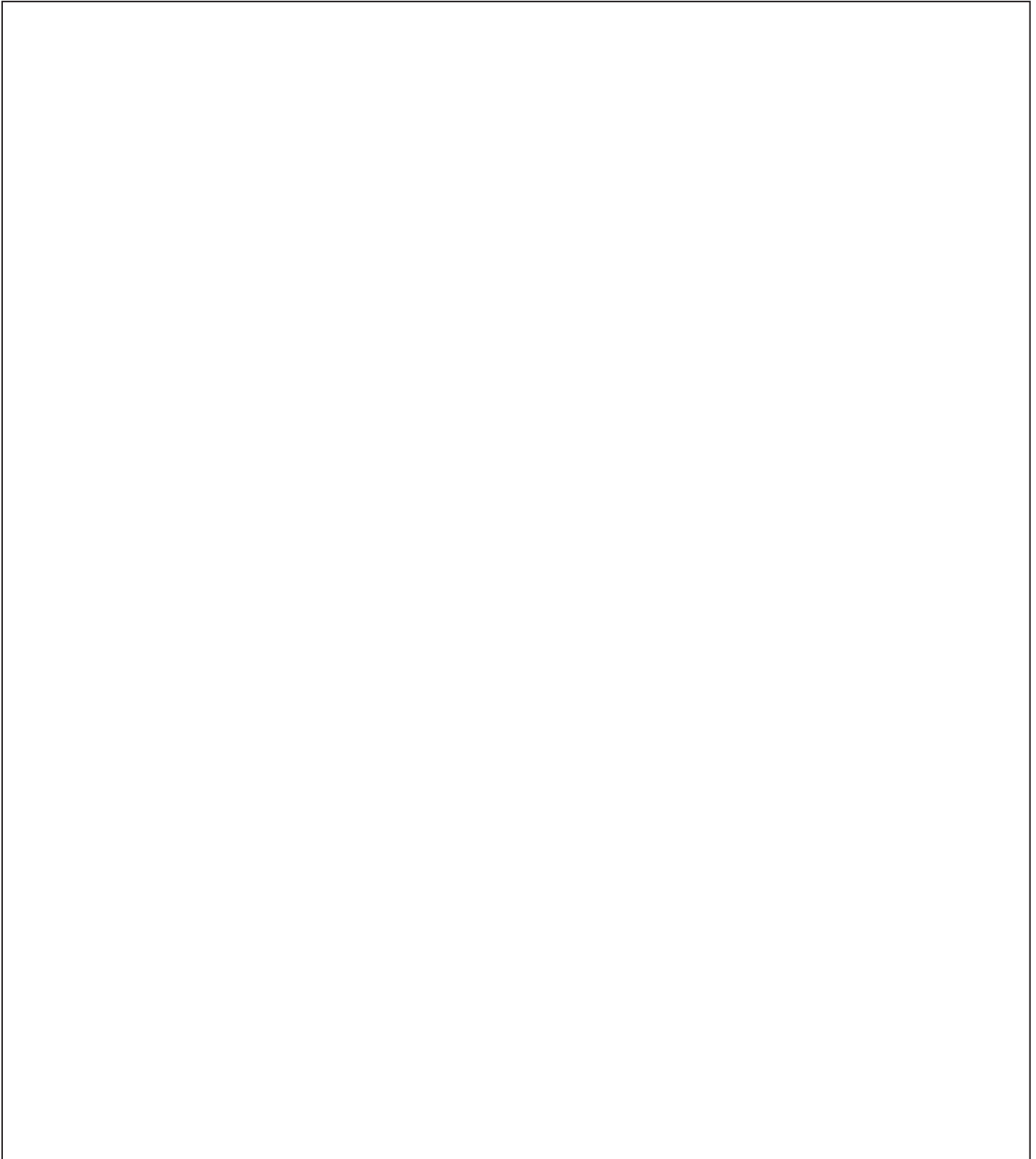
▶ Drivers are exiting Pineda Causeway and turning left onto South Patrick Drive before there is adequate lane space. This blocks southbound traffic.

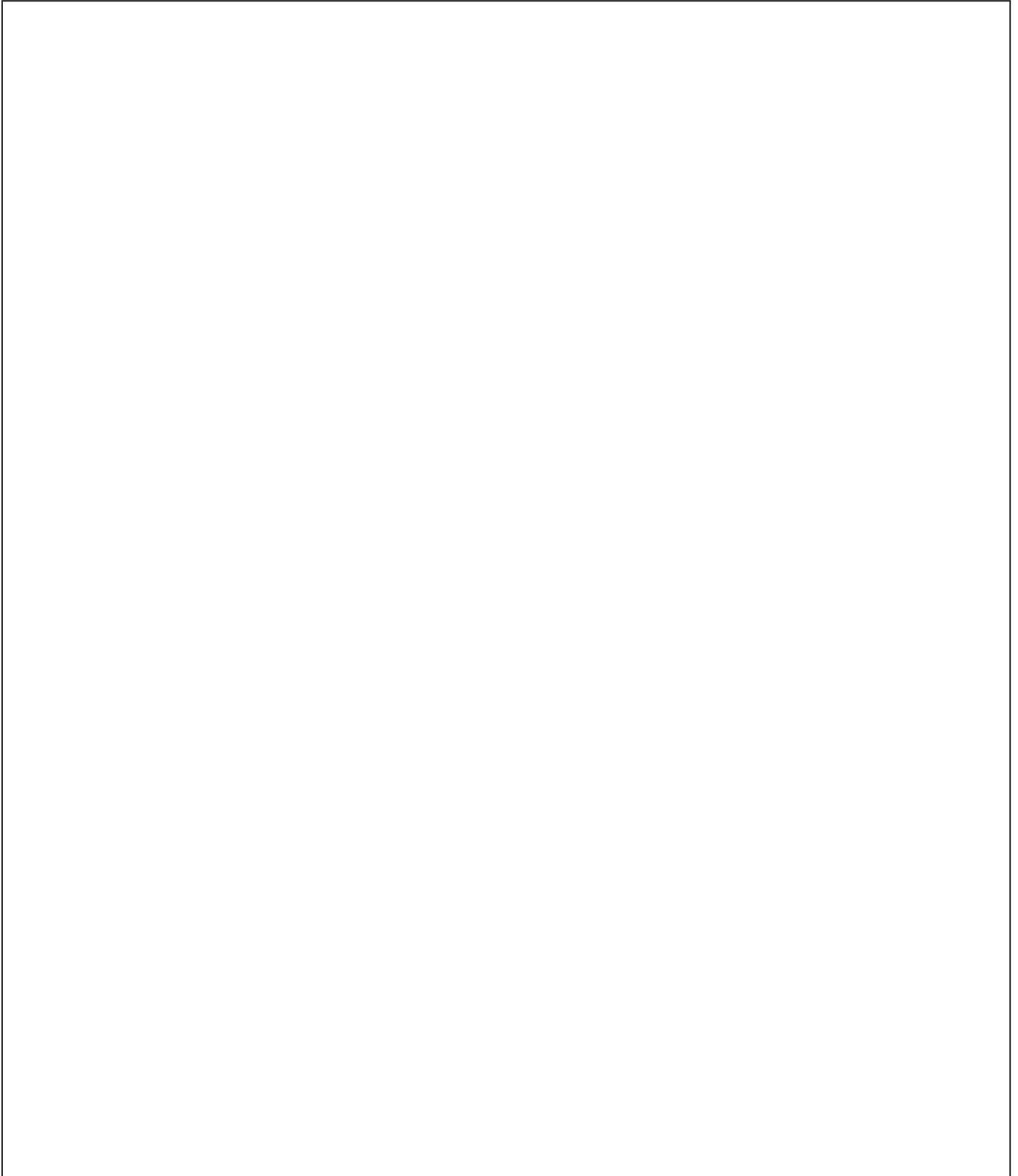
▶ Speeding in housing areas and parking lots.

▶ Backing up without ensuring the way is clear.

Improvements on safe driving practices need to be made here. Every one of these problems can cause some serious mishaps and can also lead to creating an aggressive driver. All of these situations are 100 percent preventable if each driver acts responsibly.

One additional serious situation: Traffic light intersections are becoming more dangerous than ever. Look both ways before proceeding through a green light.





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More than 1,900 tons of material were recycled from office and housing areas during the last year including 6,000 toner cartridges and 23,000 bales of paper, aluminum cans and cardboard.

The use of a can crusher at the state-of-the-art material recycling facility saved \$46,800 in drum and disposal costs while handling 60,000 pounds of steel cans per year.

This dynamic program reduced the amount of

solid waste going to landfills by 67 percent exceeding the Air Force goal of 35 percent.

Always seeking opportunities to enhance and expand recycling efforts, the wing recycled 9,500 tons of concrete for use in the new Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute facility and other buildings, saving \$745,000.

More than 156,000 rags were recycled saving \$125,000 annually and a mobile antifreeze filtration recycling service treats approximately 2,500 gallons of antifreeze on-site that is returned for reuse.

**Items recycled at the 45th Space Wing**

- ▼ All paper, including white, colored, news-paper, magazines, mixed paper and office waste
- ▼ Cardboard
- ▼ Aluminum and steel cans
- ▼ Plastic
- ▼ Oil filters
- ▼ Empty hazardous material containers (i.e. paint, aerosol cans, solvent, oil cans)
- ▼ Used oil
- ▼ Glass
- ▼ Laser toner and ink-jet printer cartridges
- ▼ CD-ROM and floppy disks
- ▼ Notebooks
- ▼ Binders
- ▼ Plastic spiral binder spines
- ▼ Compact disc jewel cases



# MDG hauls home loads of awards

By Maj. Cindy East  
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 45th Medical Group brought home four Air Force level medical service awards for 2002. Additionally, they won 31 of 82 Air Force Space Command annual awards - twice as many as any other base in the command.

Senior Airman Richard Mongold, 45th Medical Support Squadron pharmacy apprentice, won the Chief Master Sgt. Michael Gambuti Pharmacy Technician of the Year (Airman class) award at the Air Force Space Command and Air Force level.

Lt. Gen. George "Peach" Taylor, Air Force surgeon general, announced the award on April 29 along with the bulk of the other Air Force medical service annual awards.

"Senior Airman Mongold is truly outstanding," said Col. Charles Mackett III, 45th Medical Group commander. "He is one of the stellar folks that keep our well-greased pharmacy machine running and he's also one of our 2002 45th Space Wing quarterly Honor Guard award winners."

The 45th Medical Group Logistics flight won the category II large medical logistics account of the year.

A team of 12 military and civilian members annually procures over \$28 million in medical supplies and \$3.5 million in contracts in sup-

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- Lt. Col. Marlene Abbott  
45TH MEDICAL OPERATIONS SQUADRON COMMANDER

port of medical operations.

"I couldn't be more thrilled and was very excited that the team was recognized for all their hard work," said Lt. Col. Dennis Beatty, 45th Medical Support Squadron commander.

The 45th Medical Operations Squadron won the Air Force Clinical Optimization Award for outstanding team performance and achievement in ensuring a medically ready force and a healthy community.

The clinical team encompasses a provider, nurse, medical and administrative support. Maj. (Dr.) Anita Winkler, Steve Hernandez, registered nurse, Senior Airman Pedro Torres, administrative technician and two medical technicians, Staff Sgt. Christopher Parker and Senior Airman Leann Bramlett, were recognized as the best provider team in the Air Force.

After accepting the award from Lt. Gen.

Taylor, Senior Airman Bramlett bragged on Dr. Winkler for caring so personally about her team, said Lt. Col. Marlene Abbott, 45th Medical Operations Squadron commander.

Senior Airman Bramlett included specific examples of getting home on time, supporting school schedules, encouraging Honor Guard time and working

diligently to be competitive for below-the-zone honors.

Senior Airman Torres also shared how the team worked with him when he arrived to teach him his job.

"Our executive staff firmly believes if we take great care of our people, they'll take great care of the patients," said Lt. Col. Abbott. "I believe we are truly seeing the fruits of our labor."

The 45th Medical Group also was recognized at the Air Force level and awarded \$1,000 for their "Medics Taking Care of Medics" video production.

"I'm very proud and feel the recognition from command and Air Force level was well-deserved," said Lt. Col. Jeffrey Staples, 45th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron commander. "It's just evidence of great things people are doing here throughout the year."



## Memorial service set for Saturday

Members of the 920th Rescue Wing and 45th Space Wing are mourning the loss of retired Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey "J.T." Moody, 42, who died Monday after a battle with cancer.

Tech. Sgt. Moody retired from the 45th Space Wing financial management office in 1995, and after a brief time in the Florida Keys, worked in the 920th Rescue Wing financial management office as a civilian.

He is survived by his wife, Roxanne; son, Joshua, 21; and daughter, Shauna, 19.

The memorial service is Saturday, 1 p.m. in Chapel 2, South Housing followed by a gathering at the Moody home, 107 East Arlington St., Satellite Beach.

Expressions of sympathy can be in the form of flowers or a donation to the Moody Manor, 7150, Holatee Trail, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. 33330. The Moody Manor is a nonprofit organization for victims of head injuries founded by Tech. Sgt. Moody's mother.

Donations for the organization can also be sent to 920th RQW FM, Bldg. 423, 3rd floor. For more information on donations, call 494-4564.

## 17th Test Squadron, Det. 3 earns AFSPC nomination for AF award

By Jason Jaros

17TH TEST SQUADRON

Gen. Lance Lord, commander of Air Force Space Command, recently awarded the 17th Test Squadron Detachment 3 the AFSPC nomination to the Air Staff for the Air Force Association Test Team of the Year Award for 2002.

"This is truly a tremendously awesome moment for the hard working members of this test team, I couldn't work with any finer people," said Lt. Col. Gregory Gaddis, commander of 17th Test Squadron Det. 3, which is comprised of a 13-member east coast (Patrick Air Force Base) team and an eight-member west coast (Vandenberg AFB) team, Operation Location-A.

The unit went from stand up to performing full operational testing of systems valued at over \$800 million in less than six months. In doing so, they executed Air Force Space Command's first-ever Force Developmental Evaluation on the Eastern Space and Test Launch Range of three complex spacelift support products that supported the delivery of new capabilities to improve our national capability to access space.

The team also led groundbreaking efforts in applying new test concepts, such as the Operational Test Readiness Demonstration that utilized test resources more effectively and identified system deficiencies earlier in the acquisition process.

These efforts enhanced the 14th Air Force commander's ability to support the warfighters from United States Strategic Command and other theater combatant commanders in meeting real-world operations. Recognized test experts, the detachment's support resulted in their selection as the Space and Missile Center's Test and Evaluation team of the year 2002.

The team is now competing with all the other MAJ-COM Test Team winners from across the Air Force for the Air Force Association Test Team of the Year Award.

### Parking spaces limited

The parking lot south of the Patrick Fitness Center will be resurfaced starting the first week of June. The work will be done in phases so the parking lot will be open, but there will be limited access and parking during construction. All work should be completed by Oct. 1.

Any questions can be directed to Terry O'Hara at 494-9230.

### Junior enlisted picnic

Come out and enjoy free food, fun and music, poolside at the NCO Club, June 13 at 11 a.m.

Picnic is open to all E-1 to E-6. Supervisors and military affairs committee members will serve lunch and drinks. Contact MSgt Moyer at 476-2663 for more information.

### Legal office closed

The legal office will be closed June 9-10, due to a staff assistance visit. If you require emergency assistance, please contact the command post at 494-7001.

### TREA meets

The Retired Enlisted Association Freedom Chapter 117 meets June 19, (third Thursday of each month) at 2 p.m., at the Brevard Veteran's Memorial Center, 400 Sykes Creek Blvd., Merritt Island, Fla. (behind Merritt Square Mall).

Call Maynard Robinson at 750-1081, or email mrobinson@cfl.rr.com for further information.

### New meter system

To improve the quality of patient care, Patrick AFB will be changing to the new Precision Xtra Advanced Diabetes Management System.

This new meter is easier to use, requires less blood and uses state of the art technology. To get started on the new meter a doctor must write a new meter prescription.

Call the Health And Wellness Center at 494-2660 to sign up for one of the training sessions offered Monday and Tuesday.

Have the new meter prescription filled at the base pharmacy and bring these supplies to the training session.

### Take a Class

Call the Family Support Center at 494-5675 for these classes: Employment Orientation, Tuesday 9 a.m. - noon; Bundles for Babies, Tuesday noon - 1 p.m.; Information Fair, Wednesday 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Job Search Club,

Thursday noon - 1 p.m.; Cooking Class, Friday 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### Wives club meets

The Retired Officer's Wives will meet at Patrick Officer's Club, June 27 at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon.

To make a reservation, call one of the following by June 25: Dean Pittman 777-3044, Elsa Doddington 773-6905, Britta Kuhlman 773-8793.

### Finance operation hours

The 45th Comptroller Squadron Customer Service, Support and Liaison section operation hours will be 7-11 a.m. today for an official function.

For emergencies, contact the Command Post at 494-7001, or Lt. Andrew Gmytrasiewicz's beeper at 690-5933.

### Vendor Expo held

Contracting sponsors a Vendor Expo at the Imperial Hotel on I-95 and Wickham Rd. Tuesday.

Contact Lt. Gary Lehmann at 494-0449 for details.

### Join VBS

The Patrick Air Force Base Chapel holds Vacation Bible School at South Patrick Chapel June 2-6, 9 a.m. - noon for children in preschool through 6th grade. "Super Cool Underwater Bible Adventures" is the theme.

Bus transportation is provided for Central and North Housing. For more information and to R.S.V.P. (limited space available) call 494-4073.

### NCO retention program

Air force officials announce the start of the FY03 non-commissioned officer retraining program.

The FY03 NCORP targets approximately 1,400 NCOs (staff, technical and master sergeants) to retrain from AFSCS with NCO overages to AFSCS with NCO shortages. The voluntary phase of this program runs through June 6, 2003.

Formal FY04 program objectives (AFSC/grade) will be announced early October 2003 targeting approximately 2,000-2,500.

Some restrictions apply, depending on grade and AFSC. Contact Staff Sgt. Harper or Tech. Sgt. Howard at 494-7834 for details.

### Legal office restored

Effective Monday, legal assistance will be

available for all eligible beneficiaries at the Patrick and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station locations.

For more information, call the Legal Office at 494-7357.

### Teen volunteers needed

The American Red Cross sponsors a Youth Volunteer program during the summer months.

The next orientation is June 7, 10 a.m. at the 45th Medical Group Clinic in the Commanders Conference room.

Student volunteer hours are documented and can be used for scholarship purposes. Volunteers must bring valid military ID cards and shot records to the orientation.

A parent or guardian must also be present to sign release forms for the students.

Students ages 14 to 18 can register by calling the Red Cross office at 494-2402/8318.

### Plan your future

Thrift Savings Plan offers federal employees a means to increase their future retirement benefits and to defer paying current income taxes on their contributions and earnings.

Open season is April 15 to June 30. Contribution elections can be made through the BEST Employee Benefits Information System web application at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST\\_GRB/EBIS.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST_GRB/EBIS.htm) or BEST automated phone system at 1-800-997-2378.

### Instructors needed

The Department of Management at the United States Air Force Academy is looking for officers for instructor duty beginning in December 2003 and June 2004.

Duty is a three-year controlled tour. Applicants should meet the following qualifications to apply:

Undergraduate grade point average: 3.0+; Graduate GPA: 3.5+; Graduate Management Admissions Test: 550 or higher and an AACSB-accredited Masters in Business or related field (to check if your masters is AACSB accredited, visit: <http://www.aacsb.edu/accreditation/accreditedmembers.asp>)

Contact the functional manager at the Air Force Personnel Center to check eligibility for this "career broadening" assignment.

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# Deployed member sees child for first time

By Sue Walden  
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Staff Sgt. Jason Knecht is living proof that absence makes the heart grow fonder.

The 45th Medical Group patient administrator returned last week from Operation Iraqi Freedom to the arms of his wife, Angelica, and newborn son, Kristian, who he saw for the first time.

Staff Sgt. Knecht, who deployed with less than 24 hours' notice Feb. 8, pulled a sneak attack on his wife, making his homecoming that much sweeter.

"I was in Jacksonville staying with my family because my grandmother was ill," said Angelica. "My uncle said he had to go down to the auto shop, but he really went to the airport to pick up Jason."

Jason had called earlier from Atlanta on a layover to ask her uncle to pick him up at the Jacksonville airport.

"My wife had no idea I was coming home," said Staff Sgt. Knecht, who worked evenings admitting patients in a Qatar multinational clinic during his deployment.

While her uncle left for the airport, Angelica was bothered by her family

urging her to spruce up and wear a better outfit. "I kept telling them we were all just going out for dinner; what's the big deal," said Angelica.

Minutes later Angelica heard her husband's voice in the other room ask, "Where's my boy?"

"I couldn't believe it," said Angelica. When Angelica ran into the other room she was surprised to see Jason standing there sporting a slight beard. "It took me four days to get home so I hadn't shaven," he said.

Even though he wasn't there for Kristian's birth, he had the next best thing - the birth was just a phone call away.

"She called me from the hospital to tell me she was admitted and two hours later I got a call that Kristian was born," he said. Jason's commander let him use the phone although at the time morale calls weren't allowed.

Angelica, who recently separated from the Air Force as a 45th MDG senior airman, is thankful to members of the 45th MDG for their support. "Anything I needed, they were there for me," she said.

"People called me a lot, including Lt. Col. (Marlene) Abbott - she didn't have to do that."



Staff Sgt. Jason Knecht and his wife Angelica spend some time with their newborn son Kristian. Staff Sgt. Knecht saw his first son after returning from his deployment. (Photo by Sue Walden)

# Kennel master gets welcome from local K-9 handlers

By Staff Sgt. Joel Langton  
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 45th Security Forces Squadron's kennel master, Staff Sgt. Jason Campbell, has lots of memories from his five and a half month deployment to Al Jaber, Kuwait, but the memory that nearly brings tears to his eyes may be when he came off of the plane at Melbourne Airport.

There were his children, who brought an immediate smile to his face and put little arms around his neck. But as soon as he'd gotten the mandatory hug from the children and kiss from the wife, he turned the corner and standing with his fellow unit members at 1 a.m. in the morning were a number of other civilian dog handlers from Brevard County.

"We really didn't know what to expect because what we heard about mostly over there were all of these people who were protesting the war, so it was nice to see all the local support and to see my fellow dog handlers," said Staff Sgt. Campbell.

He said it was very nice, but not really surprising when considering how tight-knit the local dog handlers are.

"Dog handlers are close; we understand each



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- Staff Sgt. Jason Campbell

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other and we have a unique camaraderie," Staff Sgt. Campbell said. "We understand the bond between the dog and the handler."

The military and civilian K-9 community works together, he said. "We know the mannerisms of all the local handlers and we often work as teams," he said. "We know what they're going to do before they do it."

He said the two work together a lot because they have an emphasis on different missions, so they help each other out lot.

"We do a lot of explosive detection work here and they do a lot of patrol work, so we're always sharing and if one of us needs help, the other one is there," he said.

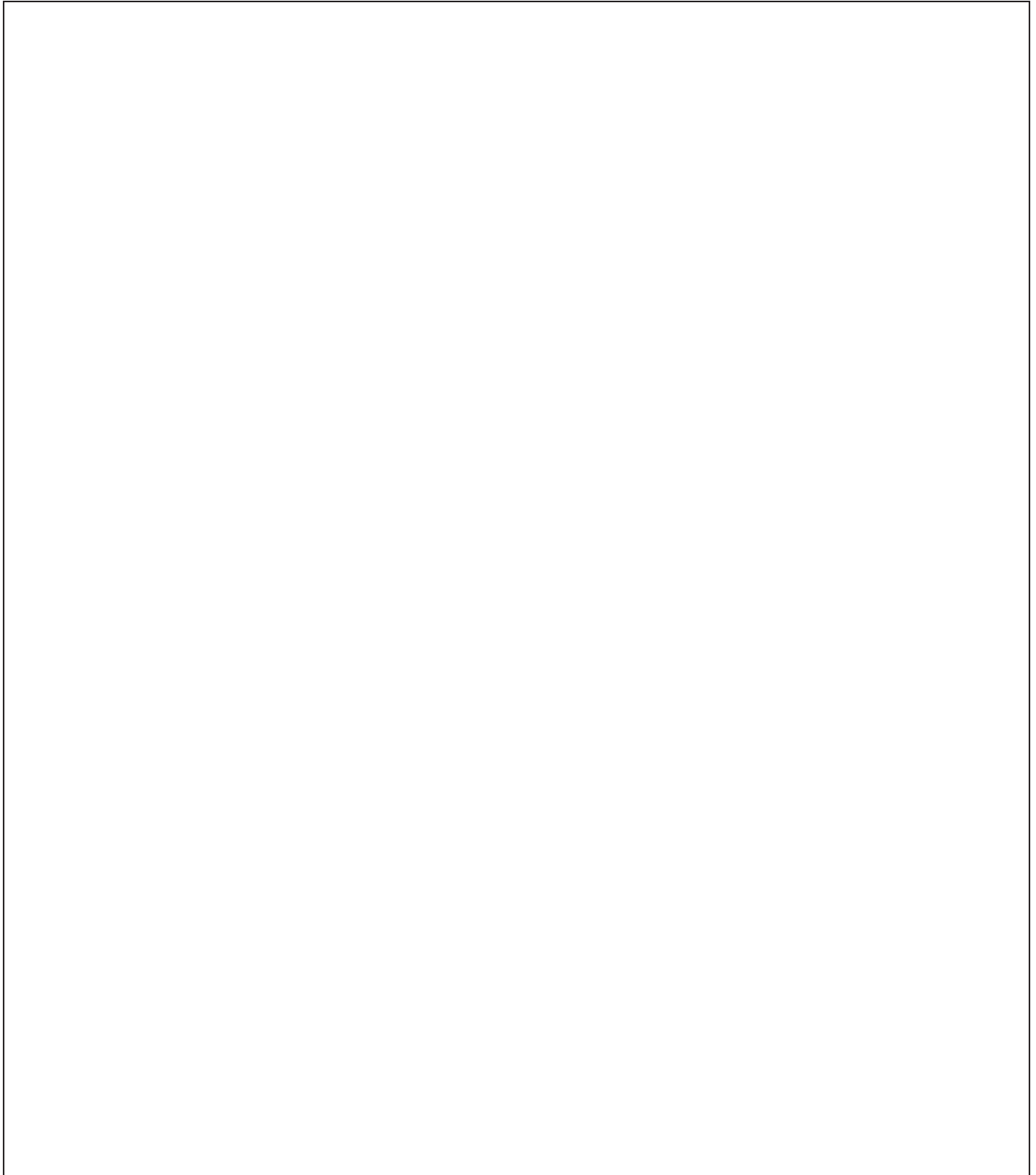
They've even helped train other's dogs.

However, there's one bond that glues them all together. "We're not just dog handlers Monday through Friday from 9 to 5, we're handlers 24-7," Staff Sgt. Campbell said. "We're all very committed to our dogs."

The deployment had plenty of peaks, with a few valleys thrown in as well.

Staff Sgt. Campbell had the same job in the desert as he has at Patrick's kennel. "There, all we did was the force protection mission. We searched all third country national vehicles and any vehicles that were coming from an unsecure location," he said. Nine dogs were assigned there and they performed about 200 inspections per day where force protection was focus number one.

"It was my first deployment and from the stories I've heard, it was the best deployment you could have been on," Staff Sgt. Campbell said. "We were busy but it was a good busy. If someone asked me if there was anything I could change, there was nothing I would."





# AF takes Beach Bash title – again

By Staff Sgt. Joel Langton  
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Beach Bash Armed Forces trophy is back home where it usually lives, in the 45th Space Wing trophy case.

For the fourth time in five years, the Air Force took top honors in the annual Memorial Day competition. The Beach Bash pits the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, Brevard County Sheriff's Departments, Fire Department and the beach patrol against each other in a variety of events. This year's event was the first to throw the beach patrol into the competition and the second to have the Sheriff's and Fire Departments competing.

They compete in a number of events that include a wheel barrel race, where one person holds the feet of the other and they race along the sand on their hands.

A water race is where teams try to fill a bucket with spoons. They've also got the more traditional events like tug-of-war and volleyball as well as three- and seven-person relays, a

five-kilometer, three-person run wearing 14-pound flak vests, a watermelon wrestling competition and hands of stone, where competitors competed to see who could hold a 50-pound bucket of sand.

Jerry Delebreau, the team's coach, said he wasn't sure the team would bring home top honors this year with a formidable opponent in newcomer Beach Patrol. "They'd just completed their school and had spent the last two weeks preparing and practicing the different events," Delebreau said.

Delebreau was nearly certain it was a lost cause when the Beach Patrol jumped out to an early lead, winning the four-person water relay and the Air Force team finished sixth.

"I knew it was going to be a long day then," said Delebreau. "At that point, I was thinking it was going to be next to impossible."

"You almost have to finish one, two or three in all the events to have a chance at first," said Delebreau, a five-time veteran of the competition.

A first-place finish earns a team eight points, second-place seven and goes all the way to last place with one point.

However, they grabbed eight points in the second event, volleyball, breathing life back into their championship hopes. It was the fifth time in five years they won the volleyball competition and they needed it this year more than ever. "That picked our spirits back up," Delebreau said.

The team continually moved up and by the fourth event, were in a nip and tuck battle



Lee Burgher pops up a volleyball to set up a teammate during the competition. The volleyball win got the Air Force back into the competition. (Photo by Jerry Delebreau)

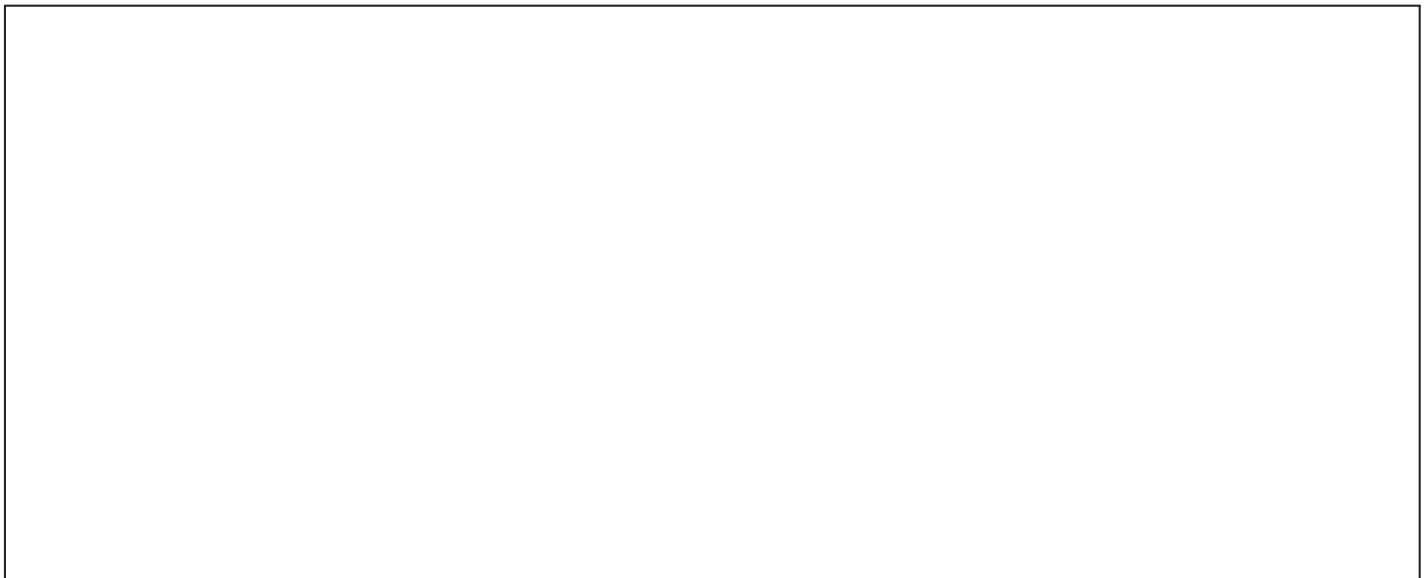
with the beach patrol's lifeguards. Each event one would surge ahead and then the other would move ahead in the next event.

Finally, like a Hollywood script, it came down to tug-of-war the final event. Whoever came out ahead between the Beach Patrol and the Air Force won the Beach Bash. Both won their first pulls and had to face each other in the second round. The sweat poured, muscles bulged and later ached and eventually, the Beach Patrol sagged and sank as the Air Force pulled them across.

The Air Force didn't rest on their laurels. They could have stopped there and still won the first-place trophy but they managed to defeat the undefeated Navy, to prove king of the sea and air during the half-day ground battle.



Nathan Beard comes out of the water dodging opponents during the watermelon wrestling competition, which the Air Force won handily. (Photo by Jerry Delebreau)



# New policy allows civilians to stay fit during duty hours

By Ida Barry  
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Military members might have civilian colleagues running alongside them on their lunch hour runs thanks to a new Air Force Space Command policy. Lt. Gen. Robert Hinson, Air Force Space Command vice commander, authorized installation commanders to establish a civilian health program.

The new policy mirrors the active-duty members' program. "In an effort to provide the 45th Space Wing civilian employees the opportunity to maintain better health and fitness, I am pleased to announce a new health program available to them," said Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich, 45th Space Wing commander. "Tenacious execution is an important part of our START philosophy and a healthy, fit workforce is better poised to ensure successful execution."

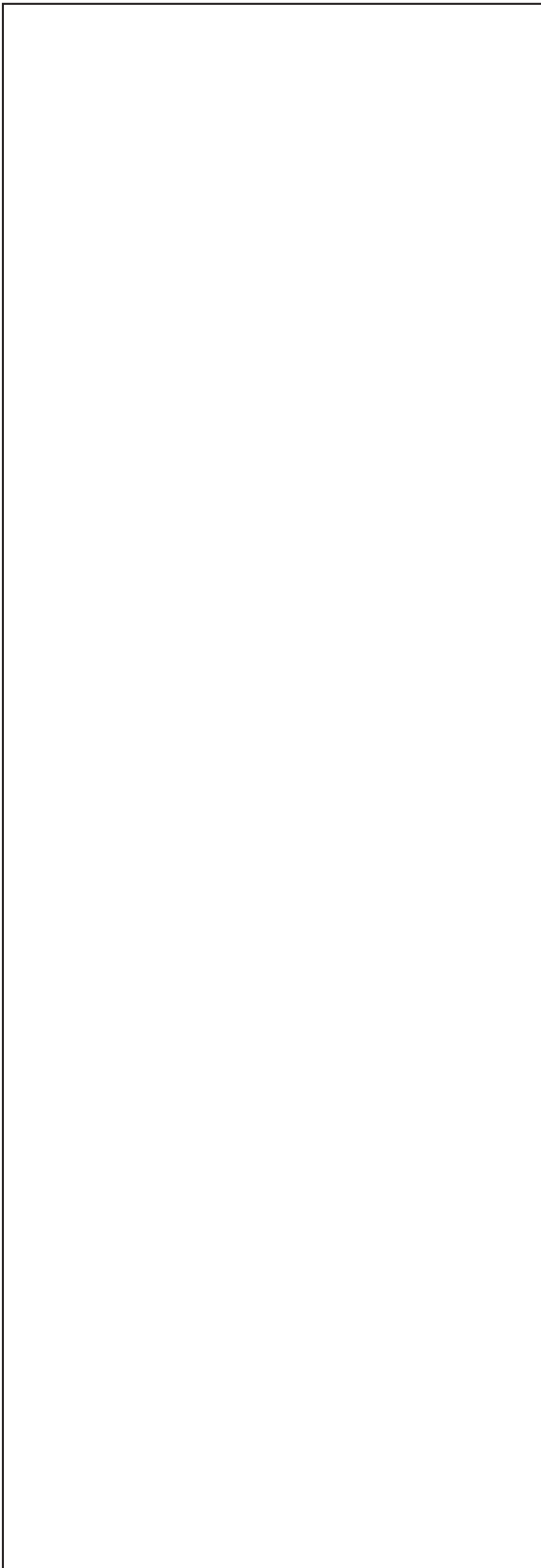
According to the policy, supervisors may permit full-time civilian employees to use up to three hours of duty time (excused absence) per week to participate in a personal fitness program or other officially sponsored health and wellness activities in base facilities. Part-time

and flexible time employees who work a minimum of 20 hours, but no more than 39 hours per week, will be allowed one and one-half hours of fitness time per week.

"To minimize any risks involved in starting an exercise program, interested individuals must first fill out a health history questionnaire," said Randall Hubbard, HAWC exercise physiologist. "Individuals with high-risk factors such as high blood pressure, must obtain authorization from their medical provider," said Mr. Hubbard. Employees can pick up the questionnaire's and clearance letters at the HAWC.

Dale Breidenbach, human resources specialist with the Civilian Personnel flight, feels the program gives him the opportunity to refocus on his fitness goals. "Employees may enhance their quality of life through exercise," said Mr. Breidenbach. "The opportunity to offer limited use of duty time for health and fitness activities provides another tool to encourage employees to establish and achieve health goals."

"This is an exceptional opportunity for our employees," said Brig. Gen. Pavlovich. "We encourage all to participate as mission permits."



### Get into ATWIND

Around the World in Ninety Days is back this summer with family adventure and chances to win cash, prizes and vacations.

Air Force Space Command and Air Mobility sponsor this virtual trip-around-the-world adventure.

ATWIND is a computer-based game and it's also a chance to win prizes while participating in events and activities around Patrick Sunday through Aug. 31.

The more a person plays, the more chances of winning prizes. All active duty members of the Armed Forces, DoD civilians, retired military members and their family members are eligible.

#### Enter by phone:

▶ Call the ATWIND Central Command toll-free at 1-888-597-9960 from a touchtone telephone.

▶ Enter your Personal Identification Number (PIN), which is birth date, followed by the last four digits of your social security number (Example: DD/MM/YY/XXXX).

▶ Now enter a free one-time-only introductory game piece number 9999-2003-999 and you're refueled and ready for takeoff. Each game piece allows one to travel 1,100 miles on the comput-

er journey.

#### Enter by computer:

▶ Log on to [www.atwind.com](http://www.atwind.com).

▶ Enter PIN which is your birth date followed by the last four digits of your Social Security Number.

▶ Answer a few questions and give your telephone number. (Please enter the same phone number and the same PIN every time you register to be notified if you are a winner.)

▶ Now enter a free introductory game piece number 9999-2003-999 and you're refueled and ready for takeoff.

#### How to Play:

▶ Earn game pieces by visiting local ATWIND sanctioned activities listed on the Master Event List.

▶ ATWIND Events List can be found on the Services Web page and in any Services activity.

▶ Enter the game piece received for participating at the activities and win bonus entries or instant prizes.

▶ Register the game pieces when participating in an ATWIND sanctioned activity.

▶ Fly 1,100 miles and gain five more entries in the next Grand Prize drawing.

▶ Circle the globe by visiting five different destinations.

### Apply for Space Camp

Youth interested in learning more about space, aviation and possibly pursuing the Air Force as a career should apply to attend the 2003 Air Force Youth Space Camp. This program is open to all eligible users of AF Youth Programs.

Attendees will participate in a wide variety of hands-on experiences, physical and classroom activities.

Youth interested in attending this year's Air Force Youth Space Camp must have a minimum GPA of 2.8 and complete the application process, which includes verification signatures for extracurricular activities, leadership positions held during the past two years and an interview by Tuesday.

Submit two letters of recommendation, 100 words or less, from significant adults in the nominee's life (other than parents).

Air Force Youth Space Camp is Aug. 2 through 8 at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala. Space Academy is for youth ages 12 through 14 and Advanced Space Academy is for youth ages 15 through 18.

For more information and to submit application packages and schedule interviews, contact Lynne Phillips at 494-4748.

## Action Line: 494-6550



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

The Action Line is your direct link to me and provides a valuable source of information on ways we can work together to make Patrick Air Force Base and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station better places to work and live.

The best way to get something fixed is to identify the problem to supervisors and first sergeants.

If you can't get your problem resolved through the agencies, contact the Action Line: e-mail, [action@patrick.af.mil](mailto:action@patrick.af.mil) or click global at Action Line – Patrick AFB; recorded message, 494-6550; mail, 45SW/PA 1201 Edward H. White II St, Ste C-130, Patrick AFB FL 32925-3237; fax, 494-7302. Address all correspondence "Attn: Action Line."

When directing an issue to the Action Line, callers must indicate to whom they've previously addressed the issue.

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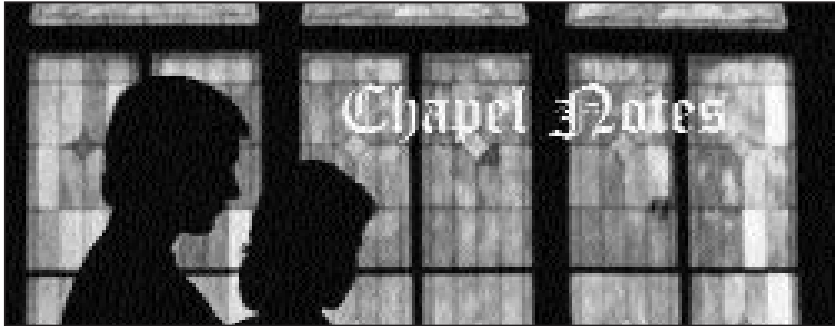
**Q:** I'm a retired Air Force first sergeant and my wife is a civilian employee at Patrick having been there for many years. We just wanted to say we support what you're doing with the seatbelt program, but we have noticed in recent weeks a great increase in the number of aggressive drivers leaving the Patrick AFB area. It's almost as if we have the "ugly American" with a decal on the window.

**A:** Thank you for the positive comment on our seatbelt program. Aggressive drivers are dangerous to our personnel and the public and we take this very seriously at the 45th Space Wing. My safety staff continually disseminates safety literature throughout the wing on virtually every traffic safety problem that our personnel can be exposed to.

Every safety campaign has addressed aggressive drivers and we will continue this proactive approach. If we find anyone displaying this type of behavior on the installation, our security forces will handle it immediately.







**Catholic**

Daily Mass 11:30 a.m. in the Seaside Chapel.

Saturday: 4 p.m. confession. 5 p.m. Mass in the South Patrick Chapel. Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Mass in the South Patrick Chapel and 11:30 a.m. Mass in the Seaside Chapel.

**Protestant**

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. traditional worship in the Seaside Chapel. At 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School in Seaside Chapel. Grades K-12 at South Patrick Chapel. At 11 a.m. Inspirational Service in the South Patrick Chapel. On Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. fellowship dinner in the South Patrick Chapel.

**Riverside Dining Facility menu**

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

**Saturday supper** - #Fish almandine, pork chops with mushroom gravy, stir-fry chicken with broccoli

**Sunday brunch** - Chicken parmesan, sauerbraten, tuna and noodles

**Sunday supper** - Fried shrimp, #ginger barbecue 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** - Barbecue beef cubes, #paprika beef, pork chop suey

**Wednesday lunch** - Pork schnitzel, sauerbraten, Reuben sandwich, bratwurst

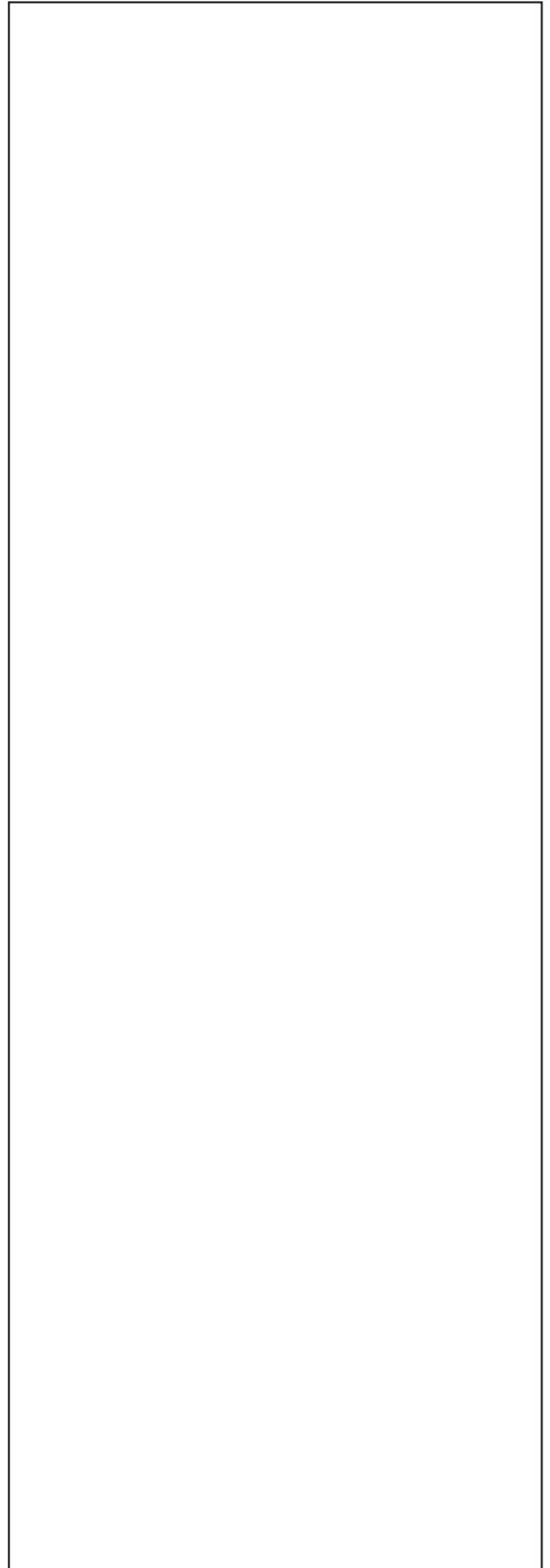
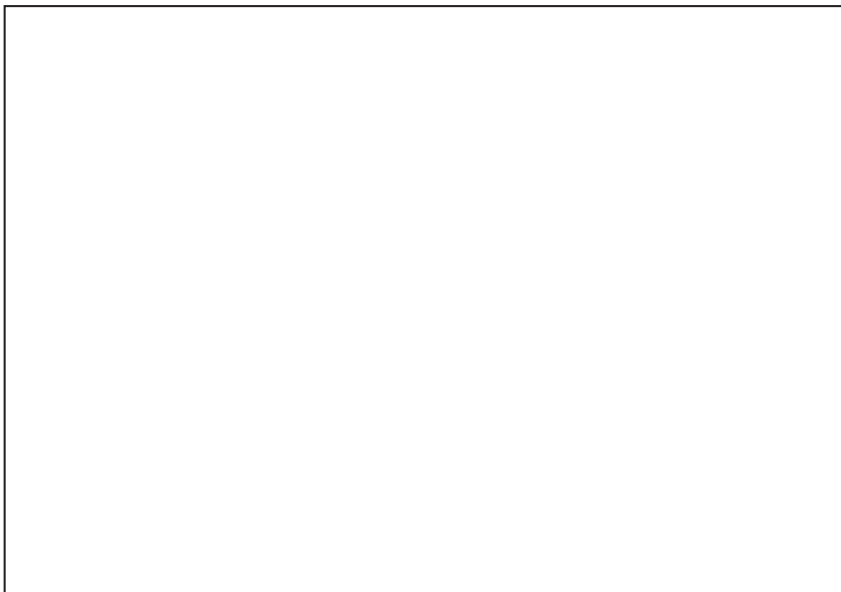
**Wednesday dinner** - Country-style steak, fried chicken, #pita pizzas

**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

**June 6 lunch** - Beef and corn pie, pea and pepper rice, #seafood Newburg, veal paprika steak

**June 6 dinner** - Yankee pot roast, #simmered corn beef, pineapple chicken





**Friday** *View from the Top* Stars Gwyneth Paltrow, Christina Applegate. Donna dreams of becoming a first-class international flight attendant and is willing to do whatever it takes to ensure that her dreams come true. The road to success, though, is rarely a smooth flight. (PG-13 language and sexual references)

**Saturday** *Anger Management* Stars Adam Sandler, Jack Nicholson. A mild-mannered businessman is wrongly accused of a crime and sentenced to an anger management program, where he discovers that his instructor is a crazy psycho with his own serious anger management problem, and is probably the one man in the world most capable of making his new student blow his lid. (PG-13 crude sexual content and language)

**Sunday** *Malibu's Most Wanted* Stars Jamie Kennedy, Anthony Anderson. Brad, a wannabe rap star from Malibu, acts and talks like he's from the "hood." Concerned that his son is going to embarrass him during his campaign to become the governor of California, his wealthy father, hires two Juilliard-trained actors to disguise themselves as "real life gangstaz" and kidnap him to try to scare the behavior out of him. (PG-13 sexual humor, language and violence)

**Thursday** *Anger Management* (See Saturday)  
Movies start at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 11.



