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In brief

Hurricane names

Saturday marks the first day of the 2002 hurricane season. Officials are predicting six to eight storms in what they believe to be a normal to slightly above normal season. The top 10 names for this season are as follows:

<i>Arthur</i>	<i>Fay</i>
<i>Bertha</i>	<i>Gustav</i>
<i>Cristobal</i>	<i>Hanna</i>
<i>Dolly</i>	<i>Isidore</i>
<i>Edouard</i>	<i>Josephine</i>

Firing range restrictions

The 325th Security Forces Squadron's combat arms section cautions all to stay clear of the land adjacent to the firing range.

Trespassing is illegal and dangerous.

The red range flag will be flying during day firing, and the red beacon will be flashing during night firing.

For more information, call combat arms, 283-2114.

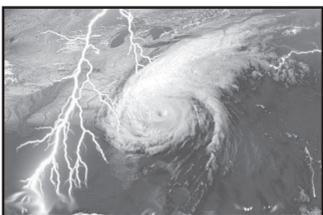


Courtesy photo

3 ... 2 ... 1 ... BOOM

The Air Force Research Laboratory Sky X Test Range 2 crew detonated 1,000 pounds of TNT in a research test May 23. The men and women working for the AFRL Force Protection Branch conduct these tests regularly in an effort to develop methods and design guidance for strengthening facilities to increase resistance to weapons and reduce casualties. For more information about Sky X, see the story on page 8.

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Chief of staff selects next top enlisted

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper named Chief Master Sgt. Gerald Murray on May 24 to serve as the 14th chief master sergeant of the Air Force.

Chief Murray will assume his new position July 1, following the June 28 retirement of Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Jim Finch. Chief Finch's retirement culminates 28 years of service to the Air Force.

General Jumper said the selection process was a difficult one.

"The selection was difficult because the candidates were all so

exceptionally qualified," the general said. "The Air Force is fortunate to have someone of Chief Murray's caliber leading our enlisted force during this exciting time in our service's history.

"His valuable experience and

proven leadership will play a pivotal role in the Air Force's future," General Jumper said. "I look forward to working with



Chief Master Sgt. Gerald Murray

him on matters of importance to the enlisted force and their families."

Chief Murray, who joined the Air Force in October 1977, is currently the command chief master sergeant for Pacific Air Forces. His career includes various assign-

ments in aircraft maintenance and as the command chief master sergeant for the 347th Wing at Moody Air Force Base, Ga.,

as well as U.S. Forces Japan and 5th Air Force, both located at Yokota Air Base, Japan.

The office of the chief master sergeant of the Air Force represents the highest enlisted level of leadership, provides direction for the enlisted corps, and represents their interests to the American public and to all levels of government. The CMSAF serves as a personal adviser to the Air Force chief of staff and secretary of the Air Force on all issues regarding the welfare, readiness, morale, proper utilization and progress of the enlisted force and their families.

Tyndall welcomes new SFS commander

BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM F. HODGKINS

325th Fighter Wing commander



I want to begin by welcoming Maj. Scott Enold to Team Tyndall as the new commander of our 325th Security Forces

Squadron.

Major Enold comes to Tyndall from Moody Air Force Base, Ga., where he served as commander of the 347th SFS. He assumed command this morning, replacing Lt. Col. Troy Robinett, who departs for his next assignment at Shaw AFB, S.C., as a division chief of force protection at Central Command Air Forces.

Colonel Robinett led the SFS to new heights and recognition across the Air Force during his tenure, and we wish Troy and his family all the best in their new assignment. With this change of command, it's a good time to remind everyone of the need to remain vigilant and continue to report any suspicious activities. While our cops ensure our first line



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of defense, force protection and the safety of Team Tyndall is everybody's responsibility.

It was great to see the wing turn out for our Safety Day, May 24. It seemed like everyone had fun, and most importantly, went away with plenty of good information to help stay safe throughout the 101 Critical Days of Summer – and beyond.

A special thanks to Lt. Col. Steve Kotan and the entire 325th Fighter Wing safety office for organizing the event. If we apply what we learned from the day's events, hopefully we'll all make it safely through this historically dangerous period.

And while we all learned more about

risk management at Safety Day, it was also entertaining to see our Tyndall Eagles pluck a few feathers out of the chiefs' headdress (by a 12-2 score) in a friendly rivalry on the softball diamond. Congratulations to all the Eagles for snapping a losing streak extending several years back. We eagerly await the Chiefs' next challenge to softball supremacy at the Heritage Day game.

Speaking of safety, Saturday marks the first day of "hurricane season" along the panhandle and other coastal communities. We must do all we can to be ready this season to protect our personnel, resources

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Action Line

The Action Line is your direct line to me. It is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

Action Line calls are recorded and staffed through the proper agency. The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response. You must leave your name, phone number or address to receive a response.

Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or facility managers. If you're not satisfied with the response or you are unable to resolve the problem, call me at 283-2255.

For fraud, waste and abuse calls, you should talk to the office of inspections, 283-4646. Calls concerning energy abuse should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM F. HODGKINS

325th Fighter Wing commander

Powerful words can change work environment

COL. RUSSELL FRASZ

14th Operations Group commander

COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. (AETCNS) — Years ago in a Management 101 course, my professor scribbled several words on the board and told all of us, "Here's 50 percent of your final exam. These are the most powerful words in the English language."

He stated these words could change an entire work environment; they could encourage people to work harder; and actually reduce a manager's workload.

So, what were these most powerful words? "Please" and "thank you."

You know, over my almost 24 years in the Air Force, I can tell you my professor's teachings were true, and I see it countless times around base. For example, several weeks ago while in line at the commissary, I watched three separate customers go through the checkout line without even saying one word to the cashier. No words

were spoken, no smiles ... like robots.

Then, I used those most powerful words. The standard "Paper or plastic?" was answered with, "Plastic, please ... how are you doing today?" A face was brightened, and where I heard a cold "ID" on the earlier customers, I now got "Good morning, ID please."

"Sure, here you go."

"Thank you."

Smiles all around.

No section or organization is immune. In my own group, I occasionally get student critiques stating the duty desk personnel are cold and rude. Then, our hard-working duty desk folks give me and the first sergeant feedback that the lieutenant students are, you guessed it, cold and rude.

How can this happen? Student and instructor pilots all too often approach the various duty desks with, "I got the 1320 (takeoff time) go." No "Good afternoon" or

"How's it going, Airman Jones? I have the 1320 go, please." They don't follow that up with a short, "Thanks a lot" when they are given their assigned jet's tail number and parking location.

They are busy, focused students, but unfortunately, too busy and too focused to pause and use the most powerful words in the English language.

I challenge each of you to try it out. Make these most powerful words part of your daily routine. Render a kind greeting, start your request with a "please" and end it with a "thank you," and you will get a totally different response, customer service or support.

The best thing about these words is they never run out. They're very contagious and can change the attitude of everyone. You'll find each member from any organization will respond in kind with the next person, and maybe not overnight, but eventually, a transformation of the work environment will occur.

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Bad choices send airmen's careers up in smoke

SPECIAL AGENT JEFF WILLIAMS

Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 406

COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. (AETCNS) — During my 16 years with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations, I have seen many young airmen end their careers because they made the wrong choice.

When you enlisted in the Air Force and later during basic training, you were educated about how we do things in the military. Some people take that education to heart and take pride in what they do. Others, however, fall back to the lifestyle they were involved in, or even ran away from, before they signed on the dotted line.

We recently investigated a young airman who, according to his supervisors, had outstanding potential and a great future with the Air Force. That all came to an end the day we apprehended him for using marijuana.

His story was pretty much the same as others I had heard. He hooked up with some old high school friends who were going nowhere with their lives, and they eventually smoked marijuana together. Bad choice. His

friends, who were apprehended with him, received the equivalent of a traffic ticket and a fine, while he received an Article 15 and an Air Force discharge under other than honorable conditions.

It's not often an AFOSI agent will quote an Area Defense Counsel lawyer, but I recently read an article written by Capt. Conrad Huygen, ADC at RAF Lakenheath, England, entitled "Top 10 Ways to Stay Out of Jail." In his article, he writes three observations he has noted during his time as a defense counsel.

The one of relevancy here reads, "Drug use is by far the most common court-martial offense, and it oftentimes follows drinking. If you use drugs, you'll get caught, because one of your friends will rat on you — drug use tends to be a group activity, and someone always ends up talking about it."

During the first quarter of 2002, I watched four young airmen throw away their careers because they wanted to get high. One of the four talked about it, and a responsible individual reported it to the proper authorities. The rest was easy. Once one confessed, they all rolled on each other. That's a pretty common occurrence in my business.

According to AFOSI statistics, the number of drug abuse investigations initiated in the Air Force during 2000 increased by 45 percent from 1999. The most notable trend in Air Force drug abuse was the rise and growing dominance in the use of Ecstasy. Information developed from other drug investigations and received from confidential informants were the lead predications for initiating drug abuse investigations in the Air Force during 2000.

Marijuana and Ecstasy were the preferred drugs of abuse, and the percentage of Air Force-affiliated drug subjects including active duty, Air Force civilians and dependents investigated during 2000 increased. The percentage of active-duty drug subjects investigated also increased and has continued on an upward trend since 1995.

The majority of Air Force-affiliated investigations by AFOSI continues to involve people in the 19- to 25-year-old age group, primarily in the grades E-1 through E-4.

If you are faced with making a good or bad decision concerning illegal drug use, selecting the bad choice could be the last decision you'll make in your Air Force career.

CSAF survey results show improvement in nearly all areas

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — More than 279,000 Air Force active duty members and civilians spoke their mind about issues affecting their day-to-day work in the 2002 Chief of Staff of the Air Force Organization Climate Survey.

Results of the survey, which ran Jan. 22 to March 8, were briefed to Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, earlier this month.

“This survey provides me and leaders at all levels in the chain of command critical information on how we are doing in our organizations,” General Jumper said. “We plan to use these results to make our working environments better for all Air Force people.”

Results of the survey were sent to commanders Air Force-wide on May 24.

“Once the commanders have the results in hand, they are urged to share the results with troops through

feedback sessions, and translate the information into action,” said Lori Marcum, survey team leader.

Ms. Marcum said a primary goal of the survey was to make sure commanders at all levels are provided the necessary tools to take advantage of this valuable information.

Survey officials took great care to protect the anonymity of respondents. Officials said this resulted in the survey having the highest response rate to date with more than 65 percent of the Air Force participating, almost double the response rates of either the 1997 or 1999 surveys.

Overall, this year’s survey results went up in almost all areas as compared to the 1999 results. Participants rated questions from “strongly disagreed” to “strongly agreed.” The highest-rated area was unit performance outcomes. Ninety-three percent of the people agreed they are getting the mission done and are do-

ing it well.

The area rated second highest was jobs, at 91 percent, which indicates people find their jobs motivating, important, interesting and challenging, said officials. Only 72 percent of the respondents agreed about the adequacy of resources.

Resources and unit recognition are areas where the Air Force has historically not fared well; however, there is an upward trend in the results of this survey compared with previous surveys. While resources were rated low, when asked the question, “Do I have enough time,” the rating is up from prior surveys, which is an indication work processes are improving. In the recognition area, 72 percent of respondents agreed they were being recognized — officially or unofficially — for exceptional performance by their chain of command.

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and families — we simply can never be too prepared for a hurricane. As such, this week’s Gulf Defender features a pullout section with vital information on what to expect and what to do should a hurricane come our way. I encourage everyone to pull this section out and keep it in a safe place to reference throughout the hurricane season. The pullout includes information on what to do during a hurricane and what measures to take in the event the base is evacuated. It includes contingency phone numbers, the meanings attached to the various hurricane categories and conditions as well as supplies that should be

included in your hurricane evacuation kit.

Also, include in your hurricane preparations making sure family members are well prepared and have a solid comfort level on what to expect and where to go in the event of an evacuation. Responding to a hurricane without a game plan is a recipe for disaster and additional stress. Therefore, within the next couple of weeks, ensure you have an evacuation plan and an evacuation kit that will be ready at a moment’s notice. Get your kids involved and let them assist you in assembling your hurricane evacuation kit. If you have any questions, now is the time to ask.

Keep safe and have a great week!



AETC changes split disbursements policy

1ST LT. JASON SCHROEDER
325th Comptroller Squadron

The Government Travel Card program and the individual VISA card issued by Bank of America have been around for several years and have proved to be a great benefit to travelers and the Air Force.

Most travel expenses (lodging, rental cars, airline tickets and even meals) can be purchased directly with the Bank of America VISA travel card, which reduces the amount of cash you need to carry.

The "Split Disbursement" option on a travel voucher assists travelers in paying off travel expenses by sending part of the travel reimbursement directly to Bank of America.

In order to fully utilize the split disbursement option and reduce Government Travel Card delinquencies throughout the command,

Air Education and Training Command is implementing a policy to default to split disbursement for all transportation, lodging and rental car expenses.

This portion of travel settlement for AETC members will be forwarded to Bank of America unless the member files a declination statement with the voucher. The remainder of any entitlement (associated with meals and other incidental expenses) can be sent to the traveler or Bank of America at the traveler's discretion.

Split disbursement allows for quick, easy payment of official expenses.

It is simply a matter of checking the appropriate block on the travel voucher and specifying the amount owed on a member's Government Travel Card.

If an AETC traveler does not wish to use the split dis-

bursement option, he or she must fill out and sign a statement of declination and attach it to the travel voucher prior to filing. Declination statements are available online at: www.tyndall.af.mil/325FW/CPTS/CPTDeclination.pdf and in the customer service lobby. The base financial services office cannot process a voucher from an AETC member unless split disbursement is elected or a statement of declination is attached.

Travelers are encouraged to use the split disbursement option to the fullest extent possible, to include expenses other than just airfare, lodging and rental cars. If you have further questions regarding the change in split disbursement procedures, call the base financial services office at 283-4117.

Leadership Line

"The fact is that resources are always finite and choices have to be made, and the choices we're making are difficult ones. They're not easy. I'm sure we're not making them perfectly, but goodness knows, we're trying, and for the first time to my knowledge the Department of Defense is trying to do something distinctively different."

DONALD RUMSFELD
Secretary of Defense



Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld (left) responds to a reporter's question during a joint press conference with Georgian Minister of Defense David Tevzadze in the Pentagon.

Commercial sponsorship limited to services' functions

CAPT KRISTIN PETERSEN

325th Fighter Wing legal intern

There are many activities, special days and events being held throughout the year at Tyndall AFB and finding a local business or organization is an attractive means to help fund such an event.

But who is allowed to solicit sponsorship from businesses?

There are many worthy events but with few exceptions, only the 325th Services Squadron programs can seek commercial sponsorship. Air Force Instruction 34-407 provides guidance on the Air Force Commercial Sponsorship program. This article summarizes a few important points from this instruction to remember to avoid violating the instruction or even worse, interfering with efforts by those authorized to obtain sponsors.

The purpose of commercial sponsorship is to help fund the MWR portion of events put on by Services. It makes sense, therefore, that its use is limited to the morale, welfare and recreation programs under services. And sponsorship is only available

for a "bona fide special event", one with a theme, focus and a specific limited time.

There are two forms of commercial sponsorship: unsolicited and solicited. Unsolicited means that the prospective sponsor initiates the agreement. Air Force personnel may not "encourage" offers by providing details about specific Services MWR needs. However, they are authorized limited efforts, such as publishing brochures or placing ads in newspapers, to generate awareness of programs. Services personnel are then authorized to follow up general advertisements with letters of a "nonspecific nature" and to respond to inquiries with more specific information. Other than these exceptions, any base-initiated contact is prohibited.

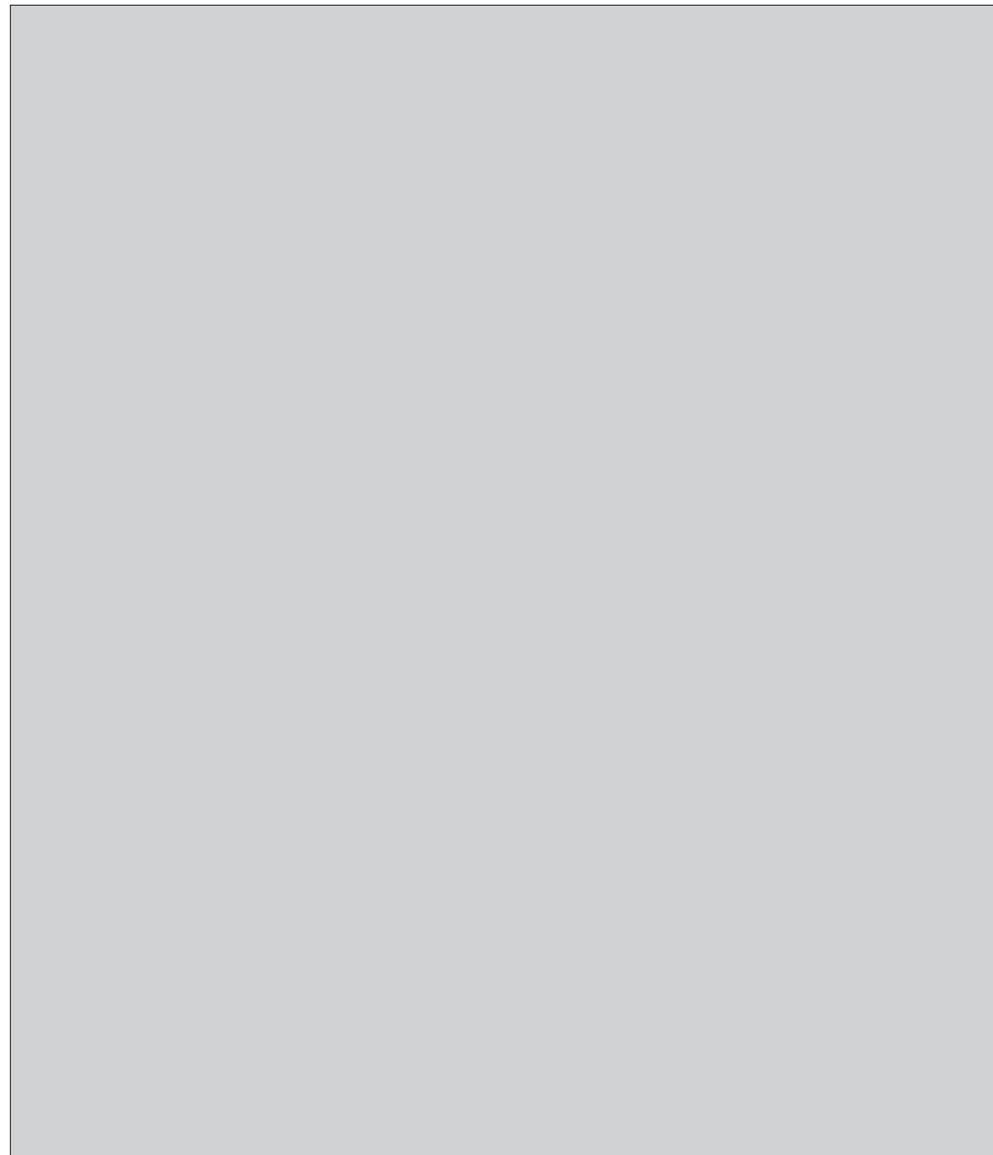
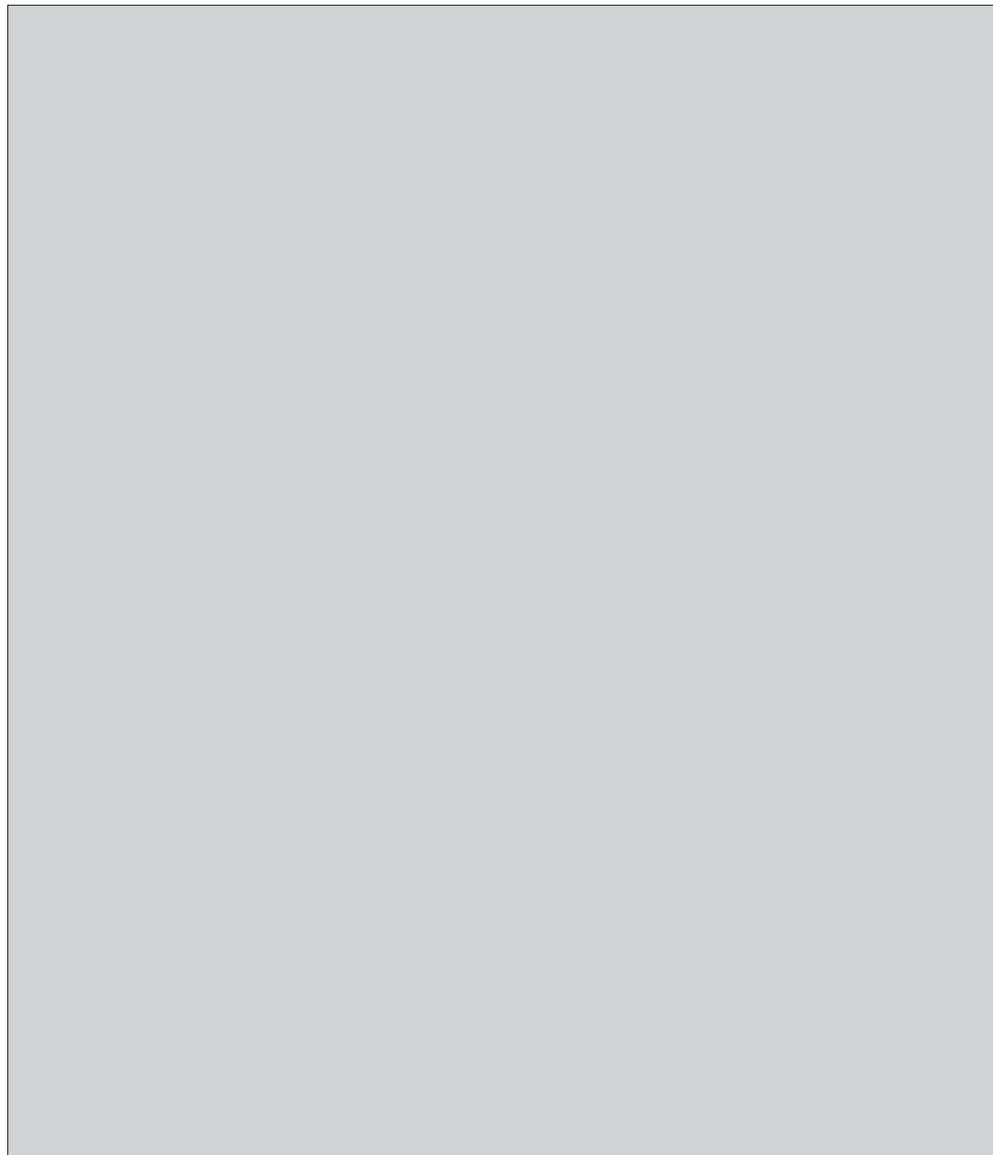
Solicited sponsorship is initiated by the Air Force through publication of solicitation announcements per AFMAN 34-416. Solicitation is limited to certain sponsors and events. For example, alcohol companies, tobacco companies or military system divisions of defense contractors are not to be solicited as sponsors. Unsolicited spon-

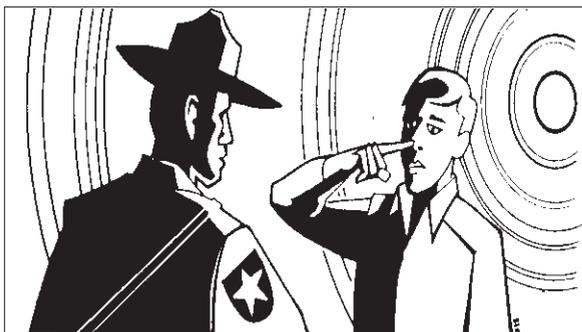
sorship is acceptable from any segment of a defense contractor, but alcohol and tobacco companies are limited further to events that are open to the public or to situations where the companies have sponsored similar events in the civilian community. The events to be sponsored must have some connection with the sponsor product. For example, displays at open houses or holiday events can reflect an appropriate connection, but athletic events or club promotions usually do not and are inappropriate events for sponsorship.

The sponsor receives recognition in return for its support, but the Air Force must ensure that the disclaimer, "No Federal endorsement of sponsor intended" is provided in the appropriate circumstances. For example, sponsors may distribute samples with a retail value of \$20 or less per recipient. If the items do not refer to any part or activity of the Federal Government, or are clearly worded to indicate they are solely for congratulatory purposes, they do not need the disclaimer. However, if the items refer to both the

event and the sponsor without more to explain that the government is not endorsing the sponsor, then a disclaimer is required.

Air Force Instruction 34-223 provides guidance on a related subject, the Private Organizations Program. Private organizations are defined as chartered special interest groups, such as the wives' clubs or aquatic clubs. They are not eligible for commercial sponsorship. The instruction provides that while on-base solicitations are not allowed at all, "off-base solicitations must clearly indicate that they are for a PO or an unofficial activity/organization and not the base or any official part of the Air Force." In addition, recognition cannot be made publicly to any donor. The difference between a donor and a sponsor is not always clear, but a sponsor is usually given recognition, advertisement opportunity, or favorable treatment in return for their contribution. A donor usually makes a gift, contribution or donation without the expectation to receive the same public recognition as a sponsor.





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Officials delaying promotion releases

MASTER SGT. RON TULL
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force people patiently waiting to find out how they did on their promotion tests for staff, technical and master sergeant will have to wait a little longer.

The promotion selectee lists for E-6 and E-7 are normally targeted for release on the first Thursday in June but will instead be released June 27. The E-5 list release date, usually the first Wednesday in August, is now Aug. 14.

The high operations tempo since Sept. 11 meant that many of those eligible for promotion were deployed when it came time to test for their next stripe, said Chief Master Sgt. Carol Dockery, chief of enlisted evaluations and promotions at the Pentagon.

The overriding goal, said Senior Master Sgt. Nathalie Swisher, chief of the enlisted promotion management section at the Air Force Personnel Center, must be to consider every noncommissioned officer possible in the original selection run and reduce the number of supplemental actions down the road.

“That’s the main reason for the delayed announcements,” she said.

While a small percentage of stripes are always held back for late-comers, many people eligible for promotion to technical and master sergeant are still “nonweighable,” meaning they are eligible for promotion but do not have a test on file.

“The delay will give more people, who could not test on time because they were deployed, the opportunity to compete with the majority of their peers instead of having to go through the supplemental process,” Sergeant Swisher said.

“The Air Force’s target goal for nonweighables when it comes time for selections is less than 1 percent of the eligible population,” she said. “Waiting as long as they can allows the Air Force Personnel Center to get a select list that mirrors what it would look like if 100 percent of the eligibles had tested. This ensures the Weighted Airman Promotion System continues to be fair and equitable for all NCOs competing for promotion.”

It is a process, added Sergeant Dockery, that will allow flexibility for all involved.

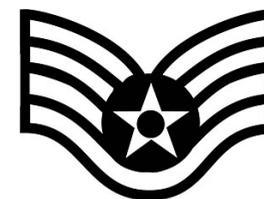
“It’s better to get the majority of nonweighables taken care of as quickly as possible,

because as soon as this release is finished, we’ll begin spinning up for the staff sergeant release,” Sergeant Dockery said. “Anytime we can change the system

to allow commanders and individuals a little bit more flexibility, we gladly do that.”

Besides expanding the testing window, Air Force Personnel Center officials allowed individuals deploying on lengthy temporary duty assignments an opportunity to test earlier than the 10-day window currently authorized.

Sergeant Dockery emphasized that while the release of names will be delayed, technical and master sergeant promotees will begin sewing on their new chevrons Aug. 1 as scheduled.



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SKY TEN MISSION: 'BLAST THE DOORS' OFF GLOBAL THREATS

MASTER SGT. ROB FULLER

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

While most people would either run from or want nothing to do with an explosion, one associate unit on Tyndall is fascinated with them and works daily discovering new ways to blow things up.

The Air Force Research Laboratory Force Protection Branch conducts between 150 and 200 explosive tests annually in an effort to develop methods and design guidance for strengthening facilities to increase resistance to terrorist weapons and reduce casualties.

"Our job is to provide state-of-the-art capabilities, unique facilities, and unparalleled personnel expertise in the planning, preparation and execution of explosive research and development experiments," said John Hagan, Applied Research Associates Blast Effects Test Director.

It all happens about nine miles east of Tyndall and near Mexico Beach at the Sky X (10) AFRL Test Range 2. The Sky X range was originally constructed in the early 1970s to evaluate the repairability and survivability of structures against conventional explosives during the Cold War. Today this team of military, civilian and Applied Research Associate contractors work diligently against a new threat and a new war—terrorism.

"Some of the buildings we use



Master Sgt. Rob Fuller

Inset, John Hagan removes the TNT from its storage container and prepares the explosive charge for the test. Above, Charlie Morgan, ARA EOD technician, opens munitions crates to begin preparing the TNT for the test at the SKY X Range. Below, Sky X Test Range visitors get an up-close look at the results of the explosion on the test wall.

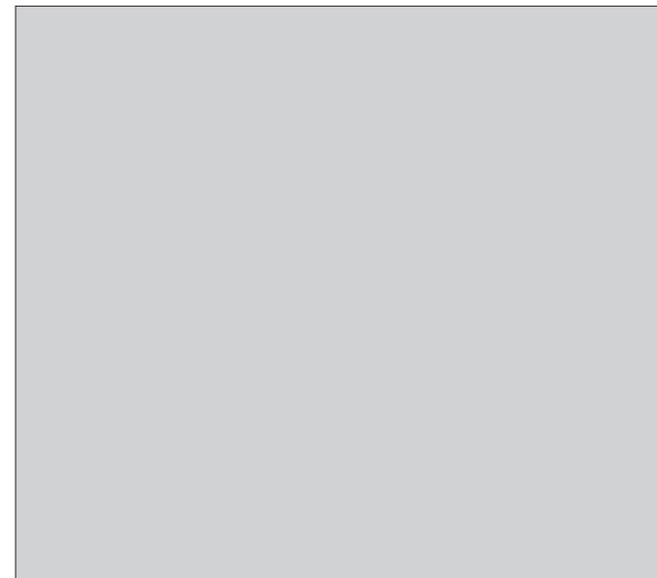
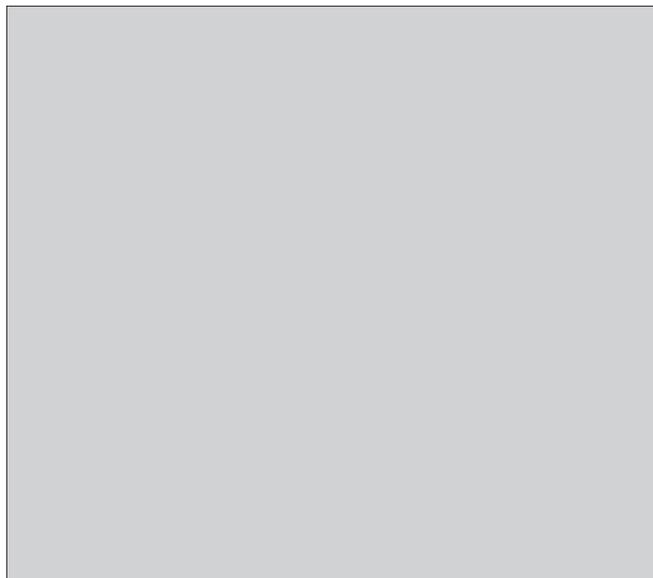
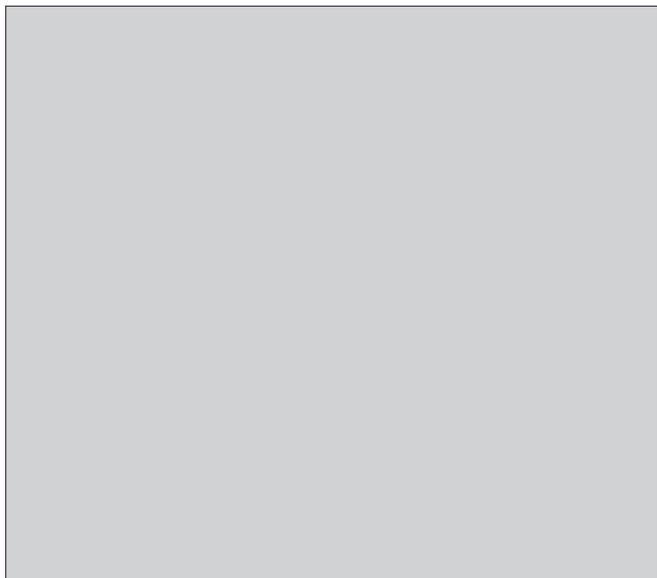
on Sky X are old hardened aircraft shelters and command post structures used during the 1970s and 1980s to determine if they could take a blast," said 1st Lt. Jason Armstrong, AFRL Blast Effects Research Project Engineer.

"When you look at the purpose for Sky X, when it was built," said Mr. Hagan, "the test structures were used throughout Europe. Testing was geared toward the threat of enemy aircraft dropping ordnance on an airbase, or attack by artillery or rockets.

Although we're still under that threat, we're also under the threat of terrorists—international or domestic. Therefore we're now involved in developing and researching better materials for new structures and retrofits in current facilities."

The range is rated for up to 1,000 pounds, net explosive limit, which equates roughly to the explosive power of a 2,000-pound bomb, such as the MK84 used by the Air Force in combat.

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Hurricane Season 2002

An informational
supplement to the
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Experts: Six to eight hurricanes possible

Officials expect normal to slightly above normal Atlantic storm activity

Top hurricane experts from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association said the 2002 Atlantic hurricane season will likely have normal to slightly above normal levels of activity. The outlook calls for the possibility of nine to 13 tropical storms, with six to eight hurricanes, and two to three classified as major.

Officials advised residents in Atlantic and Gulf Coast states to be prepared throughout the season, which runs Saturday through November 30.

Speaking on behalf of the president at a news conference, U.S. Department of Commerce Deputy Secretary Sam Bodman said, "One of the most damaging and potentially deadly weather events is a hurricane. Hurricanes have a devastating impact on our economy, causing billions of dollars in losses and damages, but the human toll can also be very high when people aren't prepared. President Bush asks all Americans in harm's way to be more vigilant about preparing for hurricanes in advance, rather than responding only when they threaten."

In 2001, there were 15 named storms, nine of which became hurricanes. A normal Atlantic hurricane season typically brings an average of 10 tropical storms, of which six reach hurricane strength, with two classified as major. Above-normal activity has been observed during six of the last seven Atlantic hurricane seasons. The key climate patterns guiding this year's expected activity are long-term patterns of tropical rainfall, air pressure and higher temperatures of the Atlantic Ocean that are more conducive to hurricane development. These warmer ocean temperatures, combined with lower wind shear in the hurricane development region, have historically generated higher numbers of major hurricanes.

"We will continue to monitor the evolving climate patterns closely over the next several months to see how they may impact the August to October peak period of the season," said Conrad Lautenbacher Jr. Mr. Lautenbacher is undersecretary of Commerce for oceans and atmosphere and an NOAA administrator. The agency

will release an updated hurricane season outlook in early August.

"This is the fifth year that NOAA has provided this forecast and, based on our success with the previous four outlooks, we have growing confidence in our ability to outline how the hurricane season will shape up," Mr. Lautenbacher said. "Residents in hurricane-prone areas must keep up their guard since it only takes one hurricane to destroy a community and lives."

Mr. Lautenbacher pointed to continuing improvements in technology and research enabling forecasters to produce the 2002 outlook. "Better data from NOAA's environmental satellites, better models, the latest supercomputers and an improved ability to monitor and understand global climate patterns are helping to create better long-term and short-term forecasts," Mr. Lautenbacher said.

August 2002 marks the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Andrew, one of the nation's costliest hurricanes. Andrew hit Florida and Louisiana, claiming 26 lives and damaging more than 125,000 homes. Storm damage exceeded \$40 billion. "Since that time, NOAA has continued to make significant investments to enhance our forecasting and warning capabilities," added Mr. Lautenbacher.

"As we prepare for another hurricane season with an ever-growing population living in vulnerable coastal areas, we all share the responsibility of preventing the loss of life, and minimizing the damage to property from hurricanes," said Ken Burris, FEMA Region IV director.

"The public hasn't seen a land-falling hurricane in two seasons and we know from experience—out of sight is out of mind. These are dangerous storms requiring the public to take precautions now before the season starts," said Max Mayfield, director of NOAA's National Hurricane Center in Miami. Hurricane-spawned disasters can occur during any season. Hurricane Andrew, in particular, developed during a season of below-normal hurricane activity. Mr. Mayfield added, "We don't want people to be caught off guard by a land-falling tropical storm or hurricane."

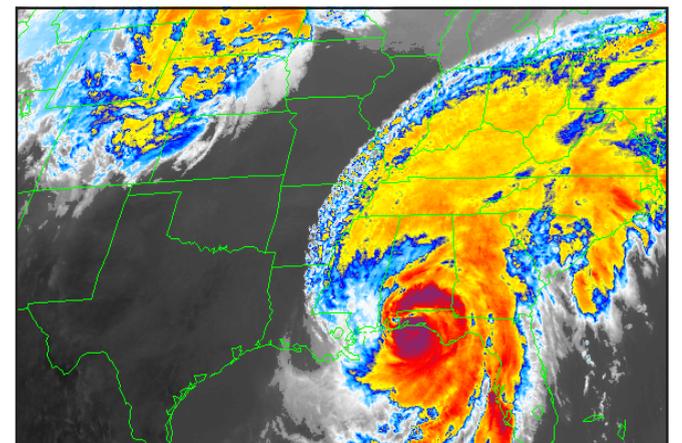
Mr. Mayfield also highlighted the dangers of inland flooding. "Tropical Storm Allison—responsible for at least 24 deaths and \$5 billion in damages from Texas to

Pennsylvania in June 2001—is a tragic example of why the nation's focus should remain on the impact of a land-falling storm, not just the number of storms that could occur." He added, "While inland flooding and hurricane force winds can be devastating, the storm surge from hurricanes possess the greatest potential for loss of life. When an evacuation order is given, residents should treat it as a life or death matter."

The Atlantic Hurricane Outlook is a consolidated team effort consisting of NOAA's Climate Prediction Center, the Hurricane Research Division and the National Hurricane Center. NOAA meteorologists use a suite of high-tech tools to forecast tropical storms and hurricanes. Forecasters rely on information gathered by NOAA and U.S. Air Force Reserve personnel who fly directly into the storms in "hurricane hunting" aircraft, NOAA satellites and NEXRAD WSR 88D radars.

NOAA's National Weather Service is the primary source of weather data, forecasts and warnings for the United States and its territories. The National Weather Service operates the most advanced weather and flood warning and forecast system in the world, helping to protect lives and property and enhance the national economy.

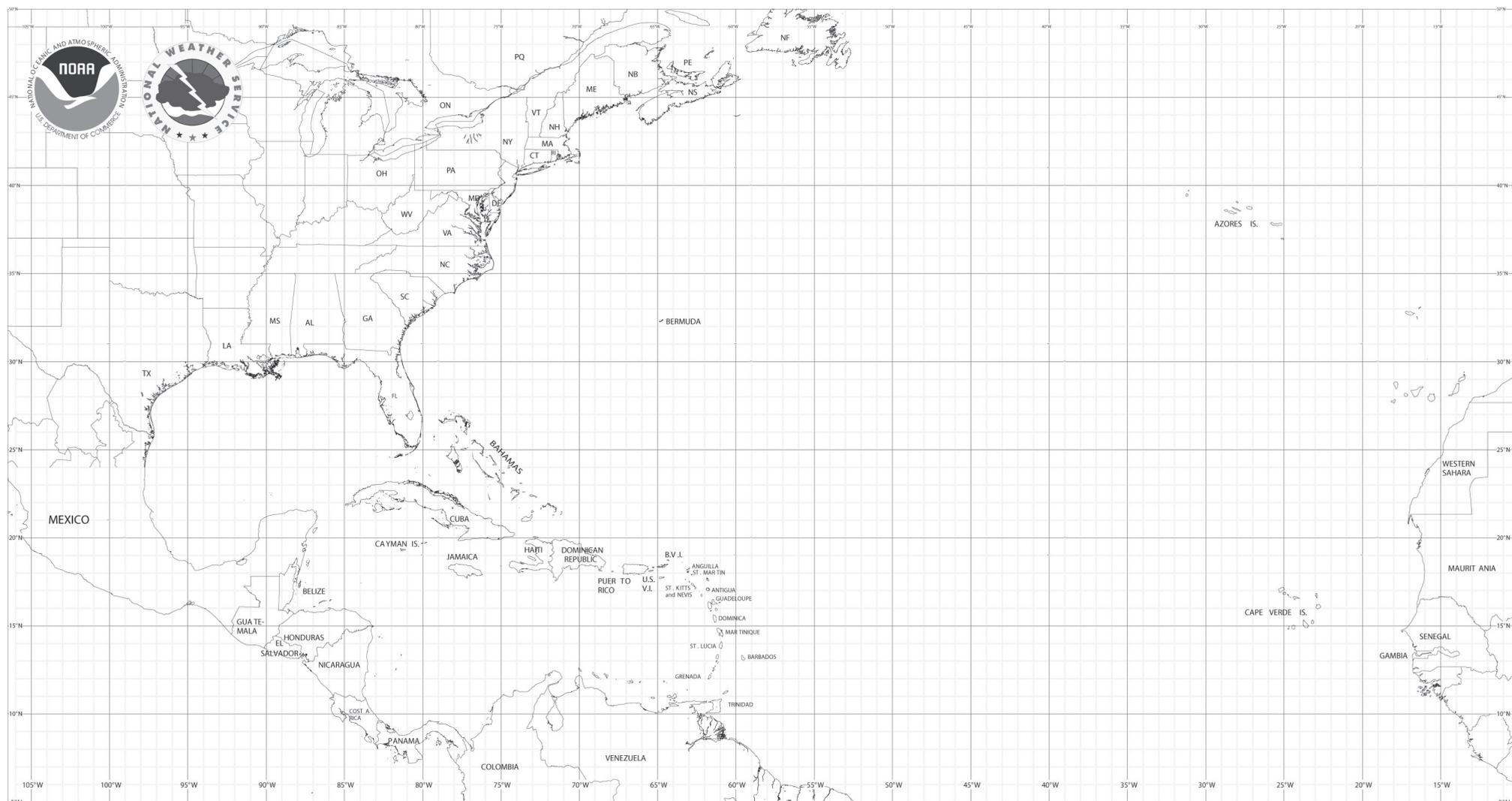
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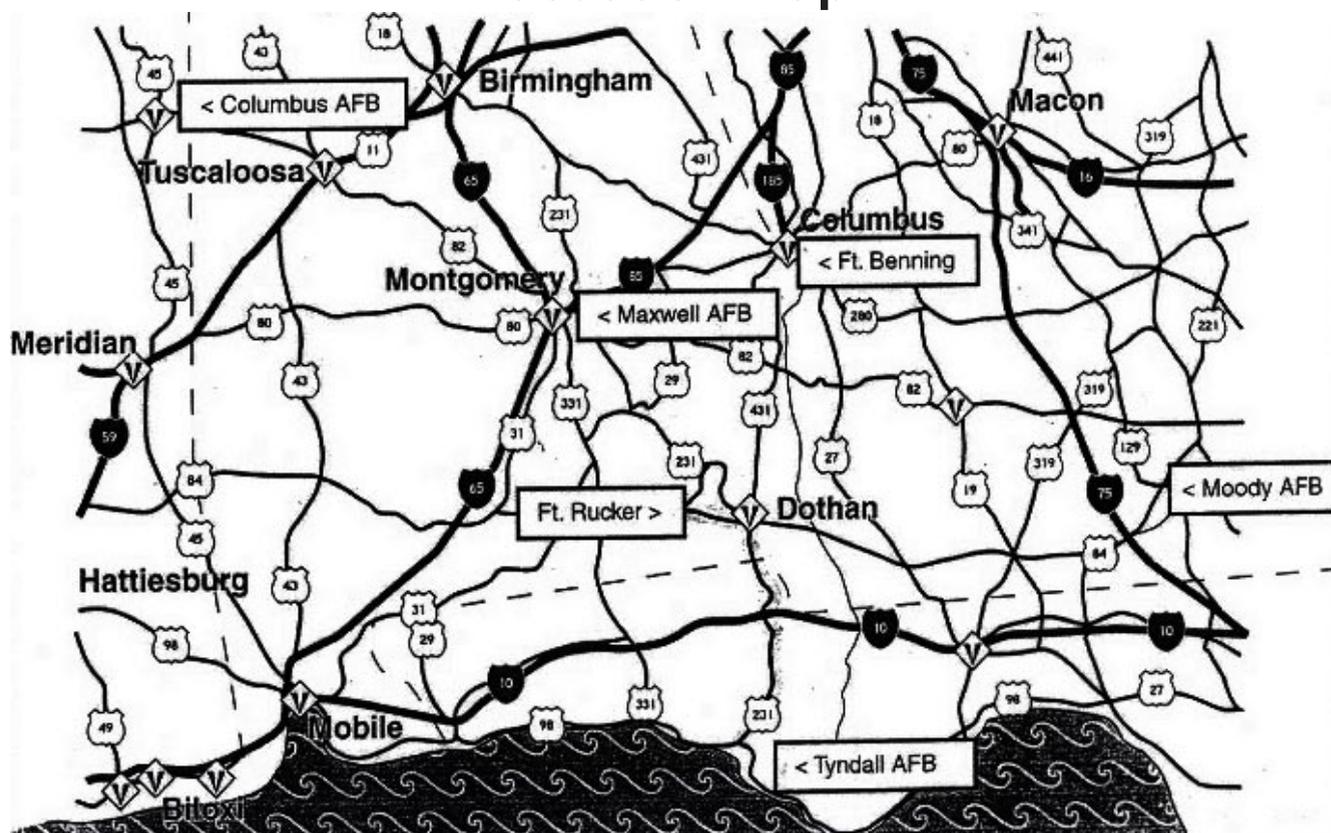
The satellite image shows Hurricane Opal which hit the Florida panhandle in 1995, causing \$3 billion in damage and taking nine lives in the United States. Hurricane evacuation kits should be prepared before the need to evacuate occurs. See Page 4A for a list of items needed in an evacuation kit.

Atlantic Basin Hurricane Tracking Chart National Hurricane Center, Miami, Florida



Be prepared for anything during a storm

Evacuation Map



You hear the weather reports on the news and keep updated on hurricane conditions by watching the weather channel, but do you really know what to do or what's going to happen if our area is threatened by a hurricane?

Two plans are implemented if a hurricane is headed toward Team Tyndall or the Bay County area; an aircraft evacuation plan and a disaster preparedness plan. Base officials will also activate several support centers to ensure these plans are carried smoothly and effectively. These centers include the battle staff, contingency support staff, aircraft hurricane evacuation staff and unit control centers.

In addition, a variety of media outlets are used to keep Team Tyndall members apprised and up-to-date on changes to hurricane conditions. Tyndall's media outlets include battle staff directives sent out to key base members to disseminate, e-mail messages, radio nets, commander's access channel (channel 12 on base), sirens, public address loud speakers, signs at the gates and, if needed, door-to-door runners.

All Team Tyndall members should have a personal evacuation plan ready. The key to a smooth hurricane evacuation is being prepared and the easiest way to be prepared is by using a hurricane checklist.

What to do during, after a hurricane

With winds that can easily exceed 100 mph, hurricanes are among nature's most violent storms. While the best advice is to be out of the area where the storm is predicted to make landfall, where should you go? What about if you're caught by the storm and must "ride it out," do you know what to do? Here are a few of the most commonly asked questions.

Q: Where do I go if Tyndall has to evacuate?

A: Tyndall's primary safe haven for members is Fort Rucker, Ala. Fort Rucker is about a one and one-half hour drive from Tyndall under normal driving conditions, however dense traffic could increase driving time up to five or more hours. Bus transportation will also be provided to the Fort Rucker area.

Q: Where will I stay?

A: Evacuees stay in Fort Rucker's base gym or billeting, if available.

Q: What if I have a pet?

A: Pets are not allowed inside any shelter facilities at Fort Rucker; this includes the gym and billeting. In addition, the American Red Cross does not allow pets at their facilities. Members owning pets are advised to plan ahead and find a kennel to house their pets or a motel that allows animals in rooms. The disaster preparedness flight, located in Building 909, has a list-

ing of kennels in the Ft. Rucker area.

Q: Do I have to go to Fort Rucker?

A: No, members may evacuate to other locations if they choose, but their commander must approve it. Additionally, evacuation allowances will be based on the safe haven locations. Should a member be unable to make it to Fort Rucker and have to go another area, they may report their whereabouts by notifying the Air Force Personnel Center at (800) 435-9941, or Tyndall at (800) 896-8806. However, determination of financial reimbursement will be based upon evacuation to Ft. Rucker.

Q: Do I need to bring anything with me to Fort Rucker?

A: Yes. If you have to stay at the base gym, cots will be provided for you, but members should bring their own blankets, towels and personal hygiene products.

Q: Will the base exchange facility be open when I arrive?

A: Upon arrival at Ft. Rucker, personnel will be informed of the base exchange and dining facility operating hours.

Q: What do I do during a hurricane?

A: Stay away from windows and glassed areas.

Listen for continuing weather bulletins and reports.

Use the telephone for emergencies only.

Follow official instructions. Be aware of the eye of the hurricane. A lull in winds doesn't mean the storm is over. Remain indoors unless emergency repairs are necessary. Exercise caution outside. Winds may resume suddenly, in the opposite direction and with greater force.

Be aware of rising water.

If electric service is interrupted, note the time, then turn off the appliances, especially air conditioners. Do not disconnect refrigerators or freezers. In fact, set controls to their coldest settings and keep doors closed to preserve food as long as possible.

Keep away from fallen wires, and if you see any, report their location.

Presume all water is contaminated. Boil or use purification tablets until the water is declared safe.

Q: What do I do after the hurricane?

A: Listen for official word that the danger has passed.

Inspect your home for damage.

Watch for animals, like snakes and rats, that may have relocated in your home.

Check for gas leaks before lighting flames.

Be alert for downed power lines and flooded areas.

Stay out of affected areas; sightseeing hampers recovery and cleanup efforts.

Radio stations, call letters

Tyndall members can tune in to the following radio stations during inclement weather to find out the latest information surrounding dangerous weather.

Bay County area:

90.7	WKGC-FM (GCCC)
92.5	WPAP-FM (Country)
93.5	WEBZ
94.5	WPPT-FM (Pirate)
95.9	WRBA-FM (Arrow)
98.5	WFSY-FM (Sunny)
99.3	WPBH-FM (Beach)
103	WDRK-FM
103.5	WMXP (Light Rock)
105	WAKT-FM
106	WILN (Island 106)
107.9	WLHR (Hot)
590	WDIZ-AM
1480	WKGC-AM

Fort Rucker, Ala., area:

99.7	WOOF-FM
100.5	WXUS100
102.5	WESP-FM
106.7	WKMX

Categories defined

Hurricane conditions should not be confused with hurricane categories. Hurricanes are studied by the National Weather Service. Along with a name, they give it a category based on the Saffir-Simpson Scale of 1 to 5.

These categories give weather watchers an idea of how strong the hurricane winds will be and how high the storm surge will reach.

They are:

Category 1 – Winds 74 to 95 mph; storm surge 4 to 5 feet

Category 2 – Winds 96 to 110 mph; storm surge 6 to 8 feet

Category 3 – Winds 111 to 130 mph; storm surge 9 to 12 feet

Category 4 – Winds 131 to 150 mph; storm surge 13 to 18 feet

Category 5 – Winds more than 150 mph; storm surge greater than 18 feet

Make a list, check it twice

Preparation for a hurricane could save discomfort, stress when storm hits

Proper hurricane preparation begins long before the first glimpse of a storm on a weatherman's radar screen. Making up a checklist to be used prior to a hurricane's arrival can ensure both you and your family are safe and secure when a storm makes landfall.

Check hurricane kit and replace missing items.

Listen for official weather reports and announcements on radio and televisions.

Announcements will also be posted on the base cable Channel 12.

Note the address of nearest emergency shelter.

Low-lying areas or mobile homes should be evacuated.

If pregnant, call a doctor for advice.

Be prepared to turn off gas, water and electricity.

Fill tubs and containers with water. One-half gallon of water per person per day.

Keep car fueled and prepared to evacuate.

Moor boats securely. Use long lines and allow for rising water.

●SEE CHECKLIST PAGE 4A

●FROM EVACUATE PAGE 2A

A standard hurricane checklist should be a to-do list covering essential supplies and steps that need to be done prior to when the hurricane is expected to be in the local area.

Along with having a checklist, one of the main decisions many off-base Team Tyndall members must make is whether or not to evacuate. Preparing a home before evacuation can also decrease the damage. Home preparations should include boarding up windows and doors, storing items above the floor in case of flooding, shutting off utilities and securing items left outside. During hurricane season, have the plan, checklist and evacuation kit ready.

While evacuation orders for Team Tyndall members living on-base comes from the installation commander, downtown officials will notify off-base residents of the need for evacuation. Team Tyndall members are advised to pay attention to emergency information in order to meet evacuation times, know where they are going and how to get there and check with their unit commander for squadron-specific restrictions and guidance already established.

For safety and base security reasons, some base members may have to stay behind after an evacuation has been ordered in order to finish base preparation and provide base support. Once relocation is announced, mem-

bers should return as soon as possible to begin the recovery process and assess damage to homes and belongings. Safety should be a concern when returning after a hurricane has occurred. It's important to watch out for animals rummaging for food, broken power, gas and water lines; structural damage, hazardous material spills and other dangerous situations.

Whether Team Tyndall members are evacuating or relocating back to the local area after a hurricane has made landfall, being prepared is the main ingredient. Know what the HURCON levels are and what to do; have a checklist or evacuation plan and follow through with it. *(Compiled by 325th Fighter Wing public affairs)*

Know your evacuation travel entitlements

As hurricane season approaches, it's important to know how Team Tyndall members and their families will be affected in the event of an evacuation.

The 325th Fighter Wing commander can order an evacuation either verbally or in writing. The type of evacuation order given will determine who will receive travel entitlements.

For instance, if the commander orders that only Tyndall residents have to evacuate, only those individuals actually living on base will be reimbursed for expenses incurred during an evacuation. The wing commander also has the authority to determine whether you can evacuate to a safe haven location of your choice or to a specific location, such as Fort Rucker, Ala.

If an evacuation has been ordered, members affected will receive travel entitlements. For privately owned vehicle travel, personnel affected are reimbursed for the mileage if they own the vehicle. A member without dependents can only be reimbursed for one vehicle. Individuals with dependents who evacuate may be reimbursed for two vehicles, if used. Tolls paid during the evacuation are reimbursable.

Individuals affected by a command-ordered evacuation will be required to sub-

mit lodging receipts, regardless of the amount. Members staying with family or friends will not be reimbursed for any payments made to them. Per-diem rates will vary depending on location. Individuals will only be reimbursed for the per diem rate of the location they are authorized to evacuate to.

Receipts for meals are not required. Members staying at an off-base location are reimbursed for meals at a flat rate dependant on location. If lodged on a military installation, military members will be reimbursed based on members' availability of government dining facilities.

Although the government travel card can be used during an evacuation, it is important to note that you are only authorized to use it for reimbursable travel entitlements, such as stated above. Automatic teller machine fees associated with the government credit card are reimbursable. However, reimbursements of ATM fees are limited by the entitled withdrawal amount. Members evacuating are encouraged to keep an itinerary stating dates of travel. This will make filing a settlement voucher easier.

More information about military travel regulations can be found on the Internet at: www.dtic.mil/perdiem/

Numbers offer critical information

Contingency numbers are set up to keep Team Tyndall informed of situations during a hurricane.

The number, (877) 529-5540, was developed to disseminate critical information during contingencies such as hurricanes.

The telephone number has already been activated and in the event of a contingency, such as a hurricane, will inform base personnel when to evacuate if necessary, or if aircraft evacuation has been ordered.

The information line will also inform people if no evacuation is anticipated.

This contingency number is used primarily to keep Tyndall personnel aware of a situation's current status.

Other numbers for use during hurricane evacuations are (800) 896-8806 to contact Tyndall for the status of the base and return to duty information, and (800) 435-9941 to contact the Air Force Personnel Center to report your location during the evacuation and receive further instructions.

●FROM CHECKLIST PAGE 3A

Secure objects that could become deadly hazards. Those objects include doors, shutters, gates, outdoor furniture, garden tools, sprinklers, hoses, children's toys, trash cans and loose branches.

Stock adequate supplies. Include a portable radio with spare batteries, flashlights with spare batteries, candles, lanterns, matches, hammer and nails, plywood (to cover broken windows), a handsaw and lumber, screwdrivers (slotted and Phillips), pliers, hunting knife, rope, tape, plastic sheeting, dropcloths, waterproof bags, first-aid kit, containers of water, water purification tablets, insect repellent, canned food, juices, candy, gum,

life jackets (if available), charcoal grill and charcoal, fire extinguisher, towels, plastic sheets (to protect furniture), buckets, mops and manual can opener.

When an evacuation is advised, do the following:

Notify unit of evacuation destination.

Leave as soon as possible.

Follow official instructions.

Take the following supplies: road map to the evacuation area, changes of clothing, important papers, toilet and personal articles, furniture, baby articles, medications, first-aid kit, fire extinguisher, candles and matches, dog tags and next-of-kin information, sleeping bags/blankets and pillows in waterproof casings, special diet foods, spare

Inland flooding major threat

When it comes to hurricanes, wind speeds do not tell the whole story. Hurricanes produce storm surges, tornadoes, and often the most deadly of all — inland flooding.

While storm surge is always a potential threat, more people have died from inland flooding in the last 30 years. Intense rainfall is not directly related to the wind speed of tropical cyclones. In fact, some of the greatest rainfall amounts occur from weaker storms that drift slowly or stall over an area.

Inland flooding can be a major threat to communities hundreds of miles from the coast as intense rain falls from these huge tropical air masses.

The United States has a significant hurricane

problem. More than 60 percent of our nation's population live in coastal states from Maine to Texas, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

Hurricane Floyd (1999) brought intense rains and record flooding to the eastern United States. Of the 56 people who perished, 50 drowned due to inland flooding.

Tropical Storm Alberto (1994) drifted over the southeast United States and produced torrential rainfall. More than 21 inches of rain fell at Americus, Georgia. Thirty-three people drowned. Damages exceeded \$750 million.

Tropical Storm Claudette (1979) brought 45 inches of rain to an area near Alvin, Texas, contributing to more than \$600 million in damages.

Hurricane Agnes (1972) produced floods in the northeast United States

which contributed to 122 deaths and \$6.4 billion in damages. Long after the winds from Hurricane Diane (1955) subsided, the storm brought inland flooding to Pennsylvania, New York and New England contributing to nearly 200 deaths and \$4.2 billion in damages.

So, the next time you hear hurricane — think inland flooding!

What can you do?

● Determine whether you live in a potential flood zone.

● If advised to evacuate, do so immediately.

● Keep abreast of road conditions through the news media.

● Move to a safe area before access is cut off by flood water.

● Develop a flood emergency action plan with your community.



Courtesy U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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portable radio and spare batteries, flashlight with spare batteries, lanterns, canned food, portable cooler, water, snacks, purse, wallet, money, rope, knife, tools, plastic bags and ties, deck of cards, manual can opener, cooking and eating utensils and portable camp stove and sheeting.

Disconnect major appliances except the refrigerator and freezer. Turn their controls to the coldest setting and keep the door closed.

Provide food and water for pets or board them in a kennel. Pets cannot be taken to a Red Cross or Ft. Rucker shelter.

Shut off water and gas at the main valve.

Have two weeks' worth of prescription medicine on hand at all times.

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Air Force research, development saves plant

STEVEN WELLS
Air Force Research Laboratory

Technology transfer wins the day when an Air Force Research Laboratory-developed program, the Advanced Fire Protection Deluge System, prevents injuries and damage at an industrial plant.

Engineers at the Air Force Research Laboratory's Materials and Manufacturing Directorate, Fire Research Laboratory developed the AFPDS, which is the world's fastest fire suppression system.

Project engineer, Steve Wells explained that when the detector, which is focused on the hazard area, recognizes an ignition, the controller activates a sphere-shaped extinguisher that is charged with nitrogen-pressurized water. An explosive squib inside the extinguisher causes the safe discharge of water in two milliseconds with suppression of the fire achieved in 30 milliseconds. The delivery system greatly reduces any possibility of fire, explosion, environmental problems or hazardous fumes.

A paint manufacturer installed five AFPDSs in its propellant-charging house at one of their plants. Hazardous operations in this facility include charging aerosol paint cans with propane propellant. During fill operations a paint can ruptured and the propane gas ignited. The AFPDS instantaneously detected the fire and initiated the suppression system. The flame was extin-

guished without injury to workers or damage to the facility. In the past, such accidents have caused injuries, severe damage to equipment and stopped production. This is a premiere example of AFRL technology transfer to industry.

The AFRL Fire Research Laboratory began development of the AFPDS at the request of the Army Defense Ammunition Logistics Activity. The objective was to enhance the speed, effectiveness and false alarm immunity of the Army's existing fire protection systems at their munitions plants.

Laboratory engineers developed the AFPDS using an electronically integrated combination of high-speed, false alarm immune optical fire detectors, a controller operating at less than a millisecond and pressurized water discharged from high rate discharge spheres. The system was installed at munitions plants at the Picatinny Arsenal, N.J.; Sunny Point, N.C.; and Fort Wainwright, Alaska, for operational tests and has now been approved by the Army for use at all their plants.

According to Bob Loyd, the Army's Munitions Safety representative, the Army will install the system in other Army munitions plants over the next several years. In addition, Mr. Wells stated the Navy has contracted with the laboratory to develop a portable version of the AFPDS to protect Navy personnel and facilities.

●FROM SKY X PAGE 8

Sky X customers are primarily within the Department of Defense, but agencies all over the United States to include commercial interests have benefited.

"A lot of the research we do is fed back to the Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency here and other DOD organizations, as well as the State Department, FBI and some commercial interests," said Lieutenant Armstrong. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms has used the Sky X test range to recreate a crime in which explosives were used. The ATF also distributes AFRL research data to local law enforcement agencies

about explosives used in such crimes as car bombings.

Many Sky X customers are in the eastern United States, Mr. Hagan said, making the Tyndall Range location economical for travel to view explosive demonstrations. For example a customer can fly in, view a test and fly home the same day.

One commercial use of the research started when AFRL developed a fire deluge system for the U.S. Army to install in aging 1950s-era munitions plants. The assembly lines moved explosives on conveyor belts through the plant. If an explosion occurred along the belt it

would spread rapidly down the line. The new deluge system reacted fast enough to knock down the fire from the explosion, extinguish it and avoid a chain reaction. The same system was installed in a Sherwin Williams paint plant in Texas to avoid aerosol fires on the paint can assembly line. Not long after installation, the plant experienced an incident and the system worked, saving the plant—a direct result of efforts at Sky X.

This small, 20-acre site in the Florida panhandle continues to play an important role in providing a safer environment for American citizens at home as well as those abroad.

Finance experts available at center

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — The Air Force's military personnel customer help line now has finance experts on-site for quicker resolution of military pay concerns. This is part of a new senior leadership push to reduce pay problems for airmen.

The Air Force Personnel Contact Center has also expanded its hours to 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., and has added a new e-mail address for pay and other personnel questions at contact.center@randolph.af.mil.

"We've had great cooperation

from our friends in finance all along, but this takes us another step closer to one-stop shopping for people with pay or personnel problems," said Lt. Col. David Zeh, chief of the contact center at the Air Force Personnel Center.

"Having their technicians referring calls directly to finance and pay experts should get people better answers faster," he said. "We're excited about this."

The contact center, which can also be reached by phone at DSN 665-2949 or toll-free (800) 558-1404, has been helping more than 1,300

people a week and resolving 95 percent of those problems within a day or two, said Colonel Zeh.

A few hundred of those calls per week are about things that affect pay, the colonel said.

Having the finance technicians on-site should not only speed up answers to new callers, but also aid in efforts to correct backlogged problems, he said.

"This is good news for people with problems," Colonel Zeh said. "We'll keep this setup as long as we need to."

(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

●FROM SURVEY PAGE 4

In the unit leadership section, 78 percent of respondents agreed leadership in their chain of command influenced the direction, people and culture, which officials say shows trust in their commanders.

Supervision is typically evaluated two ways: managing resources and taking care of people. Most respondents felt their supervisors looked out for their best interests. In fact, 82 percent agreed their supervisors were proficient in the areas of skills planning, organizing, leading and providing feedback.

In the general satisfaction section area, 75 per-

cent of respondents agree they receive a sense of accomplishment and personal fulfillment from the work they do and from the environment that surrounds them.

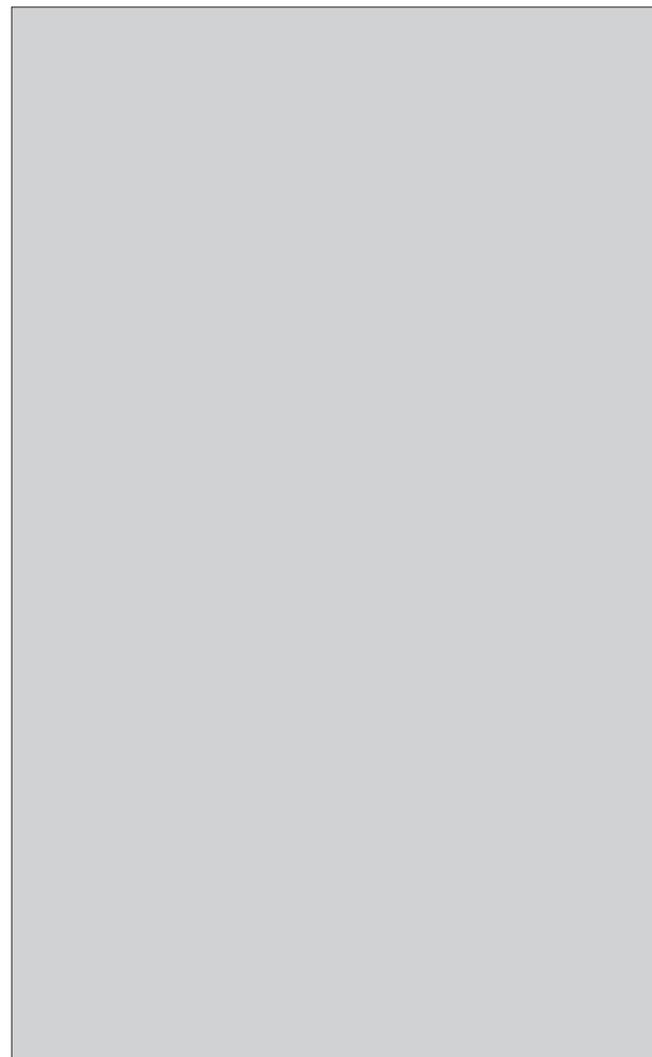
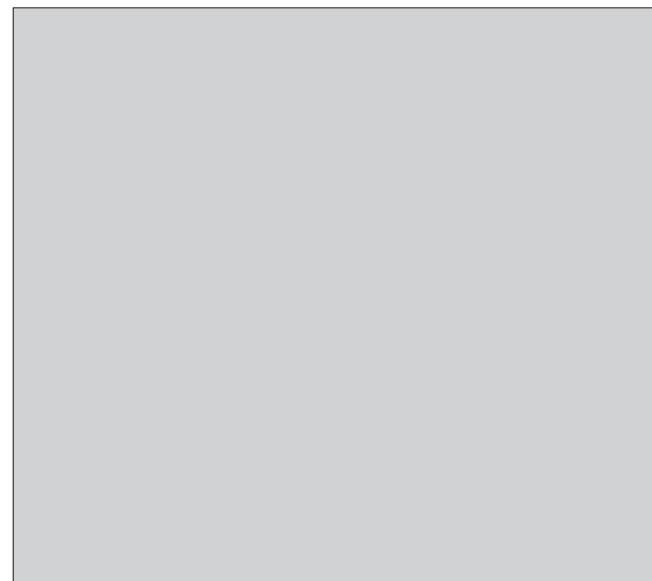
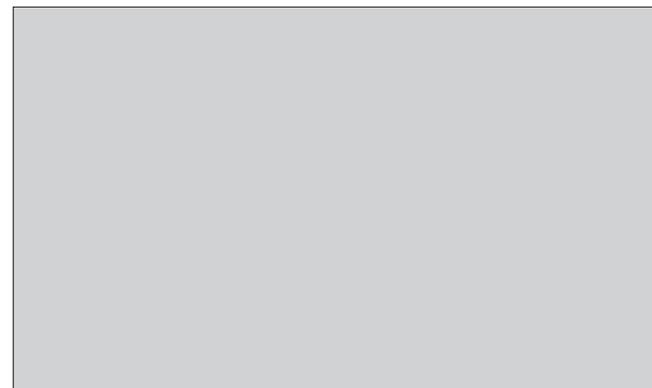
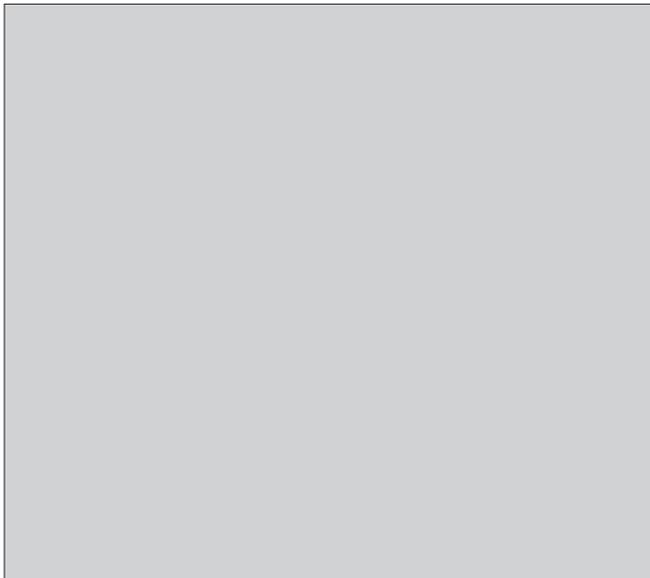
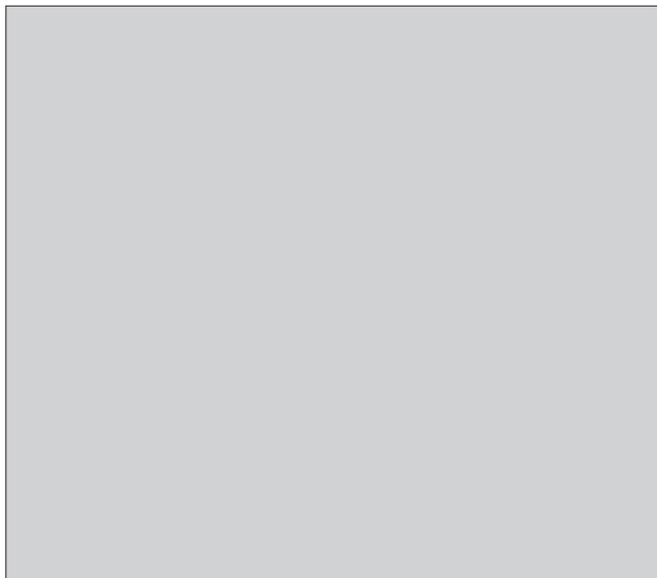
Survey responses showed little difference between home station or deployed units in key measures such as unit performance perceptions, general satisfaction and characteristics which motivate people to go above and beyond the job without official rewards and recognition. Also, there was little difference in these measures between deployed areas of responsibility.

The historical section asked respondents who

were assigned to the same unit when the 1999 survey results were released if their leaders used 1999 survey results in a positive way. Forty-one percent agreed the results were used in a positive way; however, 43 percent did not know and 16 percent said results were not used positively.

To ensure accurate analysis of the survey data, the Air Force Manpower and Innovation Agency's survey team worked with experts in the developing aerospace leaders office and department for management at the U.S. Air Force Academy for statistical advice and for reliable question set assistance.

Further analysis showed higher ratings in all outcomes for units in which leaders provided feedback to their people; however, providing feedback alone does not create higher results, said officials. They said data indicates leaders who listened and implemented ideas and suggestions tended to have higher performing units, more satisfied people and people who are willing to go above and beyond the job without official rewards and recognition.



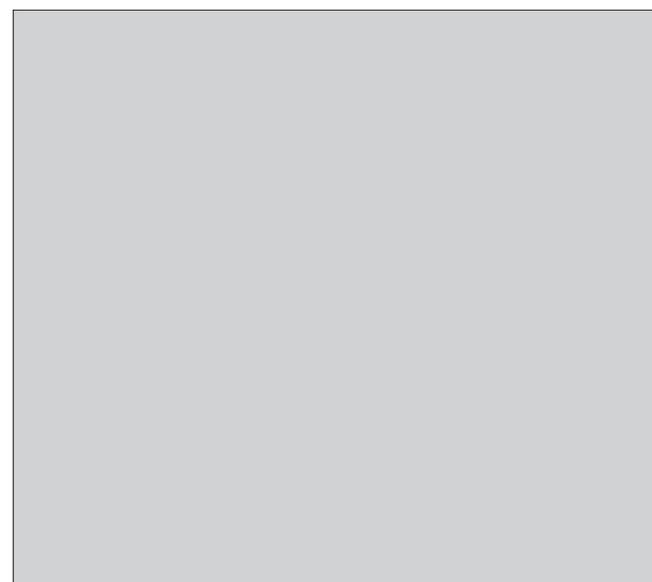
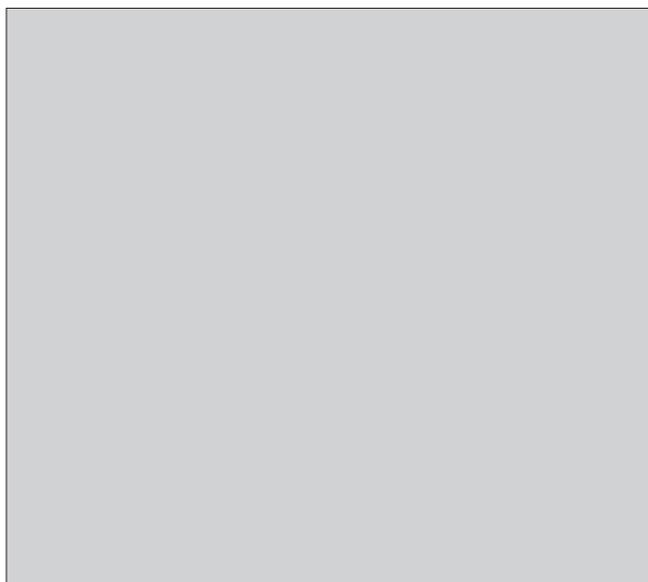


Safety Day kicks off 101 Critical Days

The 325th Fighter Wing Safety Day event held at Heritage Park featured live music by DeJa Groove, above. The 325th Services Squadron booster club served up food and beverages. Right, Tech. Sgt. David Harp, 325th SVS acting first sergeant, prepares some burgers. Below, Safety Day attendees had a chance to take a canoe out in the bay free of charge.



Tech. Sgt. Dan Neely



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Change of command ceremony

Lt. Col. Eugene Robinett relinquishes command of the 325th Security Forces Squadron to Maj. Scott Enold 6 a.m.

today at the security forces squadron. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Yon Dugger, 283-4076.

Fire hydrant testing

The 325th Civil Engineer Squadron will continue pressure testing fire hydrants in the Tyndall main base areas, the 6000 area, 7000 area, 400 area and 1800 area through June 7. This also includes flushing the water mains. Occupants may experience discolored water during this period and for several days afterwards. Water mains will be flushed between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. daily. For more information, call the civil engineer customer service office, 283-4949.

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Catholic Mass change

Catholic Mass will begin at 9 a.m. instead of 9:30 a.m. Sunday. This will be a Confirmation Mass with Bishop Ricard from the Diocese of Pensacola/Tallahassee officiating.

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'Moms, Pops & Tots'

The parent and child interaction play group, "Moms, Pops & Tots," for parents and their under-age-five children meets on Mondays. For more information, call 286-5812.

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Civil Air Patrol meeting

Civil Air Patrol meetings for boys and girls 12 years old and older will be held 6-8:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Building 852.

The CAP offers local and national activities with a focus on educational and professional development. For more information, call Capt. Tim Jones, 283-8018, or Master Sgt. Perry Newberry, 283-4189.

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Protestant youth group

The Tyndall Chapel's Protestant Youth Group meets 5-7 p.m. Wednesdays at Chapel 2. For more information, call the Chapel 2 office, 283-2925.

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CMF Bible study

Christian Military Fellowship Bible study and fellowship will be 6-7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of each month in Building 1476, across from the wellness center. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Cindy Abbott, 283-4045 or 871-5089.

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Transition-assistance workshop

A three-day transition-assistance workshop for anyone leaving the military within the next 12 months will be 7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m. June 11-13. The workshop topics will include analyzing skills, setting personal goals, starting the job search, resume writing, interview skills, veterans benefits and much more. Spouses and Department of Defense civilians are welcome. For more information or reservations, call the family support center, 283-4204.

NOTES

Louisiana Air National Guard openings

Two full-time Louisiana Air National Guard positions are available with the 159th Fighter Wing Avionics Flightline.

The positions are for AFSCs 2A3X1A, B and C career fields. Qualified individuals interested in applying may contact Senior Master Sgt. William Smyly at DSN 457-8492 or (504) 391-8492.

Preseparation and retirement counseling

All transitioning personnel are reminded of the requirement to schedule a one-on-one preseparation counseling session at the family support center's transition office. This is a mandatory requirement established by public law. Personnel should schedule appointments at least 90 days prior to their separation or retirement. For more information or to make an appointment, call the family support center, 283-4205.

Active-duty walk-in clinic

The family practice clinic is offering a walk-in clinic for active-duty members only 7:15-7:45 a.m. Monday through Friday. It is mandatory that a member be in their duty uniform to be seen. The active-duty call is designed to provide medical care for those persons who do not feel that they are capable to perform their duties that day and is not to be used for medication refills, follow-up appointments or chronic medical problems. Those registering will be prioritized based upon their specific health concern and will be seen by a provider accordingly. For more information regarding the active-duty call, call Capt. Ben Leonardo, 283-7667.

Child care during PCS

Up to 20 hours of child care are available per child to assist families during the relocation process. This program is open to all ranks. For more information, call the family support center, 283-4204.

Volunteer resource program

The Tyndall Volunteer Resource Program serves as the central base resource for volunteer requirements, placement and recognition by assisting individuals seeking volunteer opportunities, as well as authorized organizations seeking volunteers to fill their staffing needs. Anyone interested in volunteering can call the family support center, 283-4204.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

The following Catholic services will be held at Chapel 2: Daily Mass, 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday; Reconciliation, after Saturday Mass or by appointment; Saturday Mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m.; religious education, 11 a.m. Sunday.

Protestant services will be as follows: Communion service, 9:30 a.m., Chapel 1; general Protestant service, 11 a.m., Chapel 2.

RETIREE NEWS

Health-care telephone numbers and Web sites

Senior Pharmacy Program: (877) 363-6337

www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/

TRICARE For Life: (888) 363-5433

www.tricare.osd.mil/tfl

TRICARE Retiree Dental Plan – Delta Dental: (888) 838-8737

www.tricare.osd.mil/tricare/beneficiary/supprog.html

www.ddpdelta.org/

National Mail Order Pharmacy – Merck Medco: (800) 903-4680

www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/

www.merck-medco.com

Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting Systems:

(800) 538-9552

www.tricare.osd.mil/DEERSAddress/

YARD SALES

The following yard sale is scheduled for Saturday: 3413 Smith St. All yard sales are held between 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

BASE THEATER

Today: "Changing Lanes" (R, language, 95 min.)

Saturday: "Scorpion King" (PG-13, intense sequences of action violence and some sensuality, 92 min.)

Sunday: "Scorpion King"

All movies start at 7 p.m.

CLASSIFIEDS

Golf clubs: MacGregor VIP oversize plus irons 3-9; MacGregor Medal woods 1-3-5-7; MacGregor DX irons 3-8 and pitching wedge, like new. Best offer, 286-8555.

Eagles snap losing streak



Photos by Staff Sgt. Roel Utley

During a May 24 Safety Day softball exhibition, the Eagles crushed the Chiefs 12-2 in a win that was years in the making.

The Eagles were relentless in their pursuit of the victory holding the Chiefs to no hits until the seventh and final inning when the Chiefs tried to stage a comeback but fell 10 runs short. The victory snapped an Eagles losing skid extending several years back.

The long-time softball rivals square off again on the softball diamond during the Heritage Day celebration's show down.

Left, Chief Master Sgt. Ronnie Georgia attempts to make contact during his turn at the plate. Brig. Gen. William Hodgkins serves up the Chiefs' defeat maintaining a no-hitter until the seventh inning.



Tech. Sgt. Dan Neely

Above left, Col. Doug Cochran sent a chief's offering to left field for a base hit which led to a score for the Eagles. Above, General Hodgkins makes his way toward home plate for another tally. Far left, Col. Jeff Snyder beats Chief Master Sgt. Bill Southall to first base, sending another Chief packing. Left, Colonel Snyder later fields a wayward throw near first base as Chief Master Sgt. Dennis Kirby makes his way down the baseline.

Funshine NEWS



May 31, 2002

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YES!
Membership
Pays!

Here's How...

Air Force Club Scholarship Program

Three scholarships will be awarded to AF Club members or their eligible family members in the amounts of:

\$5,000, \$3,000, and \$2,000

Applicants must be accepted by, or enrolled in, an accredited college or university graduate or undergraduate program by Fall of 2002. Information packages with complete instructions and requirements are available from the Tyndall Officers Club, Enlisted Club or the Services Marketing Office. Entry deadline is July 15.

283-4565
for more information.

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First USA Bank of Wilmington, Delaware.
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Hip Hop and R&B
with
Mind Moods Caf
June 1 8 p.m.-2 a.m.
at the Tyndall Enlisted Club
Call 283-4357
for more information

Father's Day Brunch

All Ranks in the
Officers Club
Dining Room
Sunday, June 16
Continuous reservations
available from
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Adults \$8.95 Children 5-11 \$4.95
Children 4 & under free

283-4357

NONMEMBERS

Here's your chance to try one of the benefits of Club Membership! Join us for Father's Day Brunch and receive the member discount price!

Youth Center

☎ 283-4366

Major League Soccer Camp

Major League Soccer (MLS CAMPS) will run our Soccer camp again at a special rate of only \$45 for 5-6 years old and \$65 for 7-18 years old. Registered campers receive ball & T-shirt. The Camp runs July 22-26. Early registration is advised.

Volleyball Camp

June 17-21. For ages 10 and up. Costs \$10 (includes T-shirt).

Start Smart Soccer

Is your 3-5 yrs. old ready for organized soccer? Sign up for Start Smart Soccer and work one-on-one with your child improving basic skills. Program dates are June 15, 22, 29 and July 6 at 9 a.m. Cost is \$30.

Information, Tickets & Travel

☎ 283-2499

Wild Adventures Theme Park Valdosta Georgia

June 8-9: Cost per person is \$95 double occupancy. Trip price includes transportation, accommodations and ticket.

Wakulla Springs Tour

June 12: Cost per person is \$7.50 and includes transportation and admittance to the park. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the beauty of this historic Florida park.

Florida Caverns Tour

June 22. Cost per person is \$7.50 and includes transportation and admittance to the park. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy a day of relaxation in one of Florida's most historic areas. A tour of the caverns (fee not included in cost of tour) and a nature trail are highlights of the park.

Pelican Point Golf Course

New Lower Rates!

18 holes with cart: E1 to E4, \$17.00;
E5 and up \$20.00
9 holes: E1 to E4, \$5.00;
E5 and up \$6.00

Call the course for more information.

283-4389

Bike Rental now available at

CAC: 283-2495
Lodging: 283-4211
Bonita Bay: 293-3199



Community Activity Ctr.

☎ 283-2495

Ballroom Dance Classes

(Swing- Waltz-Slowing Dancing)
Starts June 21 at 7 p.m. CAC ballroom
Cost: \$65 per couple or \$32.50 for singles per 4 week. Deadline for sign-up: June 20.

8-Ball Tournament

June 8 at 1 p.m. Best 2 out of 3. Double elimination. Awards for 1st & 2nd place

Ping-Pong Tournament

June 13 at 11:30 a.m. Best 2 out of 3. Single elimination. Rally Scoring. Award for 1st & 2nd place

Bonita Bay Outdoor Rec.

☎ 283-3199

Summer Hours

Mon. - Thur.: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri., Sat., and Sun.: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sailing & Windsurfing Classes

Cost \$40 per person. Minimum age: 10. Two day courses, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Marina Club

☎ 283-3059

Friday Seafood Lunch Buffet

11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Cost is \$6.50 and includes soft drink or tea. This is an All-You-Can-Eat buffet!

Dive and Fishing Charters

Deep sea and bay fishing, trolling or bottom fishing: \$75 per operating hour, everything included. Four hour minimum.

Lawn Equipment Rental

Equipment available includes: lawn mowers, weed eaters and rakes.

Bugler Needed for Base Honor Guard

Call 283-4405 for more information.

The Pool is Open!



Hours:

Fitness (Lap) Swim:

Tues. 6-7:30 a.m.

Wed.-Fri.: 6-7:30 a.m.,

11-11:30 a.m., 5-6:30 p.m.

Open Swim:

Wed.-Sun.: 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Fees:

■ Open Swim: \$1 per person per visit

■ Season Pass: \$35 per person unlimited use plus \$5 for each family member with a max. of \$50 per family.

■ 30 Visit punch pass: \$20

■ Fitness (Lap) Swim is free

**Swim Lessons Available
call Bonita Bay for more information
283-3199**

Skills Development Ctr.

☎ 283-4511

Create A Bird House For Your Yard

Call or come by to make your reservation for a class this month. The class is 2 hours long and cost is \$4 plus materials (10% above cost).

Oil Change Class

A FREE one-hour class June 25, 6 p.m.

Ceramics Class

A two hour class will be held June 15 at 10 a.m. Three students max and cost is \$15.

Scrap-Booking Class

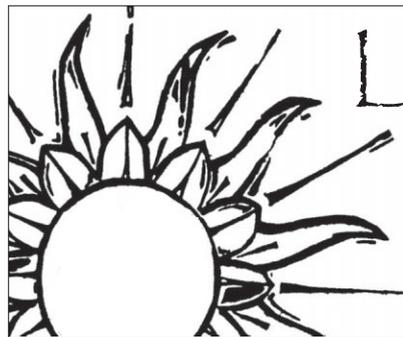
Sign up now for one of four classes in June. These will be two-hour classes at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., June 8 and 27. \$15 includes class and materials. Max students: 10.

Framing Class

Available on Thurs. 5-7 p.m. Costs \$30 which includes 8x10 frame supplies. Must preregister for class. Max class size: 3 students

Engraving Shop: 283-4511

The Engraving Shop carries a range of wood plaque sizes. Metal plates can be cut to size and engraved to meet your needs. Check with us when you need a going away or retirement gift.



Learn not to burn.

*Apply sunscreen
regularly when outdoors.*



Marcia Roberson

Splash time

Tech. Sgt. Richard Farrell, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron fire department station captain, and his daughter, Hannah, take advantage of the pool opening. The pool is open for lap swimming from 6-7:30 a.m. Tuesday through Friday and 11-11:30 a.m. and 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. Open swim is from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Call 283-3199 for special pass availability and swim lessons.

