

WINGS SPREAD

Harmon Drive construction to start soon

By Capt. Paul Villagran
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Historic meets hi-tech as Randolph undergoes a major facelift at the main gate, Harmon Drive and Washington Circle over the next 20 months.

When the dust settles, the base will have a new state-of-the-art main gate designed with improved force protection measures, a new visitor center with a larger parking area, a new vehicle inspection station and a completely repaved Harmon Drive and Washington Circle.

Construction, which is scheduled to begin in full April 24, will be conducted in four phases in an effort to minimize the impact on the community.

As a precursor to the upcoming construction projects, Harmon Drive at Washington Circle will be closed Saturday and Sunday as civil engineers install new communication lines crossing Harmon Drive near Washington Circle. Detour signs will be posted directing traffic to alternate routes. The main gate will be reduced to one lane of inbound traffic from Monday at 2 p.m. until Tuesday afternoon.

"This is a huge deal," said Col. Greg Patterson, 12th Support Group commander. "These projects were designed with the historic nature of Randolph in mind but also with the knowledge that we need to ensure the base meets all force protection standards."

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Matt Baca, a contract worker with Rural Electric, begins the process of putting in a new communication duct bank that will eventually replace the existing communication system, part of the overall Harmon Drive roadway project. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

AFPC Public Affairs nets two awards in annual Air Force Media Contest

An Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs lieutenant was recently recognized for writing the best feature story in the Air Force in the 48th annual Air Force Media Contest by a panel of civilian journalists, teachers and public relations professionals.

In addition, the AFPC commander's newsletter, *The Communicator*, was recognized as the third best "Web-Based Publication" in the Air Force.

The individual award for the feature print media category was won by 1st Lt. Brandon Lingle for a story he wrote in July 2003 about a noncommissioned officer here who was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, a debilitating incurable disease of the nervous system.

"Master Sgt. Derlein's openness about his battle with a terrible disease is what made this story, the credit goes to him," said Lt. Lingle. "Writing it hit home for me because my dad is also fighting PD."

"It was a rare opportunity to raise awareness of an insidious disease and how it can affect the Air Force," he said.

One judge's comments read: "Nice work. You included important background on the disease. This gave the story depth other entries lacked. Good quotes."

Lieutenant Lingle's feature about Sergeant Derlein that initially appeared in the *Wingspread* now represents the Air Force in the annual Department of Defense Thomas Jefferson Awards.

An online version of the story can be viewed at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/pahistory/release/2003/07/NCOfighthsPD.htm>.

The Communicator is available online at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/pubaffairs/com/Commarchive.htm>.

(Courtesy of AFPC Public Affairs)



First Lt. Brandon Lingle, Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs, updates *The Communicator*, the AFPC commander's newsletter. Lieutenant Lingle recently won first place in the feature print media category of the Air Force Media Contest and *The Communicator* netted third place in the Web based publication category. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Matthew Miller)

12th FLYING TRAINING WING TRAINING TIMELINE

As of Monday		
Pilot Instructor Training		
Squadron	Senior Class	Overall
99th FTS	-3.0	-1.0
558th FTS	0.0	-1.8
559th FTS	-0.6	-2.0
560th FTS	-5.1	-1.1

Numbers reflect days ahead or behind for senior pilot instructor training class and an average for all PIT classes currently in training.

Navigator, EWO training			
	562nd FTS	563rd FTS	
Air Force	248	Undergraduate	44
Navy	73	International	16
International	2	EWC Course	0
NIFT	83	Fundamentals	0

Numbers reflect students currently in training. The 562nd shows source of navigator students. Air Force students include Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. The 563rd indicates students in specific courses.

Wing Sortie Scoreboard			
Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
T-1A	2,191	2,118	4,040
T-6A	4,483	4,526	9,103
T-37B	3,891	3,623	7,171
T-38A	4,432	4,297	5,674
T-43A	564	586	1,160

The required and flown numbers reflect sorties since Oct. 1, 2003. The annual numbers are the current fiscal year target.

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While our goal is to provide the best programs, products and services to our customers, there will be instances when people believe we could have served them better.

In those cases, I ask the individual to first contact the responsible organization to allow the unit commander or manager an opportunity to ensure professional and impartial treatment.

When those officials are unable to provide satisfaction, the individual may contact me through the Action Line. I will ensure each Action Line call is looked into and a reply is given by telephone or in writing. I ask callers to include their name and telephone number so we may send a personal response.

Col. Mark Graper

12th Flying Training Wing commander

Long wait for optometry appointment

Q I recently called the base clinic appointment line to schedule an eye exam. The staff was very pleasant to deal with and even accommodated my request of having an appointment as I do not work on the installation, but I was taken aback when I was told I would have to wait almost three weeks to be seen.

Why does it take so long for an active duty member to be seen by the optometry clinic? Can I go off-base to be seen and if so, how much would the out-of-pocket expense be?

A I understand your concern. However, the standard the clinic is required to meet for

access to an optometry appointment is 28 days, which is what the clinic is resourced to manage. Therefore, your appointment was actually scheduled within the required timeframe. I know this may seem like a long time to you, but our medical professionals are doing the best they can to make sure everyone is taken care of. If you were to elect to go off-base, it would be at your own expense and those rates can vary.

If you have future concerns about any 12th Medical Group services, I encourage you and all others to take advantage of its patient advocacy program. The professionals working under this program provide patients with a quick and accurate explanation and response. Thanks again for the call.

**Agency
contact
numbers**

Security Forces.....	652-5509	12th FTW IG	652-2727
Services.....	652-5971	Equal Opportunity.....	652-4376
Civil Engineers.....	652-2401	FW&A Hotline.....	652-3665
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Military Pay.....	652-1851	Randolph Clinic.....	652-2933
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Safety Office.....	652-2224	Commissary.....	652-5102
Housing Maintenance.....	652-1856	Straight Talk	652-7469

Airman with a capital 'A'

By General John Jumper
Chief of Staff

WASHINGTON — I am an Airman.

Note that is with a capital "A." It is just one letter at the beginning of the word, but it signifies a great deal. The reason it is capitalized is simple: Airmen in the United States Air Force are the heart and soul of our unique fighting force, and should be identified by a proper noun.

As young children, when we began to read, we learned a capital letter at the front of a word signified something special or important, like our own name, our hometown, and our country. This was reinforced throughout our education and professional life.

When we see a capital letter, our minds automatically emphasize that word, and we bestow an increased importance on that person, place, or thing. It is time to formally add our profession to that list of important

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Gen. John Jumper
Chief of Staff of the Air Force

defense of America.

Our Air Force is the finest air and space force in the world because of the generations of professional Airmen who have devoted their lives to dominating the skies. Capitalizing the word "Airman" recognizes their historic achievements and signifies our unique contributions to fighting and winning America's wars. It shows we have earned the respect a proper name imparts.

For 38 years of my life, I have been proud to wear the uniform of the United States Air Force. And, whether you have worn it as long as I have or have just recently joined our team, I know we all feel the same sense of pride. Regardless of the uniform we wear, the specialty we hold, the badge over our pocket, and whether we are active duty, Guard, Reserve, or civilian, first and foremost, we are Airmen.

We are one Air Force and we are Airmen.
(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

and special nouns.

You may have seen or heard something about my guidance to capitalize the word "Airman." It is appropriate to do so, in recognition of our rich history, and to emphasize our unparalleled role in the

Randolph to get new look

Several major construction projects underway or to start soon

By Col. Mark Graper
12th Flying Training Wing commander

As you know, transformation is one of our three themes in the 12th Flying Training Wing. We are going to transform much of the infrastructure at Randolph over the next couple of years. In April, we'll begin construction on several projects to improve quality of life and force protection.

You have probably noticed the temporary fencing east of Harmon Drive. There, the 12th Civil Engineer Squadron

recently began preparing to demolish the 1950s-vintage East Wherry Housing.

The plan is to build 80 new houses in that area — homes for our airmen and junior NCOs that are more attractive, better built and more spacious than the current houses.

In addition to the new homes, the neighborhood has been designed with families in mind to include children's play areas and cul-de-sacs to minimize traffic flow. But the housing area is not the only quality-of-life construction initiative planned for the year.

As I mentioned in a previous commentary, later this year we will begin construction on a new base fitness center near the south pool. While our current fitness center and annex fully support getting and staying in good shape, the new state-of-the-art facility will be designed from the ground up to support the Chief of Staff's fit-to-fight vision and accommodate unit physical fitness programs.

The new fitness center should open in the summer of 2006.

Finally, we come to our most visible construction project for the year, the complete overhaul

of Harmon Drive and the Main Gate. The project is expected to last about 20 months. We will break the construction in phases to alleviate some traffic problems.

When the project is finished, Randolph will have a new state-of-the-art main gate designed with evolving force protection requirements in mind and a completely remodeled visitor reception center and inspection station with a larger parking area.

In addition, the entirety of

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Congratulations Retirees

Saturday
George Hartman
Air Force Personnel Center

Retirement announcements should be submitted to the Wingspread office by noon Friday two weeks prior to the desired date of publication. E-mail announcements to randolph.retiree.messages@randolph.af.mil or fax them to 652-5412. For more information, call the Wingspread office at 652-5760.

Construction

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Harmon Drive between the main gate and the Taj as well as Washington Circle will be torn out and repaved.

The construction will cause some inconvenience, but the 12th CES and the 12th Support Group have developed a great plan to minimize the impact on the Randolph community. There will be some changes to traffic flow and gate hours.

Later this month, Harmon Drive will become a two-lane inbound only road in the mornings and a two-lane outbound only road in the afternoon. In addition, security forces will add additional hours at both the East and South gates and the West gate will now be open and manned 24-hours a day.

See pages 18 and 19 for detailed information.

We have a lot in store for Randolph in the upcoming months. These projects will create congestion, so I ask your patience in dealing with the "price of progress" as we strive to be good stewards of this historic base. We will work through it as a team, all the while continuing to fly, fix and support. When the dust settles, we will have established a new standard of excellence befitting the "Showplace of the Air Force."

Thanks in advance for your understanding and support!

Don't give bureaus credit, check reports often

By Charles Ringwood
82nd Mission Support Squadron
financial planner

SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE, Texas —

Have you checked your credit report and credit score lately? Your credit report can have a dramatic impact on your financial stability.

With good credit, you can obtain several benefits: a home mortgage or apartment lease, auto loan, low-interest credit cards and other forms of credit. If your credit history is poor, many of these financial options may be unavailable to you.

Studies have shown many credit files contain inaccuracies that can harm your credit rating, leading to rejections when you apply for loans, insurance or even a job.

Those inaccuracies are often the result of a simple human error caused by anything from clerical error to a computer glitch resulting in the mixture of your file with someone having a similar name.

To protect your good credit standing, it is important to check all your credit files and monitor your credit regularly, even if you always pay your bills on time.

What is actually in a credit report? Credit reports generally list the following information for each of your credit accounts:

- Name of creditor
- Type of account
- Terms
- Amount of the original debt or credit limit
- Balance outstanding on the most recent report
- Payments made late during the reporting period
- Addresses
- Inquires

Credit reports are seldom complete. Some credit issuers do not report to credit bureaus. Many gas credit cards report only delinquent accounts.

A bankruptcy can stay on a credit report for up to ten years and debts a creditor writes-off as uncollectible can remain for seven years.

All the information obtained by credit bureaus lead to a credit score consumers use to determine whether or not a line of credit will be extended.

A credit score is a number that reflects your credit risk level, typically with a higher number indicting a lower risk. It is generated through statistical models using elements from your credit report.

Before credit scores, lenders physically looked over each applicant's credit report to determine whether to grant credit. Not only was this time consuming, but led to human judgment prone to mistakes and bias.

Banks, credit card companies, auto dealers, stores and most other lenders that issue credit or loans use credit scores to quickly summarize a consumer's credit history.

This saves the need to manually review an applicants credit report and provide a better and faster risk decision. Although many additional factors are used in determining risk, such as your income vs. the size of the loan, your credit score is the leading indicator of your basic creditworthiness.

Other elements that affect your credit score are:

- Number of late payments
- Type, number and age of accounts
- Total debt
- Recent inquires

The nation's three largest credit reporting bureaus are Experian, Equifax and Transunion. For a copy of your credit report, contact them at: Experian, P.O. Box 9595, Allen, Texas, 75013, 1-888-397-3742; Equifax, P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, Ga., 30375, 1-800-997-2493; or Transunion, P.O. Box 403, Springfield, Pa., 19064, 1-800-888-4213.

The bureaus also should provide instructions on how to read their report and dispute any inaccuracies it contains.

(Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service)

E-mail use clarified

By Vilma Flores
and Joseph Thele
12th Communications Squadron

In this age of modern technology, the dependence on e-mail, as well as other electronic media, is evident.

Air Force e-mail systems provide vital support to Air Force missions, sometimes being the most expedient means of communication available. But, as with other mission critical systems, e-mail needs to be safeguarded against abuse.

As reliance on e-mail increases, it has become increasingly important to understand how and when e-mail is used. Briefings e-mailed to 20 or 30 people, or a safety message sent out to a squadron can slow e-mail service for other users.

The most common occurrences of abuse or illegal activities involve transmission of e-mail to large groups of individuals, such as distribution lists, sending large attachments and excessive online storage of e-mail. All system users, military and civilian, are responsible and accountable for the content of the e-mail they send and the management of their mailbox to prevent abuse of server resources.

Caution should be used when sending an e-mail message to mail distribution lists. Members should use electronic bulletin boards or e-mail public folders for nonmission-related email. Careless use of address lists can clog e-mail accounts and often clutter in-boxes.

Sending chain letters, broadcasting inappropriate messages to groups or individuals, or excessive use of the data storage space on the e-mail host server does not constitute official use of government communications systems and is prohibited and can cause network congestion.

Personal e-mail should not interfere with performance of official duties. However, when e-mail is sent to hundreds of individuals, there is the potential and often times the reality of delaying official e-mail. When e-mail is sent to multiple users there is a copy of the message in line for every one addressed on the e-mail. Also, the larger the size of the e-mail, the longer it takes to process the message. And while this is happening, more mission-related, official e-mail sits in line, behind the unofficial e-mail.

All e-mail held in the users mailbox takes up valuable real estate on the server. The Network Control Center receives numerous calls requesting space increases or unlimited space. There is no such thing as unlimited space. There is a restriction to the physical size of the server's hardware. Mail servers were never intended as a storage medium or to replace the official records management program. When users keep a lot of e-mails, it not only impacts how quickly their e-mail is handled, there is potential to fill up storage and crash a server denying services to hundreds of base e-mail users.

It is every user's responsibility to comply with the documented instructions, as well as guidance from the local NCC and higher headquarters. This is true not only with what is sent, but also with what is retained.

Base officials ask all e-mail account holders to ensure the standards of professionalism, common sense, respect and courtesy are maintained when using the system. By limiting the size of attachments and the number of users when sending e-mail, the system can be improved for everyone.

Air Force One Source *Something for everyone*

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

Now having been in place just over two months, the Air Force's new 24-hour-a-day "Air Force One Source" live help line and Web site has made great strides in helping Randolph Airmen and their families.

The program, which was first implemented on Feb. 1, is designed as a "beyond the gate" support and referral system to help address personal and family support needs for active-duty Airmen, reservists and Guardsmen, said Air Force officials.

"Our Airmen are not always close to agencies that offer child care, legal or financial support," said Elizabeth McKinley, family support center. "But now, through the Air Force One Source program they are able to get the necessary help they need on all types of issues 24 hours a day, seven days a week, no matter where they are."

"The new Web site is also very easy to navigate," Ms. McKinley added. "Anyone can use it to get the information they need."

While on the Air Force One Source Web site, customers can find booklets, audio recordings and other materials to help answer questions, some of which can be mailed.

"We have received positive feedback from Randolph members," said Ms. McKinley.

She added that the Air Force One Source help line is also a great resource for Randolph members to take advantage of.

All calls are answered by a qualified staff member, with translation available in more than 140 languages.

Local base referrals are also offered by telephone, said Ms. McKinley.

"If a parent, for example, is looking for child care and wants to research the base or local child care facilities, the staff member will direct them as to where they need to go, she said.

"And the same goes for the Web site," she added. "It is the easiest way to get questions answered, even after duty hours."

All of the Air Force One Source programs are provided in partnership with the family support center, and are available to the military and their family members from anywhere in the world.

However, retirees and Department of Defense civilians may only access this information from family support center computers.

For more information, visit www.airforceonesource.com, or call 1-800-707-5784.

For first time users, the user ID for logging on is "airforce" and the password is "ready." They can be changed at a later date.

For more information, call 652-5321.

Airmen receive 'star' treatment

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

Two Randolph Airmen received the "yellow" carpet treatment Saturday as they were selected to attend the world premiere of the motion picture "The Alamo" at the Majestic Theater and the after party at the Alamo Plaza Hotel.

Senior Airman Georgia Brown, 12th Logistics Readiness Squadron, and Airman LeeAnthony Porter, 12th Security Forces Squadron, were chosen to attend the event by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service after having recently returned from deployments in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

Two Airmen from Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and two Soldiers from Fort Sam Houston, Texas, were also selected to accompany Airmen Brown and Porter on their starlight experience.

"I was really excited when I found out I was going to the premiere," said Airman Brown. "I always watch things like that on television and wish I could be there. We were surrounded by

people screaming and taking pictures of the stars with us on the yellow carpet (to play off of the yellow rose of Texas theme) – it was an incredible experience."

John Walters, the Chief of Motion Picture Services, picked up Airmen Brown and Porter and the other military members in a limousine at their various base exchange stores Saturday afternoon.

"I was surprised when I saw the limousine pick us up," said Airman Porter. "It was a nice way to start off the day."

Once everyone was picked up, the limousine whisked them off to the movie premiere. The movie, which runs in most theaters April 9, is based on the classic tale of the Alamo, set in 1836. It tells the story of the small company of American men who defended the fort in San Antonio from the formidable Mexican Army.

After the premiere, the airmen had nothing but great things to say about what they saw.

"The movie was really good," said Airman Brown. "I really enjoyed it."

After the premiere, the Airmen got to socialize and take photos with the stars of the



(Left to right) Airman LeeAnthony Porter, Army Sgt. Howard Sylve, Senior Airman Georgia Brown, actor Dennis Quaid, Army Sgt. Erik Noriega, Senior Airmen James Leggitt and Jason Robards pose at the premiere of "The Alamo" March 27. Airmen Porter, 12th Security Forces Squadron, Airman Brown, 12th Logistics Readiness Squadron, and the other military members, who are stationed at Lackland and Fort Sam Houston, were selected by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service to attend the event after having recently returned from deployments in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. (Photo by Melissa Peterson)

movie and other important Texas celebrities.

Some of the stars they met included actors Billy Bob Thornton, Dennis Quaid and Jason Patric. The Airmen also met Miss Texas and Texas Governor Rick Perry.

"It was a really good experience," said Airman Porter. "I was a little nervous when I

met the stars, because I did not know how they would act. But they were very easygoing."

The Airmen and Soldiers who accompanied Airmen Brown and Porter were Army Sgts. Howard Sylve and Erik Noriega, and Senior Airmen James Leggitt and Jason Robards.



Senior Airman
Tony Aguon



Senior Airman
Juan Alvarado



Senior Airman
Mychael Bulford



Senior Airman
Joseph Chapa



Senior Airman
Jamie Paul Chavez



Senior Airman
Richard Geren



Senior Airman
Naomi Lane



Senior Airman
Keithan McArthur



Senior Airman
Kenneth Nunnally



Senior Airman
Amira Olive



Senior Airman
Michael Rodriguez



Senior Airman
Ryan Stamps



Senior Airman
Joshua Wilson



Senior Airman
Maralah Wright

Becoming effective AF leaders

Fourteen senior airmen graduate Airmen Leadership School

By Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Fourteen Randolph senior airmen took another step toward becoming better leaders by graduating Airmen Leadership School Thursday at the enlisted club.

The Airmen completed a 24 duty-day academic course, which included 192 hours of instruction on three curriculum areas: leadership and management, communication skills and profession of arms.

During their time in ALS, the students also raised money and ran in the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation's Race for the Cure, raising more than \$600 for the organization.

Chief Master Sgt. Mark Anderson, Headquarters Air

Education and Training Command weather operations superintendent, and Master Sgt. Mitchell Guidry, Defense Finance and Accounting first sergeant, mentored the students during the course. As mentors, the senior non-commissioned officers shared experiences and professional guidance to help the students develop the knowledge and skills necessary for becoming effective leaders, said base ALS officials.

Airmen Leadership School is affiliated with the Community College of the Air Force through the College for Enlisted Professional Military Education. Each graduate was awarded nine semester hours toward a CCAF degree.

Chief Master Sgt. Carla King, AETC paralegal manager, spoke at the graduation ceremony.

Three awards were given to top students for

accomplishments during the course:

The John L. Levitow Award, which is sponsored by the Randolph First Sergeants' Group, is presented to the student finishing at the top of the class.

The Academic Award, which is sponsored by the Non-commissioned Officer's Association, is presented to the student who excelled academically on both the performance evaluations and objective phase tests.

The Leadership Award, which is sponsored by the Randolph Chief's Group, is presented to the student who best exemplified the characteristics and traits of a leader while attending ALS.

The winners will be announced in next week's edition of the *Wingspread*.



Second Lt. Scott Zaverl, 563rd Flying Training Squadron, grills hamburgers at the Air Force Assistance Fund kick-off luncheon March 24. (Photo by Steve White)

AFAF underway

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

The Randolph Air Force Assistance Fund "Commitment to Caring" campaign kicked off March 24 with a cookout held at the family support center.

During the campaign, which runs in conjunction with the Air Force wide AFAF campaign, members can contribute to any of four Air Force related charities: the Air Force Aid Society, Air Force Enlisted Villages in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund in San Antonio, and the General

and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.

The charities benefit active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retirees, surviving spouses, and families. Each charity receives 100 percent of designated contributions. The campaign ends May 5.

The goal for this year's campaign is \$94,312.

So far, Randolph members have raised more than \$9,000, which is almost 10 percent of the base goal.

"The progress we have made so far shows the enthusiasm of the active duty volunteers helping us this year," said Capt. Thomas Peralta, AFAF Randolph installation project officer. "

People can contribute through cash, check, money order or payroll deduction. Contributions to the AFAF are tax deductible.

For more information on Randolph's AFAF campaign, call Capt. Joseph Jones at 652-1024 or Captain Peralta at 652-9371.

Graduating with friends

Some families with high school seniors may get to stay in place

Some Air Force families with a child entering his or her senior year of high school may get to stay additional time at their current duty stations thanks to a new policy announced this month.

"In today's environment of deployments and high operations tempo, it's important that we alleviate stress on families wherever we can," said Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Gerald Murray. "This initiative is designed to do that."

"This is a policy we think increases the quality of life for Air Force families," said Roger Blanchard, Air Force assistant deputy chief of staff for personnel. "The intent is to decrease turbulence and increase stability for military families," he said.

The High School Seniors Assignment Deferment Program allows senior master sergeants and below, and officers up through the rank of lieutenant colonel, to apply for a one-year assignment deferment. Back-to-back deferments may be possible and military-married-to-military spouses may also apply.

Even with the changes, officials said the mission comes first and will be the overriding factor in granting deferments.

"This policy does not mean that every Airman with a high school senior will remain in place," said Chief Murray. "Deferments will be approved where possible. As in all situations, however, the needs of the Air Force will come first."

"Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis," said Col. Kathleen Grabowski, Air Force Personnel Center chief of assignment programs and procedures. "The goal is to approve as many requests as mission needs allow without being unfair, but the reality is that some requests won't be possible due to Air Force needs.

"We'll work with people as we always have," she said.

To be eligible, the rising senior in high school must be a dependent of and living with the Airman requesting the deferment, and must be enrolled in the dependent enrollment system called DEERS, she said.

Officers will need to apply before being put on assignment while enlisted people will not apply until after being matched to an assignment, said Master Sgt. Letty Inabinet,

superintendent of assignment procedures. Applications are available at the military personnel flight and with unit commander support staffs.

Officials estimate that annually 20-25 percent of officers and senior NCOs have children entering their senior year of high school and perhaps one third of those could be eligible for assignment in a given year, officials said.

"It's a benefit to families if teenagers can attend the senior prom and graduate with their established friends," said Mr. Blanchard.

The policy makes official what was already being done informally whenever possible in the past, said Colonel Grabowski. In some cases assignments teams were already successfully working with Airmen to allow families stability when children were coming up on graduation, she said.

The Air Force Contact Center offers information about this and other personnel programs all day, every day by calling toll free (800) 616-3775 or going online at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil>.

(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

Seventeen base technical sergeants graduate Lackland NCO Academy

Seventeen Randolph NCOs graduated from the NCO Academy at Lackland March 25. The class began Feb. 17.

Among the graduates is Tech. Sgt. Micah Young, 12th Security Forces Squadron, who is one of 22 distinguished graduates in her class, ranking in the top 10 percent.

Other Randolph graduates are:

12th Civil Engineer Squadron
Tech. Sgt. James Woods

12th Comptroller Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Everett Callaway

12th Flying Training Wing
Tech. Sgt. Aaron Jackson

12th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Michael Mata
Tech. Sgt. Matthew Romero

12th Medical Operations Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Pedro Lopez-Cruz

12th Operations Support Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Jose Luna

Air Education and Training Command
Tech. Sgt. Ricardo Gomez
Tech. Sgt. William Sojourner

Air Force Personnel Center
Tech. Sgt. Maurice Barfield
Tech. Sgt. Edward Gonzales
Tech. Sgt. Christopher McClain
Tech. Sgt. Karen Sanchez
Tech. Sgt. Debra Wright

Air Force Manpower Agency
Tech. Sgt. Andre Shelton

Electronic Systems Center
Tech. Sgt. Rodolfo Luna

CONSTRUCTION

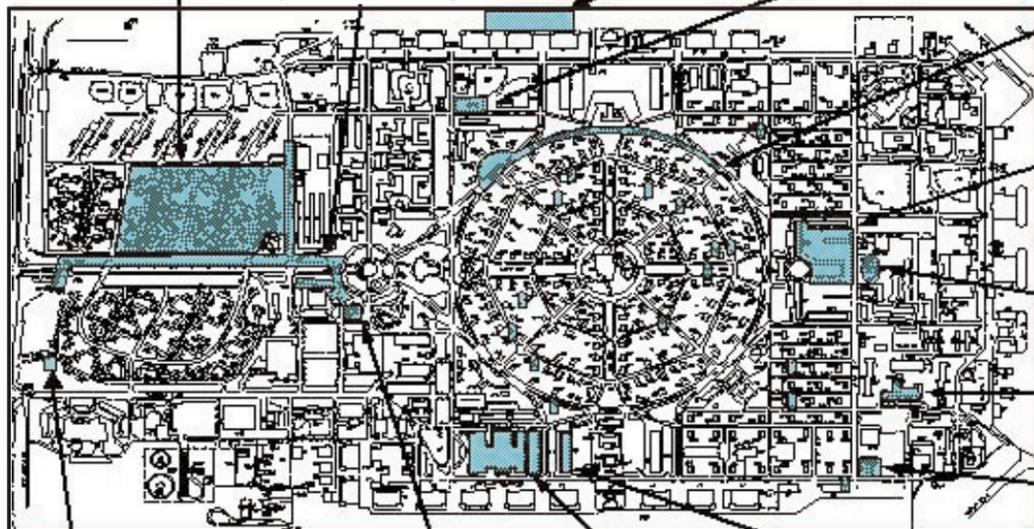
ORNER

Demolish East Wherry base housing. Estimated completion month is October.

New communication lines; Lane closures across Harmon Drive on Saturday and Sunday. Estimated completion month is May.

T-1 CASS System installation on East Apron. Estimated completion month is July.

Tennis court resurfacing. Estimated completion month is April.



Water main replacement for circle and duplex base housing. Estimated completion month is January 2006.

Parking lot reconstruction at Buildings 905 and 907. Estimated completion month is July.

Renovation of Air Education and Training Command Buildings 902 and 905. Both projects estimated completion month is April 2005.

South pool renovation. Estimated completion month is April.

Building 862 under construction. Estimated completion month is April.

Self Help, Building 875, replaced with Readiness Facility. Estimated completion month is August.

Replace Buildings 1024 and 1027. Estimated completion month is February 2006.

Renovation of Building 260. Estimated completion month is September.

Air handling unit replacement in Air Force Personnel Center's A Wing, B Wing and C Wing. Estimated completion month is April.

Air handler installation in Building 491. Estimated completion month is May.

Military Family Housing:
Exterior Painting/Roof Repair/Interior Repair/Foundation Repair in progress; notices will be sent to tenants. (Circle & Duplex)
Repairs will continue through July 2004.

Special Note: Renovation of Harmon Drive to include Washington Circle starts on April 26. There will be only inbound traffic in the mornings and only outbound traffic in the afternoons. More details are available in this issue of the *Wingspread*, pages 18 and 19.

E-mail Randolph *Wingspread* requests to wingspread@randolph.af.mil by close of business Thursday the week before the desired publication date.

Navigators get special honors during graduation ceremony

By Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Three Air Force lieutenants and one Navy ensign received special recognition during the Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training graduation ceremony here March 26.

Ensign Sean Mollahan received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Cup and Alden C. Markey Award while 2nd Lt. Paul Albuquerque received the Jack Donovan Award and 563rd Electronic Warfare Officer Academic Excellence Award.

2nd Lt. Gabriel Uribe earned the Ira J. Husik Award and 2nd Lt. Robert Noel II received the 562nd Academic Excellence Award.

Members of the graduating class received navigator, naval flight officer and EWO training in the 562nd and 563rd Flying Training Squadrons.



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AETC Commander's Cup
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Base program helps victims of crime

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

Being the victim of a crime can be an earth shattering experience. Getting the necessary help and support afterward is critical.

That's why the Randolph Victim Witness Assistance Program was created - to ensure every victim is heard and that the proper assistance is given to help him or her through the ordeal.

As the Nation recognizes Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 18-24, VWAP officials encourage base members to learn more about the program and possibly even get involved as a volunteer.

VWAP is supported by a council made of representatives from various base organizations such as family advocacy, the legal office, and Chaplain's office. Together, the council members provide support to crime victims.

In addition, a skilled group of volunteer advocates is trained by the council to

provide one-on-one assistance to victims. "VWAP assistance begins when the victim reports the crime to military officials," said Evelyn Mickles, VWAP council member. "At that point, a volunteer advocate is assigned to the crime victim to help him or her get the services needed to help guide him or her through the military legal system."

"It is the work of the volunteers that is most vital to the success of VWAP," Ms. Mickles said. "And for those interested in helping, VWAP is always looking for additional volunteers."

Volunteers can be active duty members, civilians or retirees.

Each volunteer must attend an eight-hour training course before he or she can become certified. Volunteers must then go through periodic training, including attending a military court hearing, and quarterly council meetings.

The training, taught by council members and community victim advocates, includes role playing, learning how to understand

the victim, what a victim is, how to be a good volunteer, the court-martial process, what constitutes sexual abuse and confidentiality, said Ms. Mickles.

"By the end of their training, volunteers learn how to understand a victim and assess what help is needed," she said.

Ms. Mickles added that one VWAP volunteer is assigned to each victim and remains with that person throughout his or her entire case.

"We want each victim to have stability and continuity, which is better achieved by only having to deal with one volunteer," she said.

Each assigned volunteer, attends all of the victim's court cases and keeps the victim aware of the processes and steps, Ms. Mickles said.

"The volunteer and his or her assigned victim usually build a close relationship throughout the process," she added.

For more information about VWAP or volunteering, call Ms. Mickles at 652-3110.

CRIME VICTIMS HAVE THE RIGHT TO

- GUIDANCE
- EDUCATION
- SAFETY
- SUPPORT
- ADVOCATES
- OPTIONS
- REFERRALS
- INFORMATION
- PROTECTION

When we value equality, protection and justice for all, we value the rights that victims of crime deserve most. More than 32,000 laws and 10,000 victim assistance programs have been established nationwide to uphold these ideals. Together, we can help them deliver.

AMERICA'S VALUES

Victims have rights too. If you are a victim of a crime ... We can help you. Call us.

Randolph AFB
Victim Witness Assistance Program
DSN 487-6781 or 210-652-6781

NEWS BRIEFS

Blood drive today

The Lackland Blood Donor Center is conducting a blood drive today from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in a Blood Mobile in front of the Randolph Clinic.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Jeffrey Walton at 652-2300.

Travel voucher reminder

When turning in travel vouchers after completion of a TDY, members should ensure their supervisor or Resource Advisor signs the forms. In addition, 12th Comptroller Squadron officials remind members to turn

in three copies of all travel orders, airplane tickets and lodging receipts submitted for travel-related payments.

For more information, call 1st Lt. Leota Hidalgo at 652-3295.

Varicose veins laser treatment

Wilford Hall Medical Center is seeking patients who require treatment for pain, discomfort or unsightliness caused by varicose veins. A minimally invasive procedure is available that leaves no scars and allows most patients to resume normal activities almost immediately.

For more information or to schedule an evaluation, call Maj. (Dr.) George Leon or Maj. (Dr.) Mark LePage at 292-7839.

New Internal Media Survey

The Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs office announced that the 2004 Internal Product and Media Use Survey is being emailed to 10,000 randomly selected Airmen and Air Force civilian employees.

This official survey should take about 15 minutes to complete. Questions about the study content can be addressed to stephen.everett@pentagon.af.mil.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Tradition of honor



The Randolph Honor Guard symbolically turns drinking glasses upside down at MIA/POW table during the Enlisted Dining-In held March 25 at the enlisted club. The Dining-In is recognized as an occasion where ceremony, tradition and good fellowship serve an important purpose. The traditional ceremony promotes high morale and esprit de corps for the enlisted troops. (Photo by Medora Arnaud)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROWC rug sale

The Randolph Officers' Wives Club hosts a rug sale from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and April 9 in the Randolph Room of the officers' club. Items are available from Turkey, Iran and Germany. For more information, call 241-1506.

12th SFS spouses meeting

The 12th Security Forces Squadron spouses meeting is 7 p.m. Thursday at Ronda Spurlin's house. To attend, call 659-4327.

Legal assistance office closed

The legal assistance office is closed from 8 to 10 a.m. Thursday. For emergencies, call 652-3110.

RHC meeting

The next Randolph Hispanic Council meeting is 11:30 a.m. Thursday in the enlisted club. Officer nominations will be taken at this time. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Adalberto Velez at 565-1137.

2004 Air Force Club Membership Scholarship Program

The Air Force Clubs are giving away \$25,000 in scholarships for higher education costs. There are six scholarships awarded in the amounts of: \$6,000, \$5,500, \$4,500, \$3,500, \$3,000, and \$2,500.

Scholarships are awarded based on a 500-word essay on the topic "What Freedom Means to Me." Nominees must also provide a single-page summary of their long-term career and life goals, and previous accomplishments. The summary can include civic, athletic and academic awards and accomplishments.

All entries must be submitted to the 12th Services Division, Building 112, Room 207, before July 15. Current Air Force Club members and their family members who have been accepted or are enrolled in an accredited college or university for entry during the fall 2004 term as part-time or full-time students are eligible.

Rules and applications can be picked up at the officers' club, enlisted club, library, youth center and information, tickets and travel office.

For more information, visit online at www.p.afsv.af.mil/Clubs/Scholarship.htm.

RFISD board of trustees meeting

The Randolph Field Independent School District hosts a board of trustees meeting at 4:15 p.m. April 15 in room 21 of the high school. The meeting is open to the public.

An agenda can be found on its Web site at www.randolph-field.k12.tx.us.

Enlisted spouses scholarship

All enlisted spouses are encouraged to apply for the Lena Mae Browning Scholarship in the amount of \$500.

Enlisted spouses of active duty, retired or deceased members are eligible to apply at the education center before April 15.

For more information, call Mary Burns at 658-8131.

EDUCATION SERVICES
652-5964

ACCD

Summer schedules for San Antonio College and St. Phillip's College will be available in the education center next week. The summer schedule is now on the web at www.accd.edu.

Student information access and online registration is available for all four colleges of the Alamo Community College District.

In addition to summer session courses, St. Phillip's College is offering SPCH 1311 (Fundamentals of Speech) and CRIJ 1310 (Fundamentals of Criminal Law) at Randolph for the May three-week intersession.

Call the ACCD Randolph office at 659-1096 for more information.

Park University

The Park University Randolph office is hiring Adjunct Faculty to teach freshman through senior level accounting, computer science and English courses. A master's degree is required.

For more information, call 566-9595 or send an e-mail to Rand@mail.park.edu.

ERAU

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University May graduate learning classes start May 7. Students wanting to register must do so before April 22.

Undergraduate Distance Learning classes start May 15. Students must register for these classes by April 30.

For more information, call 659-0801.

Scholarship applications

Applications for scholarship money and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and Park University college book credit are available for Randolph Community College of the Air Force graduates who completed their CCAF degree within the last two years.

These scholarships provide competitive, one-time grants for CCAF graduates pursuing a baccalaureate degree. Recipients will be recognized at the CCAF graduation May 4.

CCAF scholarship application packets are being sent to all Spring 2004 graduates. If the packet has not been received, stop by the education center to pick up a copy. Those who graduated from CCAF at Randolph between May 2002 and May 2004 are eligible to apply for scholarships and should come by the education center to pick up an application.

The deadline for returning the application and all required documents to the education center is April 9.

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER
652-5321

FSC volunteer recognition ceremony

The family support center hosts a base-wide volunteer recognition ceremony from 2 to 3:30 p.m. April 27 at the enlisted club. During the ceremony, the four Volunteer Excellence Award winners are recognized. All base volunteers are invited regardless of the number of hours they volunteered.

Volunteers who would like to attend the reception must stop by the family support center to pick up a ticket, and at that time, submit their 2003 volunteer hours for on- and off-base.

Ticket can be purchased for \$4 each at the family support center, but are not available at the event.

Attendees must respond before April 16. The ceremony is free to volunteers.

For more information, call 652-5321.

CHAPEL SERVICES
652-6121

Protestant

Saturday - Easter Musical practice at 8 a.m. in chapel 1

Sunday - Palm Sunday: Easter Musical at 8:30 a.m. in chapel 1; Liturgical at 10 a.m. in chapel 1; Easter Musical at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1; Gospel at 1 p.m. in chapel 1

Monday - Protestant Women of the Chapel coffee at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel center; Protestant Advisory Council meeting at 5:45 p.m. in the chapel center; Male chorus at 7 p.m. in chapel 1

Tuesday - Men's Bible study at 11:30 a.m. in the chapel center

Wednesday - PWOC Bible study at 12:15 p.m. in the chapel center; Liturgical choir at 5:30 p.m. in chapel 1; Gospel choir at 7 p.m. in chapel 1; PWOC Baylor Passion Play at 8 p.m.

Thursday - Children's choir at 5:15 p.m. in chapel 1; Precept Bible study at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel center; Chancel choir at 7 p.m. in chapel 1

Catholic

Friday - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1

Saturday - Catholic Women of the Chapel at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel center;

Confession at 4:30 p.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 5:30 p.m. in chapel 1

Sunday - Passion Sunday: Mass at 8:30 a.m. in chapel 2; Mass at 10:30 a.m. in chapel 2; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 2

Monday - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1

Tuesday - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1;

Contemporary Choir practice at 6:30 p.m. in chapel 2; Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults at 7 p.m. in the chapel center

Wednesday - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1; Penance Service at 7 p.m. in chapel 2

Thursday - Holy Thursday: Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1; Cantor practice at 6:30 p.m. in chapel 2; Holy Thursday Mass at 7 p.m. in chapel 2

Ecumenical

Monday - Wedding briefing at 3 p.m. in the chapel center

Wednesday - Film luncheon at 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. in the chapel center; Christian Youth of the Chapel Bible study at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel center

PWOC retreat

Protestant Women of the Chapel welcomes all ladies to their annual retreat at T Bar M Ranch April 16-20. The retreat leader will be Deborah Roebuck who will be discussing the topic "Mirror, Mirror On The Wall, Do I Reflect Him Much At All."

The retreat begins on Friday evening with a meal and ends Sunday morning.

The cost is \$25 and includes a room for both nights and all meals during that time. Saturday is also open to anyone wanting to participate for the day for \$12.

For more information or to sign up, call Beth Compton at 945-4683.

Living Last Supper

The Randolph Protestant Chapel invites the community to join them during Holy Week for a dramatic presentation of the last supper Jesus had with his 12 disciples in the Upper Room. This annual event is held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in chapel 2.

The men of the Fort Sam Houston Chapels bring this live re-enactment to Randolph for the sixth year. An open Protestant communion service is also offered to all who wish to participate following the presentation.

For more information, call the chapel at 652-6121.

MOVIES
652-3278

Today

"Against the Ropes" (PG-13), 7 p.m. Starring Meg Ryan - A woman who grows up around boxing buys a boxer and helps him train to fight.

Saturday

"Welcome to Mooseport" (PG-13), 7 p.m. Starring Ray Romano - A former president settles in a small town, and ends up running for mayor against a local store owner.

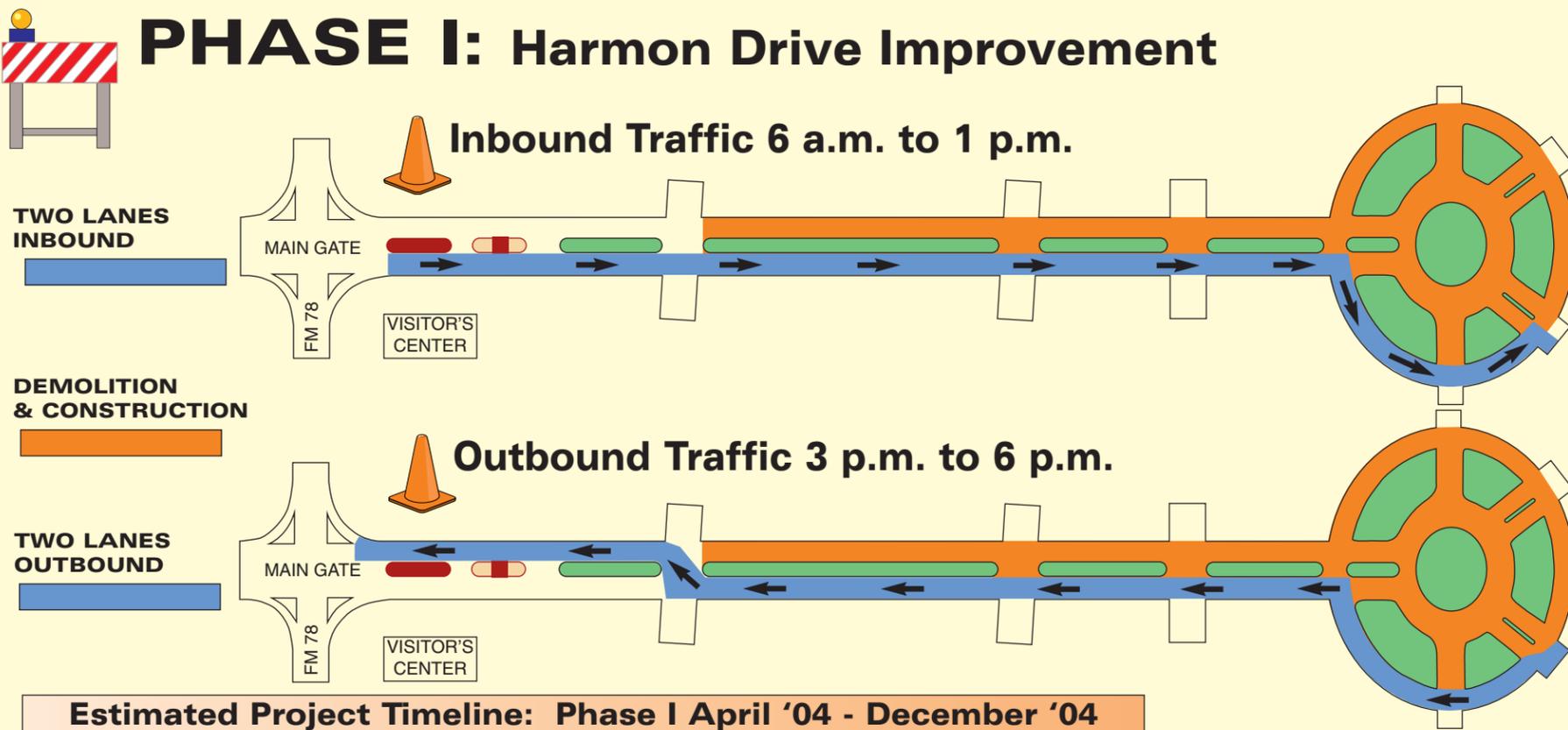
Sunday

"50 First Dates" (PG-13), 7 p.m. Starring Drew Barrymore - A veterinarian falls in love with a girl who has short term memory loss, and he has to make her keep falling in love with him every time they meet.

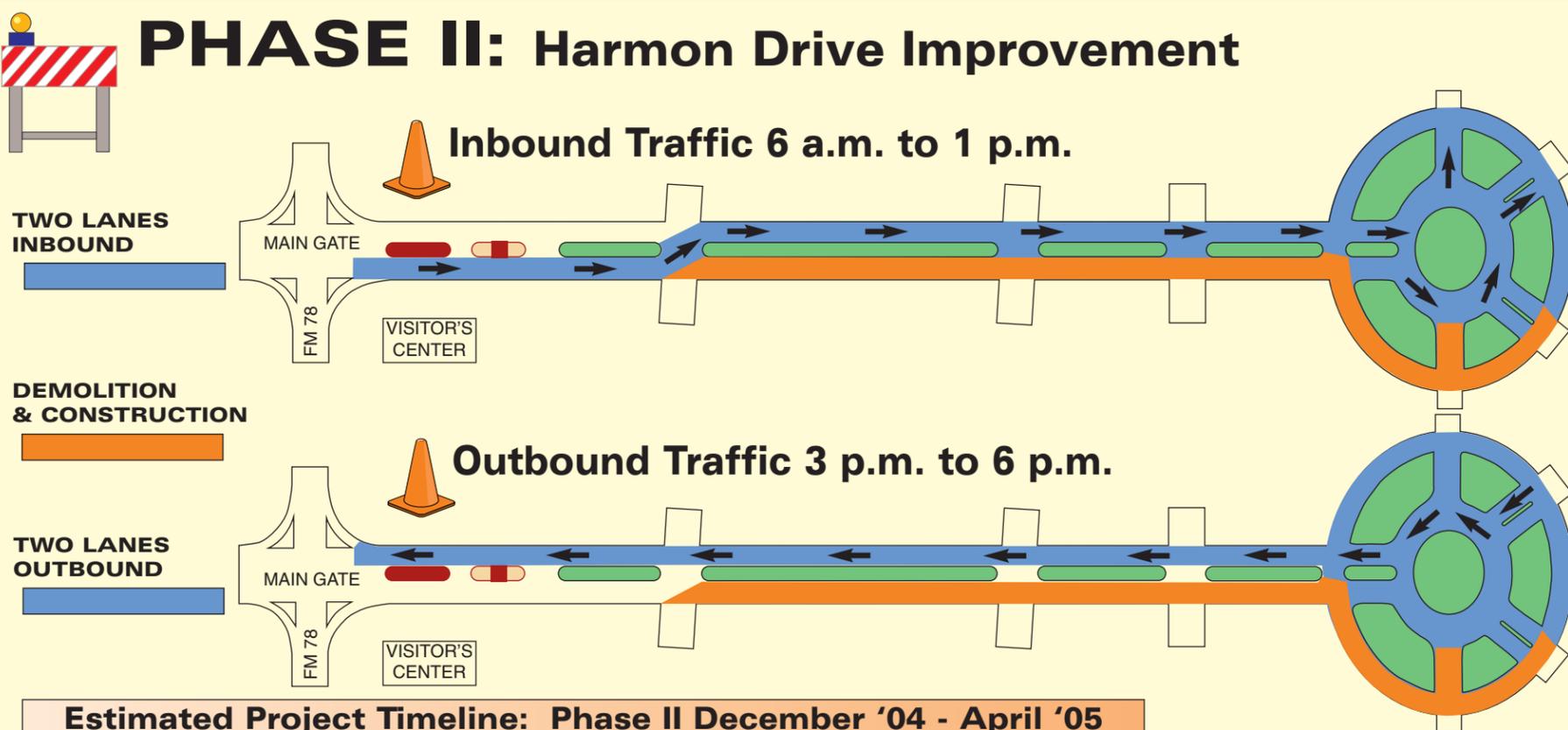
I Love Randolph Week kicks off April 17-25

CAUTION - WORK ZONE

PHASE I: Harmon Drive Improvement



PHASE II: Harmon Drive Improvement



GATE HOURS DURING CONSTRUCTION

MAIN GATE/HARMON DRIVE

- Monday-Friday two lanes inbound from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Monday-Friday two lanes outbound from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Closed all other times including weekends and holidays

SOUTH GATE (Two way traffic)

- Monday-Friday 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Closed weekends and holidays

EAST GATE (Two way traffic)

- Monday-Friday 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Saturday 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Sunday and holidays 9:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

WEST GATE (Two way traffic)

- 24-hour operations, seven days a week
- Commercial vehicle entrance

HIGH SCHOOL GATE

- Closed

Harmon

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"The design for the main gate is cutting edge and when completed is expected to be a model for other Air Force bases," added Colonel Patterson. "I think when the last bit of dirt is turned we will have done the 'Showplace of the Air Force' proud."

In addition to repaving Harmon Drive and Washington Circle, underground utility lines will be replaced and improved drainage will be added to address base officials' concerns regarding aging utility lines and inadequate drainage throughout the half-mile stretch of road and around Washington Circle.

"This construction project is necessary for several reasons," said Lt. Col. Robert Fant, 12th Civil Engineer Squadron commander. "The cracks stretching from the main gate to Washington Circle on both sides of Harmon Drive demonstrate evidence of structural failure in the pavement. We also want to make sure we have upgraded utility lines for the future."

In addition to the upgraded anti-terrorism infrastructure incorporated into the design of the new main gate, project plans include moving the main gate from its current location further up

Harmon Drive near 1st Avenue and away from FM 78.

"Our goal is to increase safety by alleviating the back-up of traffic onto FM 78," said Colonel Fant.

While the original construction plans had Harmon Drive closing for approximately 18 months, base officials developed a phased construction plan in an effort to reduce traffic problems and address community concerns.

Phase one of the construction includes tearing out and replacing the east side of Harmon Drive from 1st Street south toward Washington Circle as well as the east and south sides of the roundabout. Phase two will complete the remainder of Washington Circle as well as the west side of Harmon Drive to 1st Street.

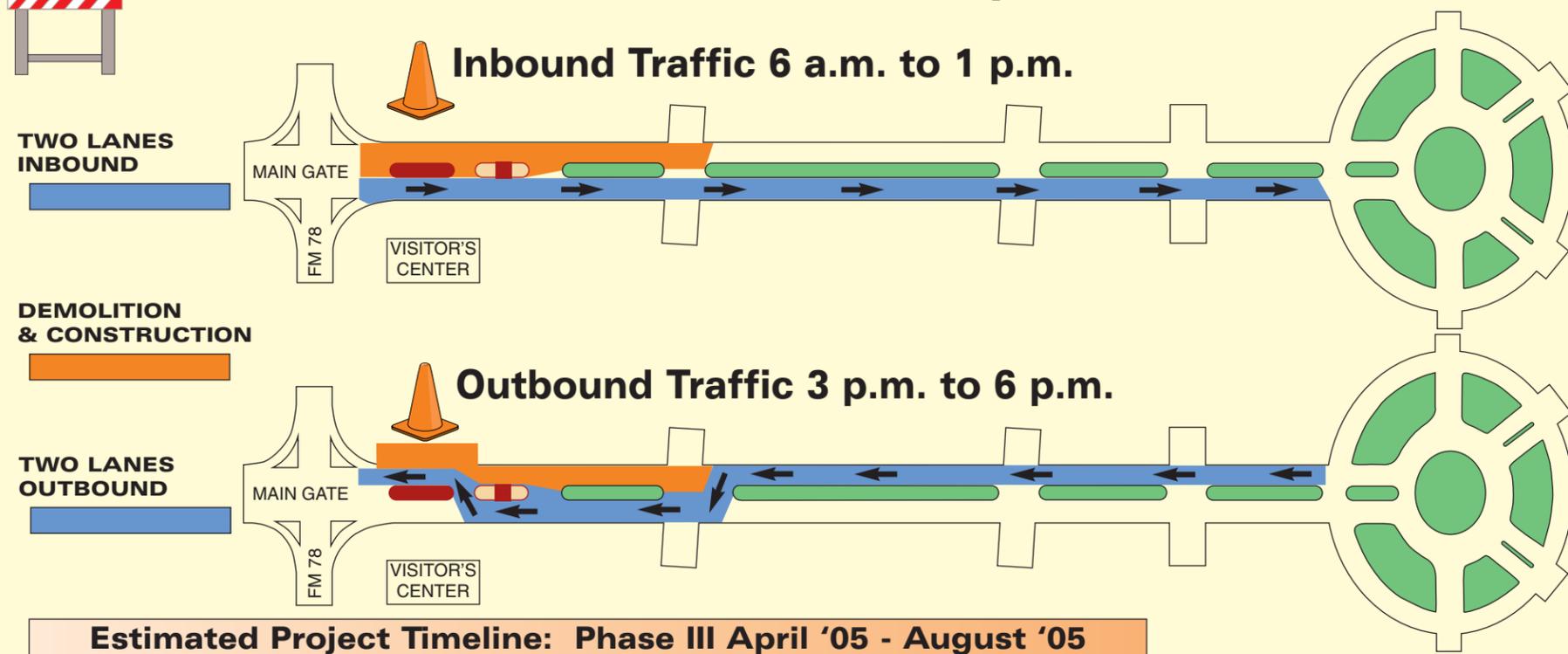
With the majority of the paving completed in the first two phases of construction, contractors will begin the major work on the main gate and the new visitor center in phases three and four.

"The work will be phased so that Harmon Drive can remain open during peak drive times," said Lt. Col. Allen Blume, 12th Support Group deputy commander. "Once people learn the routine, I don't think there will be any substantial impact for those commuting to and from work."

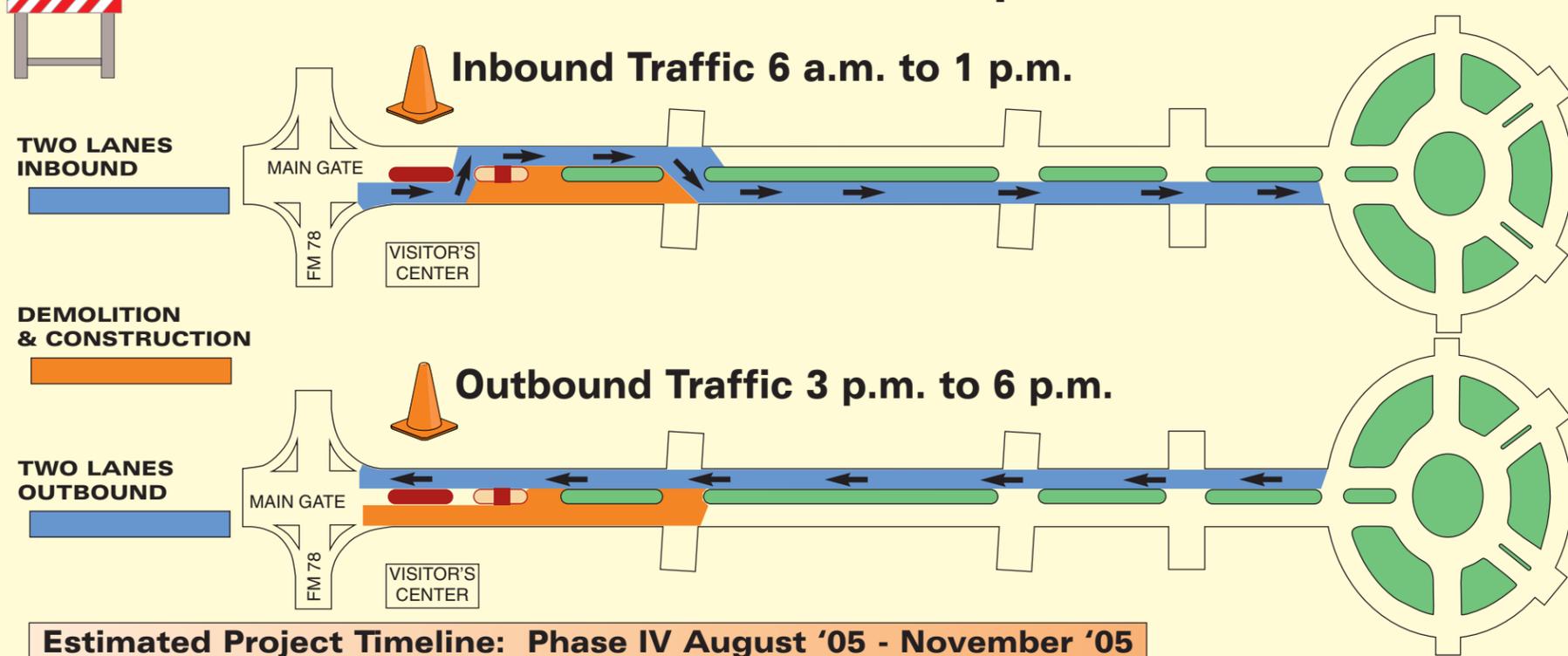
According to base officials, learning the routine on Harmon Drive will be the key to

CAUTION - WORK ZONE

PHASE III: Harmon Drive Improvement



PHASE IV: Harmon Drive Improvement



alleviating any back-ups. Essentially, beginning April 22, Harmon Drive will become a two-lane, one-way inbound only road in the mornings and a two-lane, one-way outbound only road in the afternoons and closed the remainder of the day and weekends.

Inbound only traffic will begin at 6 a.m. every morning and will remain inbound only until 1 p.m., when Harmon Drive will be closed to all traffic. At 3 p.m. each day, Harmon Drive will be reopened to outbound traffic only and will close to all traffic at 6 p.m.

"We need to stress, only inbound traffic will be allowed in the mornings, and outbound in the afternoons," said Colonel Patterson.

"We will have numerous traffic signs in place to aid drivers," he added.

To help alleviate any inconvenience, the 12th Security Forces Squadron, working in coordination with the 12th CES have developed expanded east, west and south gate hours to provide alternate means of entering and exiting the base.

The west gate will be operational 24-hours, seven days a week for normal traffic and commercial vehicles. The east gate will be open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturdays and 9:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sundays and holidays. The south gate will also be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., but only Monday

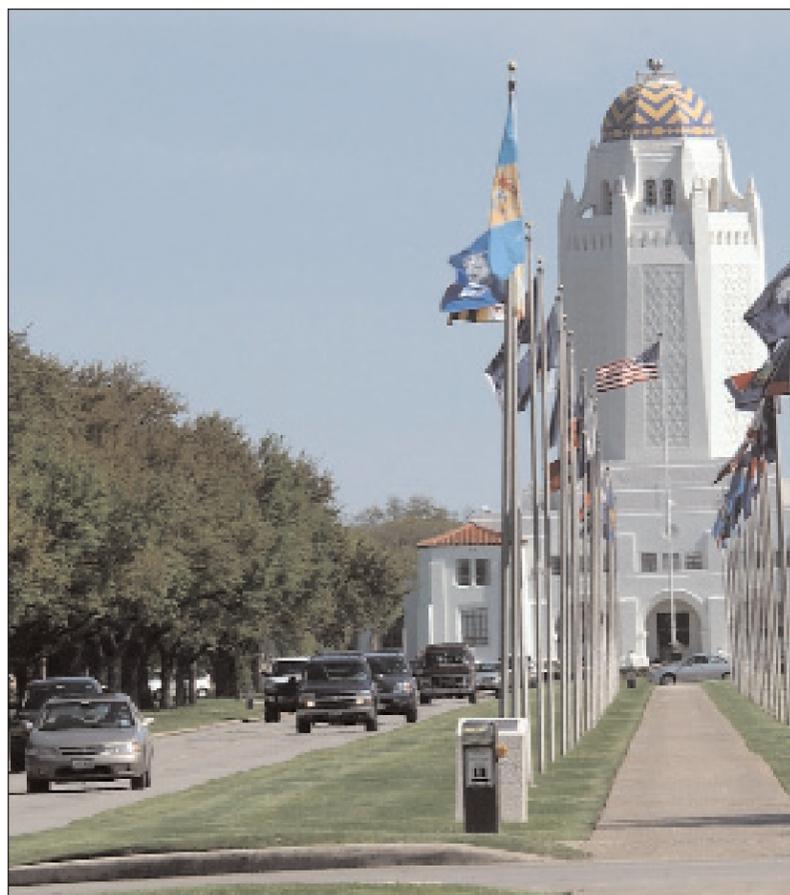
through Friday. The high school gate will remain closed due to current force protection conditions.

As construction progresses and contractors begin to work on building the new visitor center, base civil engineers have provided a temporary visitor control center at the east Gate. In addition, base officials are working with the Texas Department of Transportation to have a signal light installed at the east gate to alleviate traffic flow entering and exiting from that point.

In an effort to work any bugs out of the traffic flow plan, base officials have scheduled a dry run of the Harmon Drive closure for April 22 and 23 with the major construction scheduled to begin April 24.

"Like all large construction projects there will be a number of changes so we can ensure that utilities are always provided and traffic is affected to the least extent possible," said Colonel Fant. "We are working diligently to ease the base into the plan and we will continue to keep all of Randolph's personnel notified of changes to minimize the impact of any adjustments."

"Although this project might be a slight inconvenience to Team Randolph for the next 20 months," said Colonel Patterson, "the end state will be a safer, more efficient entrance and a premier boulevard that will compliment the 'Showplace of the Air Force' for the next 75 years."



Motorists will experience changing traffic patterns as construction begins on Harmon Drive. (Photo by Steve White)

SERVICES

MISCELLANEOUS

Vehicle auction scheduled

The 12th Services Division will hold a sealed-bid vehicle auction this month. Viewing of the vehicles is from 1 to 4 p.m. daily, Monday through April 15. Seal bids are accepted through April 15. Bids are opened April 16 and the bid winner is notified by phone. The bid with the earliest post-mark wins any ties.

Vehicles available are:

- 1991 Dodge 1/2 ton pick-up
- 1994 Dodge Ram 350 Panel van
- 1996 GMC Suburban V8

Payment can be made by check, cash or money order.

If interested, submit sealed bids to 12SPTG/SVFL, Attn.: Jesse Orbe, 415 B Street East, Randolph AFB, Texas, 78150; or drop them off to Mr. Orbe at Building 118.

For more information, call 652-7319.

Fourth of July unit fundraisers

Plans are underway for the 2004 Fourth of July celebration. This year's celebration runs from 3 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

All base units are invited to operate a food booth to help generate income for their unit programs or other organizational needs.

Interested units keep 100 percent of the income. The 12th Services Division will sell all beverages, therefore, beverage sales are not allowed by other units.

Interested units must complete and submit an application form to 12th Services Division Marketing, Building 112, room 108, or fax to 652-8756 by May 7.

For an application, call marketing at 652-2052 or stop by to pick one up.

Family childcare licensing

Air Force Instruction 34-276 prohibits the use of family quarters for family childcare unless the provider is licensed by the 12th Support Group commander.

Unlicensed family childcare providers cannot advertise in base publications or post advertisements on base bulletin boards.

If anyone knows of individuals providing childcare on base without a license, call the family childcare office at 652-3668. Homes of licensed providers will display the family childcare logo.

LIBRARY 652-2617

Library poetry reading

Base members can visit the library for a poetry reading by author Marian Haddad Saturday at 11 a.m.

BOWLING CENTER 652-6271

Month of the Military Child bowling special

In celebration of the month of the military child, the bowling center offers free bowling and free shoe rental to all youth each Sunday in April from 1 to 4 p.m. All ages are welcome.

YOUTH CENTER 652-2088

Summer camp registration

Active duty members with working spouses can register their children for summer camp today. Retired military and active duty not assigned to Randolph can register on Tuesday.

FITNESS CENTER 652-4311

Randolph Fitness Center customer appreciation day

Enjoy healthy finger foods compliments of the fitness center Tuesday during its customer appreciation day. The food is served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the main fitness center. The fitness center staff will provide tips on choosing high-energy snacks to eat between workouts.

For more information, call 652-4311

ITT & EQUIPMENT CHECKOUT 652-5640

Spring clean-up special

Equipment checkout offers a spring clean up special for April.

The special includes lawn mower, rake, leaf blower, hedge trimmer and lawn edger rental for \$24.

Living large



Col. Mark Graper, 12th Flying Training Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Jeffery Sargent, 12th FTW command chief, cut the ribbon for Randolph Inn's refurbished visiting chiefs' quarters. The ten suites were completed in a 5 month, \$214,000 project to upgrade quarters on Randolph. (Photo by Dave Terry)

Battle of the Flowers Parade

The Battle of Flowers Parade is scheduled for 12:45 to 5 p.m. April 23.

The parade is the oldest event and largest parade of Fiesta San Antonio, attracting crowds of more than 350,000.

Bleacher seats cost \$4.50 and chairs cost \$7.50 each. There is a limit of eight tickets per person. Advanced seating is available for chairs located in the 900 and 1500 block of Broadway.

To purchase tickets, call the information, tickets and travel office at 652-5640.

Fiesta Flambeau Parade

The Fiesta Flambeau Parade is 7:45 - 10:30 p.m. April 24.

Bleacher seats cost is \$4.50 per person and chair cost \$7.50. There is a limit of eight tickets per person. Advanced seating is available for chairs located on the 900 block of Broadway and bleachers located in the 1500 block of Broadway.

Ticketmaster Events:

The information, tickets and travel office offers tickets to the following events:

• Sammy Kershaw

Today, 7 p.m. at Cowboys
Adult ticket prices range from \$12 to \$25 and children ticket prices range from \$20 to \$25

• Nunsense

Tuesday through April 11 at the Majestic Theater, times vary
Prices range from \$15 to \$45

• Bill Gaither and Homecoming Friends

April 16, 7 p.m. at the SBC Center
Prices range from \$18.50 to \$33.50

• Al Green

April 30, 7 p.m. at Sunset Station
Prices range from \$45 to \$65

• Bill Cosby

May 2, 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. at the Majestic Theater. The ticket price is \$56

Kinder Gambling Trip

The information, tickets and travel office hosts a Kinder Gambling Trip April 13-14.

The trip, which costs \$37 for double occupancy and \$72 for single occupancy, includes round trip motor coach transportation to the Grand Casino Coshetta in Kinder, La., as well as hotel accommodations, a continental breakfast, dinner buffet and tour guide.

The motor coach departs at 8 a.m. April 13 and returns at 10 p.m. April 14.

Texas Treasure Casino trip

The next Texas Treasure Casino trip is April 24. The motor coach departs Building 897 at 7 a.m. and returns around

10 p.m. The cost is \$25. The motor coach stops for meals to and from the casino, at the customers' expense.

ENLISTED CLUB 652-3056

Bingo offered

Big Bucks Bingo is held every Sunday at 3 p.m. in the enlisted club.

OFFICERS' CLUB 652-3056

Live music

The "The Country Men" perform from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. today in the Sky Lounge.

CANYON LAKE 1-800-280-3466

Easter Egg Hunt at Canyon Lake

The Canyon Lake Recreation Center hosts an Easter egg hunt at 1:30 p.m. April 11 at the park.

Areas will be set up for different age groups during the hunt, including: tots to 5, ages 6 to 10 and ages 11 to 15, so everyone has the opportunity to find and collect goodies.

The Easter Bunny also makes an appearance at 2 p.m. and a Polaroid photo can be taken for \$1.

Boat storage

Customers can store their boat at the Canyon Lake open dry and wet storage.

Dry storage is secured with 24-hour access and wet storage is available in both 8.5 feet and 10 feet widths.

Dry storage is \$40 per month and wet storage is \$75 and \$95 per month. The rental of any storage area also includes an annual park pass, which gives free access for vehicles and all occupants for a year.

For more information, call 1-800-280-3466.

Canyon Lake annual passes

Canyon Lake annual entry passes are now available for \$45. Entry into the park is \$5 per visit, per vehicle.

Annual passes include a vehicle and boat/trailer pass, and it is valid for one year after the date of issue. Annual pass holders are not charged the boat launch fee.

For more information, call 1-800-280-3466.

Fam-A-Ganza: Family fun for everyone

By Shelta Reese
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Randolph's Fam-A-Ganza, an annual family fun event, is set for 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 10 at the youth center. The event is free and open to all families who live or work at Randolph.

This year's Fam-A-Ganza features a light lunch, games and an information fair for all ages.

Scheduled activities include arts and crafts, face painting, sand art, a petting zoo and a bouncy castle. In addition, caricature artists, performers from the Randolph Family and Teen Talent Contest and clowns making balloon animals will provide entertainment throughout the morning. Children can also enjoy an Easter egg hunt and meet the Easter Bunny.

The highlight of this year's event is the Colossal Cookie Challenge. There are four cookie categories; holiday or special occasion decorated cookies, no bake cookies, healthy cookies, which must contain fruit, nuts or cereal, and cookie makers special, which are cookies that don't fit in any other category. Prizes are given to the top three winners in each category. The top winners of each category will later have the opportunity to compete at the major command level and possibly at Air Force level.

If interested in entering the Colossal Cookie Challenge entry forms are available on the services information racks located at the base exchange, BXtra, information, tickets and travel office, golf course, clinic and youth center. The deadline to enter is April 9.

Fam-a-Ganza is made possible in part by the support of Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union, Eisenhower National Bank and Labatt Foods.

For more information, call the youth center at 652-2088.

Navigators find victory

563rd FTS defeats 12th MDG 25-8, 25-15

By Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice

12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The 563rd Flying Training Squadron triumphed over the 12th Medical Group 25-8 and 25-15 in their intramural volleyball match Tuesday.

Leading all players in game points for the match were the 563rd's Rob Reed and Tony Waliser, scoring a combined 17, nine in game one.

"We really played well today," said 563rd FTS coach Phil Limbacher. "That just goes to show that practice makes perfect. We especially concentrated on our serving during our weekend practice and it was obvious we've improved in that area."

Both Walsier and 563rd FTS' Mandy Blumetto went on a 4-point run off of aces in game two.

In game one, the 563rd FTS' serves were a little rusty, as they awarded the Medics five points off of bad serves. But the few serves the Navigators messed up on they made up for in other ways.

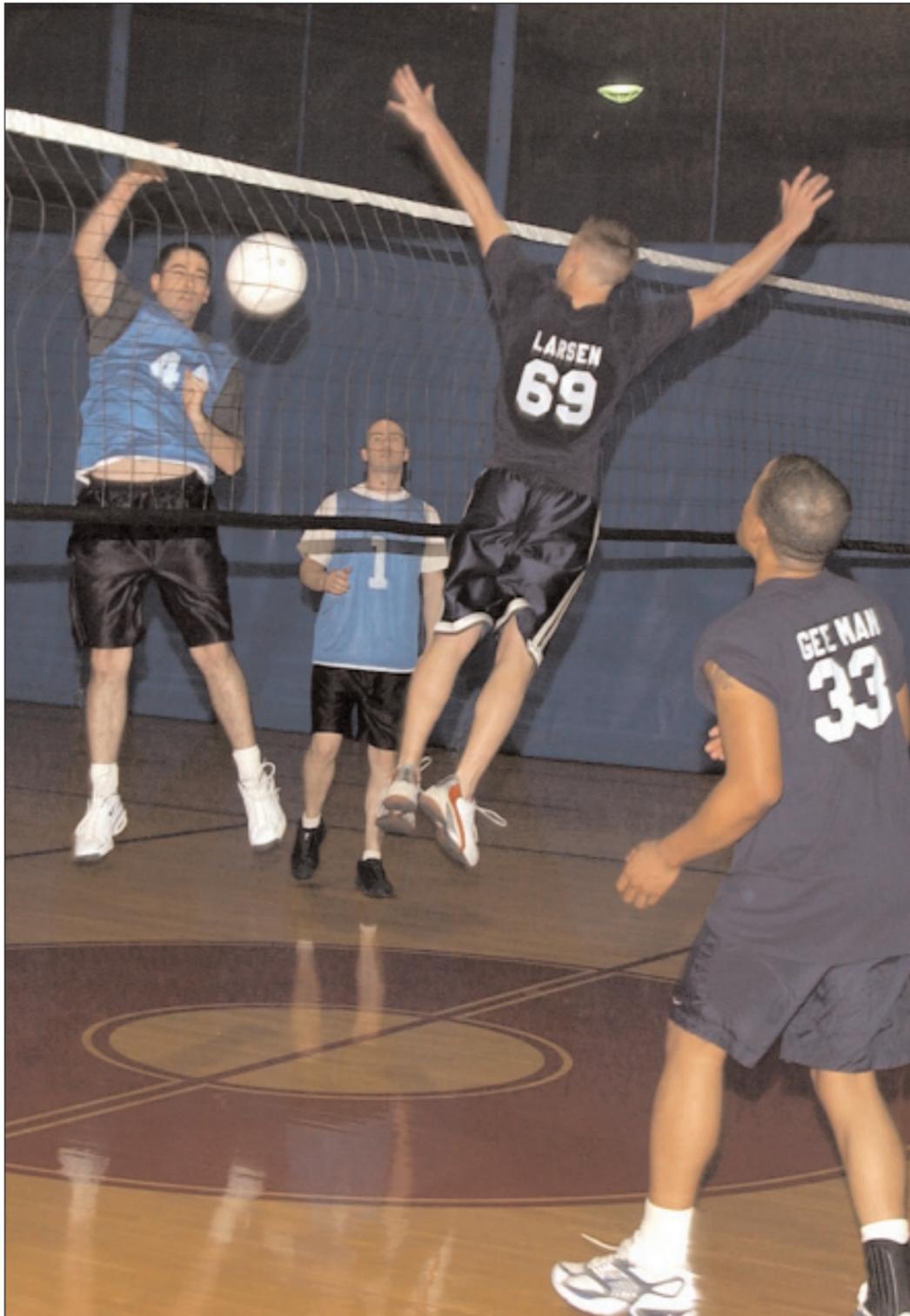
Mastering the volleyball basics of bump, set, spike and with good communication the Navigators were able to pound out points into the 12th MDG side of the court. The 563rd was able to close out game one 25-8.

As the team's entered game two, the Medics chances for a recovery looked distant as Blumetto kicked it off with four aces including two hard serves down the right line.

As the Medics struggled to stay in the game, they were able to scrounge up several points off of a few bad Navigator serves and two kills by Medic Alex Larson. Larson also contributed defensively with three digs.

With a 10-point deficit, the Medics were finally able to pull together and throw the Navigators off course with a 5-0 run. The play included four out-of-bound hits by the Navigators and one ace by Medic Stephanie Spain.

But the 563rd was able to find it's way again and pull out the win at 25-15.



Alex Larson, 12th Medical Group, blocks a hit by John Ferguson, 563rd Flying Training Squadron, during an intramural volleyball match Tuesday at the fitness center. The Navigators defeated the Medics 25-8 and 25-15. (Photo by Steve White)

Intramural Bowling Standings



As of March 22

Team	W	L
DFAS	134	58
RS	122	70
SFS	120	72
AFPC TOO	116	76
SVS #1	111	81
AFPC #1	109	83
JPPSO	108	84
SVS TOO	104	88
AFPC/ESC	104	88
AFPOA	102	90
340 FTG	102	90
CS	97	95
AFSAT	97	95
CPTS	94	98
MSS	90	102
AETC/LG	89	103
AMO #2	88	104
AETC/FM	85	107
AETC 900	84	108
AFSVA	83	109
AETC/XPM	83	109
AMO #1	83	109
AETC/CSS	79	113
MED GP	76	116
AFMA	72	120
LRS	58	134

Intramural Volleyball Standings



As of Tuesday

Monday, Wednesday League		
Team	W	L
AFPC #2	7	0
AETC/DP	6	2
AFSVA	4	3
558/559	4	4
12 SFS	3	5
AETC/DO	0	5
12 OSS	0	7

Tuesday, Thursday League		
Team	W	L
AFPC #1	7	0
563 FTS	4	2
12 LRS	4	2
AETC/CSS	4	3
562 FTS	2	4
JPPSO	1	6
12 MDG	1	6

SPORTS SHORTS

Youth golf classes offered

The base youth center and the local Boys and Girls Clubs are co-hosting a basic golf class Saturdays from 2 to 4 p.m. at Brackenridge Park. Free golf balls and equipment are issued. This class is open to youth center members ages 10 to 18.

For more information, call 652-2088.

Golf class

The Randolph Oaks Golf Course is sponsoring a nine-week novice golfer class beginning Saturday. Each class runs from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The last class is May 29.

Charlie Bishop, a Professional Golf Association teaching professional, instructs the course. During the course, students learn the fundamentals of the full swing and the shots of the short game. The cost is \$120 per player.

For more information, call 652-4653.

Cardiovascular health workshop

The next cardiovascular health workshop is at 11 a.m. Monday at the health and wellness center.

During the course, participants are given nutrition and exercise information teaching them how to reduce their risk for heart disease as well as undergo a behavior modification session to help them exchange their old lifestyle for a healthier one.

Medical providers also explain the effects of

cholesterol and high blood pressure.

To enroll in the class, call 652-2300.

Sit-up competition

The fitness center hosts a sit-up competition from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday. Contestants can register now up until the day of the competition. Prizes are awarded to the top first, second and third place winners.

For more information, call 652-5316.

Golf tournament

The Randolph First Sergeants' Group hosts a four-person scramble golf tournament Thursday at the Randolph Oaks Golf Course, with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m.

The cost, which includes green fees, cart, food and drinks is \$25 for golf course members and \$35 for non-members. Participants can select their own teams. The handicap system will be 10 percent of the total team handicap.

To reserve a spot, contact your unit first sergeant.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Prentiss Spivey at 652-6945.

Aerobic classes available

The fitness center offers a variety of aerobic classes Monday through Friday. Classes begin at 6 a.m., 9 a.m.,

11 a.m., noon, 4:45 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. Classes include step/variety, basic step, power step, super step, cardio/sculpt, cardio/step combo, sports conditioning, power yoga and kick boxing. The fitness center also offers a kick boxing class from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturdays.

For more information, call 652-5316.

Victims' Rights Week fun run/walk

In recognition of Victims' Rights Week, which runs April 18-24, the Randolph Victims' Witness Awareness Council hosts a fun run/walk beginning at 7 a.m. Thursday at Eberle Park. The first 50 active duty and family members to show up for the race receive a free T-shirt.

For more information, call Evelyn Mickles at 652-6781.

Relay for Life

The 3rd Annual Greater Randolph Area Relay for Life runs from 7 p.m. May 14 to 7 a.m. May 15 at Pickrell Park in Schertz, Texas.

The event is a 12-hour relay, which requires one team member to be on the track walking or running at all times during the event.

Military teams of 8-15 members can sign-up. Registration runs until the first day of the event.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Amanda Harness at 652-2619 or Carrie Waterman at 595-0219.