

Base Briefs

GC KICK-OFF

Team Vandenberg is invited to join Hawkman at the Guardian Challenge kick-off rally at 3:30 p.m. today in the Pacific Coast Club. For more information, call Master Sgt. Rudy Gutierrez, at 605-0549.

MONTE CARLO NIGHT

The casino opens at 6:30 p.m. Saturday in the Pacific Coast Club. There will be black jack, craps, roulette and bingo for this membership theme night. Tickets are \$5 for E-4 and below and \$7 for all others. Non club members pay \$3 extra. For more information, call Maj. Stacey Bako, at 606-3595.

EMERGENCY DATA

All active-duty members of Team Vandenberg must complete their virtual record of emergency data online between March 17 and 21. Information on the vRED is used to notify members' next of kin in the event of an emergency. Members can access the Virtual Military Personnel Flight Web site from their home or office computer at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The 30th Comptroller Squadron closes today at 3 p.m. for an official function. Anyone with a financial emergency, should call 1st Lt. Steven Swiderski at 588-0701.

AFA LUNCHEON

The Air Force Association Goddard chapter holds its annual awards luncheon at 11 a.m. March 19 in the Pacific Coast Club. Make reservations by calling 606-2538 by March 12.

HUMANITARIAN MISSION

The 30th Medical Group conducts a Humanitarian Mission to Guatemala March 15-29. During the deployment, the family practice clinic staff will be reduced. Clinic hours and medical services will not change significantly, however, patients with anticipated needs like refills or check-ups are asked to make arrangements for care either before or after the deployment period. This allows access to care for those with urgent needs. For more information, call Capt. Vernon Swinton at 606-9076.

FACILITY MAINTENANCE

Service contracts are performance-based. This means that facilities receiving contracted custodial and grounds maintenance services, should be clean and well maintained at all times. Events services for Guardian Challenge prep are no longer provided. However, if facilities are not being maintained up to standard, call service contracts at 606-2330.

SMTHOME DELIVERY

The *Space & Missile Times* should arrive at every on-base residence by 6 p.m. each Friday. Anyone not receiving home delivery should call the *Lompoc Record* at 736-2313.

Go for launch



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

(Left to right) Capts. Cory Hanna, Dean Walters and Chris Menuey, 576th Flight Test Squadron, conduct countdown procedures training for Vandenberg's Peacekeeper missile launch set for Wednesday morning.

Vandenberg steps up to fill tri-counties need for blood

BY 2ND LT. MICHELLE MAYO
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Twenty-six people donated blood at the 30th Security Forces blood drive here Tuesday.

The 26 pints of blood collected add to the 150 pints the Tri-Counties Blood Bank needs every day. The local blood bank is the sole provider of blood for all of the hospitals from Santa Barbara to Salinas.

Blood donations from military members have dropped since last September when strict restrictions were placed on people who had been stationed in Europe from 1980 to 1996.

The restrictions were put in place to prevent possible contamination of the U.S. blood supply by Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, more commonly known as mad cow disease.

"What that means is a lot of people who have been regular donors in the past can't donate anymore, so we have to work much harder to recruit new donors," said Mary Ann Bittle, senior community relations representative for Tri-Counties Blood Bank.

Military members, dependents, or civilians associated with a



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

Airman 1st Class Michele La Cour, 30th Security Forces Squadron, cringes as Tonya Lawrence, Tri-Counties Blood Bank, draws blood during a security forces blood drive held Tuesday in the Vandenberg Services Center.

military base in England for more than three months between 1980 and 1986 are ineligible to donate.

Additionally, military members, dependents, and civilians associated with military bases in Belgium, Spain, Netherlands, Germany, Portugal, Turkey, Italy or Greece for more than six months

during that time period cannot give blood either.

Because of this, the number of eligible blood donors on Air Force bases across the nation has dropped 25 percent since the measure was implemented, said Lt. Gen. Joseph Wehrle, Air Force vice chief of staff. During Tuesday's

blood drive, nine people were turned away because of the restrictions.

This not only affects the active-duty population, but many military retirees will find that they are no longer eligible to donate either.

Team Vandenberg recruited 12 new blood donors during Tuesday's drive.

Staff Sgt. Kelly Elijah, 30th Security Forces Squadron, donated blood Tuesday for the first time since 1997.

"I feel it's a good way to give back to the community," Elijah said.

Tech. Sgt. Robert Kabrel and Airman 1st Class Julie Suriano, 30th SFS, initiated and organized Tuesday's blood drive.

"I wanted to do something good for the base and the community...this is my second or third time to give blood," Kabrel said.

People can donate blood every eight weeks. Because blood has a 42-day shelf life, it needs to be replenished regularly, Bittle said.

"It is such a simple thing to do to save a life," she added.

The next Vandenberg blood drive is March 12 at the Vandenberg Chapel 1 Annex.

Spouses club charity auction raises funds for local use

BY AIRMAN JUANIKA GLOVER
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ The Vandenberg Spouses' Club is set to host their annual charity auction to raise money for base scholarships and help support other local organizations.

"The Charity Auction is our way of giving back to the community," Reppart said.

According to Troi Reppart, Vandenberg Spouses Club welfare fundraising chairman, the VSC donates money to support local projects such as G.I. Java, the single airmen's Candy Express, the single airmen's Cookie Express, holiday decorations for the Pacific Coast Club, the Cabrillo High School post prom party and the youth center's Breakfast with Santa. The group also supports local and national organizations like Vandenberg's Global Hearts and Heart Link, the Air Force Village Foundation, the Air Force Enlisted Foundation, Fisher House, the Vandenberg Food Pantry, Domestic Violence Solutions

for Santa Barbara and the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

In addition to supporting organizations and events, the VSC awards scholarships to local college-bound students and spouses. The group also donates sports scholarships for children wishing to participate in base sports programs, Reppart said.

Diane Gilmore, military spouse, part-time student and thrift shop volunteer said she benefited directly from the auction's funds when she was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

"I'm a busy mother of three and I just kept coming up with excuses for why I could not go to school. When I received the scholarship, it gave me the reason I needed to continue my education," said Gilmore.

Applications for Vandenberg Spouses' Club College Scholarships are being accepted through March 28. Graduating

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Team V promotes 115 this month

■ Congratulations to the following members of Team Vandenberg promoted this month!

The promotees are:

Airman

John Anderson, 532nd Training Squadron
Shari Anderson, 532nd TRS
Quinn Boudle, 30th Security Forces Squadron
Alexander Bozzetti, 532nd TRS
Adam Burton, Detachment 1, 345 Training Squadron
Terry Carr, Det. 1, 345th TRS
Antonio Chocha, 532nd TRS
Robert Jones, 532nd TRS
Joshua Koonce, Det. 1, 345th TRS
Richard Landers, 30th SFS
Alan Law, 30th SFS
Aurielle Martin, Det. 1, 345th TRS
Cody Martin, Det. 1, 345th TRS
Adam McConaughy, Det. 1, 345th TRS
Laura McFarlane, 30th Space

Communications Squadron
Erick Morales, Det. 1, 345th TRS
Brackett Pollard, Det. 1, 345th TRS
Ryan Powell, 30th SFS
Carlos Rodarte, 532nd TRS
Mario Rositas, 30th SFS
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Sandra Sommerville, Det. 1, 345th TRS
Joshua Stagner, Det. 1, 345th TRS
Christopher Tash, Det. 1, 345th TRS
Steven Tripp, Det. 1, 345th TRS
Ashley Windle, Det. 1, 345th TRS
Alastair Youkausk, 532nd TRS
Travis Young, Det. 1, 345th TRS

Airman First Class

Steven Redman, Det. 1, 345th TRS
Alexis Simpson, 30th SFS
Matthew Baughman, 532nd TRS
Cavin Browne, Det. 1, 345th TRS
Raveneel Chand, Det. 1, 345th TRS
Jonathan Doerr, Det. 1, 345th TRS

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Team V celebrates Women's History Month with a four-part salute to local inspiring women.
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30th Mission Support Squadron takes 13th straight win in basketball Tuesday night.
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Weekend forecast
Morning fog and sunny Saturday afternoon. Partly cloudy Sunday.
Low/High
42/69
For a full Vandenberg weather report, visit
www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather

Trust leads to mission success

By GEN. LANCE LORD

Air Force Space Command commander

Recent events have again highlighted the importance of stressing professionalism in the workplace.

While the command's position of zero tolerance on harassment and discrimination is clear, it is up to us as leaders to continually re-emphasize that message to our people.

We often define zero tolerance

too narrowly. Zero tolerance goes beyond the actions of the perpetrator to include those who knowingly allow such activities to occur - or who know about such activities and say nothing.

Creating a healthy work environment is everyone's responsibility.

Let's make sure this is a priority.

I've said many times before that one of the most important duties of a leader is to create an

environment that allows people to excel. A healthy work environment is essential to our mission success. We are all Air Force professionals, and professionals treat each other with respect.

We must all work together to create a climate of trust and mutual respect so that together we can achieve maximum results. Please make sure this message is disseminated throughout your organizations.

Blues remind troops of unique AF mission

By LT. GEN. ROBERT HINSON

Air Force Space Command vice commander

After the tragic events of September 11, 2001 and due to the resulting increased force protection conditions, we have proudly worn utility uniforms, i.e., battle dress and flight dress uniforms, etc.

We epitomize a professional military service ready to respond to any challenge at a moment's notice.

We will continue to wear utility uniforms as missions or

force protection conditions dictate.

Airmen are permitted to wear utility uniforms off base for short convenience stops, including shopping malls, to eat lunch at establishments where people wear comparable civilian attire, to perform emergency or periodic maintenance, and to commute to and from work.

We are not permitted to wear utility uniforms to off-base establishments that operate primarily to serve alcohol, or to dine in restaurants where people wear business attire.

However, even when in utility uniforms, we have a proud Air Force tradition of wearing the service dress uniform for changes of command, promotions and retirement ceremonies, unless in a combat area or similar situation. We are a professional service rich in tradition and proud of our heritage. Our blue uniforms are stirring reminders to all of us, and to the civilian community, of our unique mission.

We need leaders at all levels to pay close attention to the rules regarding appropriate wear of the uniform.

LIBRARY PATRON SENDS THANKS FOR PARKING LOT AID

I'm just calling to say thank you for painting the parking lot outside of the library.

I think the guys did a wonderful job and hopefully this will cut down in the speeding back there. It really looks great.

So, I just want to pass on my thanks to you. I appreciate it.

MASTER SERGEANTS COLLECT MONEY FOR LOCAL CHARITY

Master Sgts. Tim Moore and Bob McCarty, 2nd Space Launch Squadron, held a dual party to celebrate their promotions. During the festivities, the two passed a hat asking guests to make a donation. They collected a total of \$250, which they donated to the North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center.

Thank you for acknowledging their generosity.

30th Space Wing Mission:

To provide combat capabilities through launch, range and expeditionary operations.



Call 606-7850

or

E-mail your message to actionline@vandenberg.af.mil

Mission success is our top priority, and the talented men and women of Team Vandenberg get it done with excellence.

Key to the effectiveness of any great team is good communication. The 30th Space Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct communication link to me. It provides an avenue for you to voice your concerns, share constructive ideas, or give your Vandenberg teammates a pat on the back. I appreciate your input, and I am personally involved in every response.

While the action line is a



Col. Robert M. Worley II
Commander

great way to communicate, don't forget to use your chain of command, first sergeants, base services officials and other base professionals first.

Thank you for helping to make Vandenberg such a great place to work and live.

When calling the action line, please leave your name and phone number.

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Perseverance pays off for Vandenberg family member

During Women's History Month Team V honors female heros who've found success in service

By AIRMAN JUANIKA GLOVER
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

The life of a military spouse can be an extremely fulfilling, but often challenging, one.

Constant moves and changes can make it hard to establish a successful career. Having to quit jobs, pass up promotions and find new jobs in a new place are a way of life for some military spouses. It can be a discouraging ordeal.

However, there are those who make the best of their situations by taking advantage of educational opportunities, joining spouses' clubs and volunteering for base activities and events. They constantly learn, so they have the skills required to find work anywhere. These people take advantage of the opportunity to travel and make it their business to learn from each new experience.

Barbara Bennie, chief of education services and human resources, at the education office here, is one of those people. She knows what being a military spouse is all about. Bennie has been married for 32 years to Phillip Bennie, a retired Air Force master sergeant, who is now the assistant chief of training at the Vandenberg Fire Department.

"Being a military spouse gave me a chance to travel and learn as well as add something new to my resume," she said.

Born in Montgomery, Ala., Bennie is the youngest of three girls. She came from a family that had strong values and she set goals for herself early in life. She said even in elementary school she knew she would go to college.

"For me there was no other option



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

Barbara Bennie, Vandenberg's chief of education services, counsels a young enlisted troop on the educational options open to him while he's on active duty here.

except to get an education," Bennie said.

Bennie also had a strong religious foundation as a Methodist. She said everyone around her was a teacher, including her mother.

"I had very good mentors that I did not realize at the time but I listened and stayed focused," she said.

After graduating high school, Bennie went to Tuskegee University and earned her bachelor's degree. She later received her master's degree in counseling.

"At that time I set my goals by age. I wanted to have my bachelor's and master's degree by age 25, which I did. I wanted to build my career by learning

many skills." As a military spouse, tuition assistance was unavailable to Bennie at the time, so her family made financial sacrifices. Bennie worked eight hours a day, then attended classes four nights a week and stayed up to 3 and 4 a.m. writing papers and studying.

"I did this for two years always remembering my goals and using time management with the support and encouragement of my military husband," she said.

Bennie said she had goals and let no other persuasions veer her off that path.

"I wanted to have multiple skills," she said. Even with a master's degree in

counseling she was still in the learning mode and decided to continue on to get a second master's in business administration. She wanted to combine all the skills she had learned with her strong work ethics for the perfect mixture of success.

Along with being the chief of education services and human resources here, Bennie acts as the base's education services officer, providing academic program information, enlisted specialty training and formal training opportunities to enlisted servicemembers, officers and DoD civilians. She also provides professional and educational guidance and counseling service to servicemembers and civilians.

As a GS-13, Bennie's responsibilities include fiscal oversight of the unit's budget, which includes three different funding elements. She plans, develops and promotes the base education programs and negotiates with accredited educational institutions to sponsor on-base programs.

In her spare time, Bennie collects antique broaches and furniture. She is a volunteer for the American Cancer Association, an international network of breast cancer support services and Reach for Recovery. Bennie is on the board of the Space Endeavor Center here and is an active member of the Past Nation of the order of the Eastern Star. She is on the board of the Santa Maria Leadership Class through Allan Hancock College and she started a local women's group called WISE or women in search of excellence.

Bennie said WISE is a program

created for women to mentor each other on job opportunities and leadership skills along with spiritual awareness.

"I never miss the opportunity to use myself as a role model. My hopes for the future are that there are more opportunities for women as far as jobs are concerned," she said.

"Preparation is the key, and a person must be multitasked and willing to work," Bennie said. "A person should never limit (herself). Everyone has a responsibility to themselves. Sometimes you just have to put in 150 percent. If it can be done best, it can be done better," she said.

Bennie credits much of her success to the support of her husband, family and friends. She has taken the necessary steps in her life to fulfill her dreams, never letting the things that would seem discouraging to some, get in her way.

Being a military spouse has not affected Bennie's life negatively in anyway. She says that she has no regrets and is glad that she can come into work everyday and like her job.

"Achievements generally don't happen over night," she said. "They require planning and setting goals and sometimes they must be broken down into manageable steps. Sometimes we encounter roadblocks such as financial burdens, especially as a military spouse, but we can look at these obstacles as stepping-stones.

"I think everyone must be flexible and have the energy to expect detours and be able to devise new paths. I feel honored and committed to working with the military community," Bennie said.

START



PHOTO BY AIRMAN AUGUST BOLENDER IV

30th Space Wing Commander Col. Robert M. Worley II welcomes a team from the Commonwealth of Independent States to Vandenberg March 1. The team was here to conduct an on-site verification for U.S. compliance with the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty. The U.S. sends similar teams to inspect former Soviet strategic weapons facilities.

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seniors in the class of 2003, who are dependents of active-duty, retired or deceased military members are eligible to apply. California-based home school seniors and spouses of active-duty or retired military members are also eligible. Applications are available through high school counselors, the base thrift shop, the education office and all first sergeants.

Last year's auction raised approximately \$9,000 dollars for the spouses club. The theme for this year's auction is "The Spirit of America." It's planned for 6 p.m. March 29 at the Pacific Coast Club. The free event is open to all but reservations must be made and there is a \$2 bid number fee. Bid numbers are required to participate in all auctions.

Local auctioneer Jim Settle will lead participants through three events - the live, silent and dessert auctions.

Reppart said during the live auction, an item is displayed and participants are able to make bids by raising their bid paddles. The bids are called aloud and the decision made by the auctioneer is final.

During the dessert auction a group of individuals may agree to bid on a certain dessert and if they have the highest bid they receive the dessert, Reppart said.

In the silent auction, each item has a

sheet of paper on which the participants place their bids by writing their bid number down and the amount they wish to bid. Each time they must out bid the previous bidder by at least one dollar. The last bidder with the highest dollar amount wins. Silent auction winners are announced at the end of the evening, Reppart said.

Along with bidding on items auctioned, individual groups or companies can also contribute funds by sponsoring tables. The company's name is advertised on their table. There are three options for sponsoring tables, Reppart said. A distinguished table goes for \$100, a middle table \$75 and a perimeter table is \$50.

Items up for bid include a limousine wine-tasting excursion, an Italian food basket, a patriotic bench, outdoor wicker furniture, a case of wine along with a rack and tasting kit, a coffee table and entertainment and hotel packages, Reppart said. All of the items auctioned are donated by local companies and organizations, servicemembers and their spouses, and Air Force groups and squadrons, she added.

The VSC is a non-profit organization. All auction proceeds go into the Scholarship and Welfare Fund. Donations must be made by March 15. To donate an item, call Troi Reppart at 734-1202. To make reservations for the event, call Karen Rife at 734-0397, or Amy Huffman at 734-1867 by March 25.

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Master Sgt. Rudy Gutierrez
30th Security Forces Squadron
Duty: NCO in charge of operations support
Hometown: Fort Walton Beach, Fla.
Time in service: 21.5 years
Time on Vandenberg: 16 months
Hobbies: pencil sketching, reading and SCUBA diving
Educational goals: to complete a doctorate in either conflict managements or human rights.
Favorite part of the job: "The myriad situations that arise from the job. I can be involved in security for a missile launch on one day and the next, working with our military working dogs for certifications," Gutierrez said.
Supervisor's comments: "Master Sergeant Gutierrez is virtually a poster child for Air Force leadership," said Senior Master Sgt. Stacy Seppi, 30th Security Forces Squadron operations superintendent. "He's very impressive."



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

Staff Sgt. Scott McElroy
30th Security Forces Squadron
Duty: NCO in charge of unit supply
Hometown: Seattle, Wash.
Time in service: 10 years
Time on Vandenberg: 1.5 years
Hobbies: coaching basketball and working with youth
Educational goals: to complete his degree
Favorite part of the job: "I love interacting with people," McElroy said.
Supervisor's comments: "Staff Sergeant McElroy oversees all aspects of supply issues within the 30th Security Forces Squadron," said Senior Master Sgt. Gerald Young, 30th SFS training and resource manager. "His superior attitude and efforts are critical in making sure our unit meets its mission goals. He is an exceptional performer with unquestionable commitment."



ALCON: Bravo

A DUI or alcohol-related incident has occurred without injuries.

Days since last DUI: **6**

DUI totals for the Year: **7**

Saves by AADD this year: **50**

30th OG:	0	DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!	
30th MXG:	1	14th AF:	0
30th SW Staff:	0	381st TRG:	1
Others:	1	576th FLTS:	0
		30th MSG:	3
		30th MDG:	0
		Det. 9:	1

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- Caleb Ortiz, 30th CONS
- Susana Osborn, 30th SVS

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- Charles Rosales, 30th CES
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- GS-07**
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- Rhonda Dean, 30th MSS
- GS-09**
- Martha Chavez-Hatton, 30th SCS
- GS-12**
- Larry Anderson, 381st Training Support Squadron
- Rommel Erece, 30th CES
- Janice Kleitsch, 30th CONS
- Thelma Newman, 30th SW
- Jeffrey Riggs, Warner Robins-ALC
- GS-13**
- Alexander Cruz, 30th Range Management Squadron
- GS-14**
- Thomas Churan, 30th CES

Flying Tigers create alert system

CONTRIBUTED BY DONNA CLARK

14th Air Force historian

During World War II, Americans modified and devised many uses for the Chinese term jin-bao, which means to be alert.

By the time the American Volunteer Group, nicknamed the Flying Tigers, had worked over the expression, the word became jing-bao. Along with alert status, it symbolized a potent Chinese alcoholic liquor distilled from fermented rice mash that the pilots called Jing-bao Juice.

During the war, Maj. Gen. Claire Chennault, leader of the Flying Tigers, developed a system of warning nets to provide accurate information on movements of all aircraft within the borders of unoccupied China. Chennault's system also became the basis for a defensive alert system or "jing-bao."

Although the Flying Tigers brought radios and telephones to China as integral parts of the warning nets, the Chinese people became the eyes and ears of the system. Observers were located in radio stations, police stations, schools, temples, and even on

mountaintops.

Telephonic information was filtered from outer circles to inner nets where it was compared with other reports, then relayed to a central station by radio.

The nets also aided lost or disoriented pilots. The lost pilot would fly in circles at low altitudes around any Chinese village, and the ground filter station would, in turn, radio the pilot's location. At night, the lost pilot would turn his landing lights on or fire short machine gun bursts to attract attention.

For defense purposes, jing-bao consisted of three stages of alert—the one, two, and three-ball jing-bao. The warning balls consisted of large black spheres, two to three feet in diameter, constructed of bamboo and covered with paper or cloth. The balls were normally hoisted where they could be readily seen, often on a flagpole or the air base operations tower.

A single ball signaled that enemy planes had been seen or heard at a distance of

approximately 180 miles. A two-ball jing-bao meant clear the area for action. The enemy was 120 miles away. A three-ball jing-bao warned that enemy planes were only 62 miles out. Personnel should take immediate cover.

After the threat dissipated, aircrews raised a large black cube to notify personnel of all-clear status. Thus, the simple use of shapes as well as numbers helped avoid misinterpretation.

The Flying Tigers built warning nets in three concentric circles of increasing radii. After that, once skeptical U.S. Army officials eventually accepted Chennault's idea as the best air raid warning system in existence. The Flying Tiger's warning net provided the necessary time to prepare for the enemy, ultimately aiding in the defeat of Japanese air attacks.

The 14th Air Force heritage ball is March 15 at the Pacific Coast Club. Call Master Sgt. Lee Lopez at 606-5102 for tickets. Tickets are available on a first come-first served basis for \$25. Attire is the mess dress uniform or formal civilian attire.

Deployed



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN BRIAN HILL

Tech. Sgt. Kent Marlatte, 384th Air Expeditionary Wing command post controller, updates the situation report giving higher headquarters an accurate picture of the wing's current mission capabilities.

Crimebeat ...

COMPILED BY MASTER SGT. WESLEY ASLESON
30th Security Forces Squadron

Feb. 27 Suspicious item – 11:02 a.m.

A civilian employee reported an unattended envelope in the women's restroom at building 11777. Investigation revealed the item was a holy-joe envelope containing an official memorandum. Patrolmen delivered the item to the intended recipient.

Suspicious item – 12:57 p.m.

A military member reported a suspicious package on Titan Road. Investigation revealed the item was an empty box.

Mar. 1 Drunk driving – 2:31 a.m.

Patrolmen stopped a military member on Utah Avenue at South Dakota Avenue for a minor traffic offense.

The patrolmen suspected the member of drunk driving. He was apprehended and transported to the Vandenberg Security Forces Control Center for processing. He was later released to his unit's first sergeant.

911 hang-up – 6:21 p.m.

Vandenberg Fire Department dispatch reported receiving a 911 hang-up call from a residence on Cherry Street. The military member at the residence stated there was no emergency and everything was in order.

Mar. 2 Jailed military member – 5 a.m.

A routine check with local jails revealed a military member was arrested in San Luis Obispo for public intoxication. Details of the member's home station and unit were unavailable due to her intoxicated state.

Concerned spouse – 9:48 a.m.

The wife of a military member entered the security forces control center to report her husband and son were missing.

She said both were on a fishing trip and did not arrive home at the expected day and time. A Be-on-the-Lookout advisory was implemented and the Santa Barbara County Sheriff notified. At 1:48 p.m. the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office reported a deputy found

the father and son at a rest stop adjacent to Highway 1. **Government property damage – 2:40 p.m.**

A military member reported he was driving on Wyoming Street and observed a broken window at the fitness center annex. He also noticed several children in the immediate area. The children could not be located. The building custodian secured the window.

Private property theft – 4:45 p.m.

A military member's wife reported money stolen from her private vehicle while parked outside her residence on Bridgeport Lane. The theft is under investigation.

Suspicious phone call – 8:13 p.m.

A family member reported

receiving a phone call and only hearing screaming and a crying baby. Patrolmen contacted the originator of the call. The military family member at the quarters in question confirmed all was in order. She said she believed her child was playing with her cellular phone.

Mar. 3 Unlicensed fishermen – 2 p.m.

An anonymous caller reported three men were fishing on Surf Beach and ignoring catch limits. Investigation revealed the three non-base affiliated civilians were not licensed to fish and believed to be illegal immigrants. An agent from the Immigration and Naturalization Service responded and assumed control.

DID YOU KNOW CORRECTION: Regarding child re-

straint requirements for base drivers and the Installation Traffic Code. A new revision of the California Vehicle Code mandates: "No driver shall transport on a highway any child in a motor vehicle without providing and properly securing the child in a child passenger restraint system meeting applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards unless the child is at least one of the following: (1) Six years of age or older (2) Weighs 60 pounds or more."

The 30th Space Wing Installation Traffic Code is currently under revision and will include the new mandate from the California Vehicle Code. In the meantime, base drivers must comply with the newest requirement.

Around the Air Force

Strike Eagle pilots destroy targets

By CAPT. DON KERR
379th Air Expeditionary Wing PA

■ **SOUTHWEST ASIA** — Capt. Jonathon Breingan, an F-15E Strike Eagle pilot with the 336th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, is proud that his airframe relies on two people sitting in its seats.

"We take the enemy head-on," he said. "We go out and destroy targets. It's what we do best, and we're the best in the Air Force at doing it."

"The two-person team, consisting of a front-seat pilot and back-seat weapon systems officer, work together to navigate past enemy radar, defeat threats to their aircraft, find and "paint" their target and then hurtle a 2,000-pound bomb to the heart of the enemy."

The Strike Eagle is not only unique in that it has two seats, it also has a dual-role mission (air-to-air and air-to-ground) capable of carrying a wide variety of weapons and an extra 10,000 gallons of fuel — more than just about any other fighter. That means it can fight its way to a target over very long ranges, destroy enemy ground positions and then fight its way back home.

According to Breingan, a two-person crew is invaluable to survival in the air. Splitting up the visual horizon surrounding the canopy, the two can scan the skies for potential threats.

"The sensors on the jet can always fail or maybe not pick up a threat before it's too late, but two

sets of alert eyes will not," said Breingan.

"When we're entering a bombing run, it allows me to completely focus on getting the bomb where I want it to hit, while my pilot is looking for any external threats out there," said 1st Lt. Matt Hund, a 336th EFS weapon systems officer.

"You spend the last three or four or however many years of your life training to do what we're here for. And (during) every mission here, you're going through the exact same procedures you've always practiced, using the exact same steps and techniques, so that when you do fly a combat mission, it's just like being back home," said Breingan.

Confidence, teamwork and training make it easy to stay focused and prepare for the eventuality of combat.

"Some people wait their whole lives for this kind of opportunity," he said. "We all know the training and skills we possess are the best in the world. It's nice when you finally get your chance to go out and do what you're trained to do."

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

North Korea catch Air Force aircraft

By KATHLEEN RHEM

American Forces Press Service

■ **WASHINGTON D.C.** — Four North Korean fighter jets intercepted a U.S. Air Force plane in international airspace over the Sea of Japan early March 2, Defense Department officials said.

Two North Korean MiG-29 fighters and two other North Korean aircraft believed to be MiG-23s engaged an American RC-135S Cobra Ball reconnaissance aircraft on a "routine mission" 150 miles off the coast of North Korea, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Davis, a Pentagon spokesman, said March 3.

The North Korean fighters "shadowed" the American plane for 22 minutes starting at 10:48 a.m. local time. Davis said the North Korean aircraft closed to within 50 feet of the American airplane at an equal altitude.

The fighters were armed and at least one may have engaged its fire-support radar and "locked on" to the American jet, he said. The RC-135S then returned unharmed to its home base in Kadena Air Base, Japan.

Defense officials said the incident is the first such direct hostile act by North Korea since MiG-17 fighters from that country shot down a U.S. Navy EC-121 reconnaissance plane over the Sea of Japan in April 1969, killing all 31 people aboard.

Fifteen months before that shoot down, North Korean sailors boarded and captured the USS Pueblo in international waters off the coast of North Korea. One American sailor died defending the ship in the initial attack. North Korea held the surviving 82-crew members for 11 months before releasing them. All reported being beaten and tortured during their captivity. North Korea kept the Pueblo and today maintains it as a museum and propaganda tool, said DOD officials.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

AF announces E-8 promotions

■ **RANDOLPH AFB, Texas** — Air Force officials plan to announce the service's newest senior master sergeants March 19.

The list of those promoted at each installation is releasable the first duty hour on the release date. The entire list will be posted on the Air Force Personnel Center's Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/eprom/ by March 21.

Those selected will be promoted to senior master sergeant between April and March 2004 in monthly increments.

Promotion statistics and the Senior NCO Academy primary and alternate list will be released as soon as they become available.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News Service)

Yokota students visit orphanage

By MASTER SGT. VAL GEMPIS

Air Force Print News

■ **YOKOTA AB, Japan** — Students from Yokota East Elementary School here experienced the joys of giving, sharing and making friends when they visited an orphanage in suburban Tokyo on March 1.

During the visit, the sounds of American and Japanese children playing and laughing filled the cramped two-story Aiji-no-ie (House of Affection) facility.

Even though the language barrier at times was a little bit challenging, most of the base students said they wish they could stay longer so they could spend more time with their new friends.

"This is absolutely a wonderful experience for our kids," said Joan Mendel, a third-grade teacher and coordinator for this event.

Mendel said that the students learn a lot about Japanese culture and customs during their annual visit.

She believes the trip gives the

Enforcing the zone



DIGITALLY ALTERED PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. JASON GAMBLE

OPERATION NORTHERN WATCH — Senior Airman Marshall Gaskins performs the last check on an AIM-9 Sidewinder missile before an F-16 Fighting Falcon takes off for a mission March 2. Marshall is deployed to Incirlik AB, Turkey, with the 113th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron from the Indiana Air National Guard at Terre Haute. He is a weapons loader supporting the enforcement of the no-fly zone over northern Iraq.

children an opportunity to make friends and realize how fortunate they are.

"This is a very worthy cause," she said. "It's very satisfying and educational."

During the daylong visit, the Aiji-no-ie staff ensured that their guests had plenty of activities to keep them busy including Japanese doll making, flower arranging, calligraphy and a tea ceremony demonstration.

They also played various games

and learned how to make rice cake. The children also enjoyed wearing traditional Japanese kimonos during a photo session.

Yokota East Elementary School and the Aiji-no-ie orphanage have been conducting a student exchange program for more than 20 years.

The base invites the orphans to visit several times a year. In return, the orphanage asks the school to come by each March during the "Girls Day Celebration."

Mission support takes 13!

Team stays undefeated for final two regular season games

By SENIOR MASTER SGT. MARK LONG
30th Mission Support Squadron

Excitement filled the air Tuesday at the base gym as the 30th Mission Support Squadron and 576th Flight Test Squadron intramural basketball teams collided like a storm front.

The MSS team put its perfect 12-0 record on the line against the strong and balanced FLTS squad.

The battle was on from the opening tip!

The high flying MSS squad came into the game averaging 58 points a game but the FLTS ballers were prepared to give up much less.

The first quarter was a defensive battle but MSS point guard Billy "The Kid" Mayan kept pushing the rock and hit five first-quarter points. The MSS's Jesse "Big Dawg" Langhorne and Marcus Jones controlled the boards and did their best to maintain Guy "Mr. Smooth" Williams.



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

Jesse Langhorne, No. 45, and Guy Williams, No. 59, battle it out during game 13 of base intramural competition.

The FLTS did a great job of controlling the pace of the game in the second quarter and held

the MSS's best player Darren Savella to five first-half points. Savella hit a clutch three-pointer

just before the half-time buzzer to give the MSS ballers a 20-19 lead.

MSS coach Mark Long gave his warriors a little pep talk at the half.

"Fellas, you want a battle, you got one... now get out there and pick up the pace and do what you do best... push the ball UNLV style!" Long said.

MSS was up for the challenge as guard Brandon Wengert got the offense moving with a couple quick hoops. The third quarter was a see-saw battle but the MSS's strong defense kept the FLTS at bay with a lead ranging from 7 to 10 points.

The FLTS showed a lot of heart and made a final run in the fourth quarter to get within three points but reality hit as Savella caught fire and hit two critical three-pointers.

It was just a matter of time before Savella took over as he carried his team with 13 second-half points and finished with a game-high 18 points!

The final score was 50-39, but the game was much closer than the score indicated!

"We play through adversity and it was team ball that gave us the win," Savella said after the game.

"This is the kind of game we needed heading into the playoffs," Long said. "We can't wait to meet the security forces No. 1 team in the playoffs... we'll be ready to represent!"

Registration opens for USAF marathon

By SUSAN MURPHY

Aeronautical Systems Center PA

■ WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio — Registration is under way for the 2003 U.S. Air Force Marathon scheduled here for Sept. 20.

Runner categories have changed slightly from past years. A 5K fun run and a 1/2 marathon have been added. There will no longer be a marathon team category. The marathon, four-person Ekiden-style relay team and wheelchair categories remain unchanged.

The Air Force Marathon, traditionally held the third Saturday of September, is open to all levels of marathoners, civilians and military, from all around the world.

Last year, more than 3,200 runners participated in the marathon representing nearly every state and six countries.

The first U.S. Air Force Marathon was held here Sept. 20, 1997, to coincide with the Air Force's 50th anniversary. U.S.A. Track

and Field, the governing body of long-distance running in the United States, certified the course in 1997. Air Force Marathon officials asked for certification in order to assure participants the course is exactly 26 miles, 385 yards.

Runners will receive a uniquely designed T-shirt and patch. Participants who finish the marathon within the eight-hour time limit will receive a medallion.

Air Force regulations prohibit the use of appropriated funds for sporting events. However, active-duty participants may use permissive temporary duty for this event.

Reduced fees for early registration are available until June 30. Registration deadline is Sept. 4.

To register, or for more information, visit the marathon Web site at <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil>, or call the marathon office at (937) 257-4350 or (800) 467-1823.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

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SPACE & MISSILE

FEATURES

Destinations Central Coast @ Vandenberg's Seal Beach

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS BRYAN FRANKS
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

My day began when my daughters, Alyssa and Alyvia, came into the bedroom and jumped on the bed.

"I want to go to the beach, Daddy," Alyssa exclaimed.

Unable to say no to those big blue eyes, I agreed. Alyssa ran off screaming, "We're going to the beach!" As my wife Carla and I loaded our children into the car, she realized she'd forgotten the towels. As usual, I was getting impatient, and I told her not to worry about towels because we weren't really going to the beach. So, we got into the car without the towels and began our adventure.

As we drove to Purisima Point, I begged Carla to play anything but the Barney CD, so she turned on The Wiggles instead.

"It's only a 10- to 15-minute drive to the point. I can endure," I thought to myself. Purisima Point here is not a beach with lots of sand, but a rocky point covered by tide pools filled with seashells and creatures of all kinds.

Alyssa and Alyvia were squealing with excitement when they got out of the car. At 18 months, Alyvia is not much on words but full of expression. She ran as fast as her little 12-inch legs could carry her toward the large sand dune between us and the point.

Carla and I carried the girls over the sand dune but once we reached the point, we discovered that we had arrived during high tide. It was so high that the rocks were completely covered by crashing waves. But we'd come this far



PHOTOS BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS BRYAN FRANKS
Alyssa Franks, 2, stops to smell the daisies as she explores the wonders of Seal Beach on Vandenberg.

and we weren't going to turn back now.

We started down a trail that headed north along the ridge of the sand dunes to look for a safe way to the bottom. After about 20 minutes of walking, we discovered a place where we could get to the water's edge. The trick was getting down the steep embankment to the rocks below. Alyvia and I had no trouble getting down the hill, but Carla and



Alyssa Franks navigates the rocky terrain of Seal Beach during a family outing. To get there, take 13th Street west to Cross Road. Turn right on Tangair Road, then left on Spur Road.

Alyssa found it rather difficult.

Once we were near the water, Alyssa and Alyvia spent time collecting rocks and tossing them into the water.

There were so many rocks, it made walking difficult but the view was spectacular. The rocks jut out of the water like the backs of sea monsters.

We found a spot to rest where we could watch the waves roll in and here we saw an amazing sight.

"Sea lions!" Alyssa said. A colleague at work had told me that a small group always hangs out at the point.

Alyssa and I counted 20 sea lions, only because that's how high Alyssa can count. Alyvia shrieked with joy as she tried to figure out how to walk on water to reach the sea lions. Wanting to get a closer look at the creatures, I crawled over rocks very slowly so as not to disturb the peaceful animals. I was within 15 yards of a couple when a wave crashed over the rock I was hiding behind drenching me with cold seawater. Sitting away from the water, Carla and the girls laughed hysterically as I lumbered back to them with my pride in my wet shoes. Safely on

dry land we watched as the sea lions swam around and played in the surf. I decided that pictures were in order and that Carla and the girls would be the centerpiece for each one.

Carla sat up on a large rock and I handed her one child at a time. The rock was right next to the water and with the waves crashing out away from the rock it made the perfect picture to send to our family in Louisiana.

We never saw the wave coming in. It crashed against the rock Carla and the girls were sitting on, engulfing all three. Alyssa and Alyvia were thrilled, but Carla had a very different opinion. "That's it! We're going to the car," she said.

The walk back was a quiet one. Carla was determined to reach the car in record time but was hampered by a 25-pound Alyssa and the sand stuck to her wet shoes.

I couldn't help but notice the many different plants, growing in the dunes. The flowers were in full bloom creating a rainbow of riotous colors.

We had been at the beach for only an hour and all four of us were wet. Too bad we didn't have those towels.

The following weekend my family and I made another trip to the point. The tide was low and we found all sorts of sea life. The sea lions were settled on a rock separated from the mainland by about 30 yards. The view was, once again, excellent.

When you go be sure to check the tide before heading out so you have the chance to explore the tide pools, the lower the better, and don't forget your towels.

Community Calendar

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Santa Maria Valley Strawberry Queen Contest

Registration runs through April 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce. The contest is restricted to the first 36 entrants.

Thrift Savings Plan – 11 a.m. to noon today at the Vandenberg Family Support Center. This 401K-type plan allows accumulated long-term, tax deferred savings. Call 606-4491.

A Street Car Named Desire – through Saturday on the Marian Theatre. For information, call (805)-928-7731, Ext. 4100

A Thousand Clowns – 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Lompoc Civic Theatre. For more information, call 735-2281.

Thai Art Exhibit – through Sunday in Cal Poly University's. For more information, call (805)-756-1571.

Women's History Month essay and coloring contest – For elementary to high school students. Winners receive a savings bond. Deadline for entries is Tuesday. For contest rules and information, call 606-3284.

Henry H. Arnold education grant – Applications are available at the family support center for \$1,500 grants to qualifying applicants. The

deadline for submission is March 14. Call 605-8551.

Allan Hancock College foreign film series – Fridays in March at the Santa Maria campus. Two films are also scheduled to play at the Lompoc Valley Center, Mar. 15 and 22. All films are subtitled in English and begin at 7 p.m. For more information, call (805)-922-6966, Ext. 3209

Vandenberg Spouses Club college scholarship – applications are available for qualifying applicants through their high school counselors, at the Vandenberg Thrift Shop, the education office and all first sergeants. All applications should be sent to VSC Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 5514, VAFB, Ca. 93437 by March 28. For more information, call Kari Rossen at 734-1028.

Allan Hancock College photo exhibit – 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday – Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday in the art gallery, on the Santa Maria campus. This free exhibit runs through March 31, and features black and white photos of Latino farm workers on the Central Coast. Call (805) 922-6966.

Closed captioning project – Allan Hancock College is needs

volunteers who are competent typists, have a command of the English language and are good spellers. The Learning Assistance Program project is to caption a library of nearly 3,000 films. Call Brian Dill at (805)-922-6966, Ext. 3788.

American Military University – offers free undergraduate tuition through the Spouse Schoolmates Scholarship program to spouses of active duty members who attend the college as undergraduate students. Call (703) 330-5398.

The Vandenberg Airmen's Attic - needs donations of items necessary to set up a household. The program is open to military personnel E-5 and below with an Air Force Form 552 from their first sergeant. Call 606-5484.

Dads-to-New Dads and Moms-to-New Moms programs – these mentorship programs offer support to new moms and dads. Call Nancy Sias at 606-0801.

Free car seats – available for single-income families E-4 and below. Call 606-5338.

Santa Barbara Master Chorale – 8 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church, Santa Barbara. For more information, call (805)-967-8287.

Guitar Ensembles – a recital takes place at 7

p.m. Saturday, in Room 218 of the Davidson Music Center. A master class is conducted from 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the same location. Both events are open to the public. For more information, call (805)-756-2406.

Harbor and boat cruises – at Adventure Marina in Morro Bay. Call (805) 772-9463.

Twilight beach horseback rides – at Pacific Dunes Ranch in Oceano. Beginners are welcome. Call (805) 489-8100.

Operation Baby Launch – 5 p.m. Monday in the 30th Medical Group clinic auditorium. There will be representatives from local hospitals, TriCare, the family practice clinic and more. Fathers are welcome. For more information, call Nancy Sias at 606-8217.

Office closure – The family support center is closed for staff training every Monday from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Those requiring emergency Air Force Aid will be assisted. Call 606-0801.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) – 7 to 8 p.m. Mondays at the Vandenberg Health and Wellness Center. Call the HAWC at 606-2221.

Relaxation room – 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday - Friday at the HAWC. Call 606-2221.

Single Parents' Support Group – 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of

each month at the Vandenberg Services Center. Call 606-9958.

Air Force Sergeant's Association meeting – 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Vandenberg Services Center. Membership is open to all active-duty and retired enlisted military members. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Scott Astroky at 606-8700.

Stress and self-management class – 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays at the HAWC. Call 606-9958.

Pre-separation briefing – 8 a.m. Tuesdays in the family support center. The briefing is required 90 days prior to leaving the service. Call 606-0801.

Joint Retiree Activities Center – Open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday - Friday in building 10346 in the Vandenberg Base Exchange shopping center. Call 606-5474.

Manage Your Move – 8:45 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays at the family support center. Plan to attend 90-120 days prior to departure. Call 606-0801.

Self Defense for Dummies – 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the services center.

Heart Link Program – 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the family support center. This workshop teaches family members make better use of the available community resources. Call 605-8557.

Women's History

Month meetings – noon to 1 p.m. every Wednesday in March at the Pacific Coast Club. Call 606-3284.

Depression management group - 10:30 a.m. to noon Thursdays at the Vandenberg Life Skills Support Center. New groups begin every 6-8 weeks. The group is open to active-duty members and their dependents. It's appropriate for adults or mature adolescents experiencing depression. Call Capt. Arlin Hatch or the LSSC staff at 606-8217.

Swing dancing – 7 p.m. Mar. 14 at the Chumash Auditorium at Cal Poly University.

Women's History Month Film Festival – 5 to 7:15 p.m. March 20 in Vandenberg's Chapel 1. The WHM committee is showing "Devine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood" and serving refreshments.

Women, Infants and Children – 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month in the family support center. Call 605-8557 or the Lompoc WIC office at 737-6470 for an appointment.

Vandenberg Spouses Club auction – 6 p.m. Mar. 29 at the Pacific Coast Club. Bid numbers cost \$2. The event is open to all but reservations are necessary. Call Karen Rife at 734-0397 to make reservations.

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Chapel Services & Events

For other denomination worship services and events, call the chapel at 606-5773.

• **G.I. Java** – This free coffee house is open 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday for dorm residents.

• **Catholic Lenten fellowship** – Every Friday during Lent a soup and bread meal is served at 5 p.m. in the Chapel 1 Annex. The meal is followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m. in Chapel 1.

• **Protestant Lenten event** – A meal of soup and bread is served each Wednesday during Lent at 11:30 a.m. in the Pacific Coast Club.

WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

Sunday
8:30 a.m. Praise and Worship, Chapel 2
10 a.m. Catholic Mass, Chapel 1
11:30 a.m. Traditional Protestant, Chapel 1
11:30 a.m. Gospel, Chapel 2
Monday - Friday
11:30 a.m. Catholic Mass, Chapel 2
Saturday
5 p.m. Catholic Mass, Chapel 2

• **Monthly prayer breakfast** – The March meal is at 6:30 a.m. Thursday in the Chapel 1 Annex. Capt. Milo Quisenberry is the guest speaker.

• **Torah study** – 7 p.m. Sundays in Lompoc. Call 605-7564 or 736-5822 for more information. Everyone is welcome.

• **Purim Celebration** – 6:30 to 9 p.m. March 18 in the Chapel 1 Annex and sanctuary. Call Anita Friedman, Jewish lay leader at 605-7564 or 736-5822 for more information.

At the Movies

Today Confessions of a Dangerous Mind

A fictitious story about the secret life of Gong Show host, Chuck Barris, as CIA assassin, "Sunny Sixkiller." Rated R.

Saturday Narc

Undercover cop, Nick Tellis, is on probation and barely surviving when he's assigned to an

undercover case that challenges his integrity. Rated R.

Sunday Darkness Falls

Kyle Walsh returns home to confront his past and save his friends from an evil that has plagued the town for more than 150 years. Rated Pg-13.

All movies start at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.