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Base Briefs

COMBAT DINING-IN

The 30th Space Wing's Combat Dining-In takes place Saturday in Cocheo Park. Tickets cost $10 and are available from first sergeants, unit representatives, or Senior Master Sgt. Michael Tierney at 606-9815.

101 CRITICAL DAYS

Team Vandenberg begins the 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign May 19. 30th Space Wing personnel must attend one of the following briefings 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at the Pacific Coast Club.

SPRING CLEAN UP

Team Vandenberg is having a military family housing spring clean-up May 9-11. Yards should be mowed to a maximum of three inches and weed in areas where mowing is not possible. Residents should edge around all lawn borders, including pavements, gardening and structures. Trim hedges, shrubs and bushes. They should not be high enough to block any windows, at least 12 inches below any roof eaves and at least four inches from the wall.For more information, call 2nd Lt. Andy Cullen at 606-7158

USO SHOW

The USO holds a free concert at 3 p.m. Saturday in Los Angeles for U.S. military members, veterans and family members. Call Bernie Rone at (202)-610-6480 or e-mail brone@uso.org for more information.

STOP LOSS UPDATE

The 30th Mission Support Group has created a Stop Loss Web site for Team Vandenberg containing information updates and wavier templates. Visit intranet.vandenberg.af.mil/organizations/30msg/30mss/mpf/stop-loss/index.htm.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Air Force Sergeant's Association conducts a general membership meeting at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday. AFSA membership is open to all active-duty and retired enlisted military members. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Scott Astrosky at 606-8700.

ELECTRIC FENCE

There is active electric fencing around the Vandenberg airfield. The fence consists of seven white nylon strands and measures six feet high. Base members are advised to stay away from the fence. For more information, call Capt. Michael Horowitz at 606-4129.

THRIFT SAVINGS

Open season for the Thrift Savings Plan ends June 30. Military members may start, stop or change their contributions at www.dfas.mil/mypay or at finance customer service in building 11777. Those with questions can call

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Team V modifies hangar

By Airman Juanika Glover
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ What a difference four feet makes.

Team Vandenberg members modified an old hangar door by 4 feet 6 inches in early March, saving $20,000 annually.

Every year during Guardian Challenge, the 76th Helicopter Flight move out of their hangar to accommodate the GC opening ceremonies and award banquet.

In order for the helicopter flight to continue operations, the Guardian Programs Office rents a large tent costing $20,000 every May to house the flight for two weeks.

The helicopter flight used to be moved outside before the GPO began renting the tent, but a contract change required the helicopter flight to be in an enclosed area.

Modifying the door of an old existing hangar was the solution to the problem of having to set up and rent an expensive tent, said Richard Chavez-Hatton, Guardian Programs Office.

First, structural portions of the building needed to be modified to enlarge the door, repair the structural support and control corrosion.

The project took one month to complete and cost $49,000 – just under the $50,000 set aside for the project.

The hangar door opening was originally 10 feet tall, which provided very little room to maneuver a helicopter into it.

"There was about a four-inch leeway for a helicopter to be moved into the hangar. We originally had to have someone hold down one of the propellers in order to get the helicopter in the building," said John Kalusky, civil engineering project manager at the 30th Civil Engineer Squadron.

The 30th CES modified a design that would allow the main rotor on the top of the helicopter to come into the hangar without any obstruction, said Tech Sgt. Keith Blades, 76th Helicopter Flight quality assurance evaluator.

"It fit the bill perfectly, we had exactly what we needed to get the job done," said 2nd Lt. Phillip Baker, 30th CES project programmer.

"This will save us a lot of money in the long run, because not only did the tent cost a lot, it was also destroying the tarmac on which it was being set up." Baker said. "It would cost $300,000 to replace the tarmac. So, it was either replace the tarmac, or do something about the tent."

"I'm glad I had the chance to help put this project together," Baker added.

The GPO, the 30th CES, Doss Aviation, Leon Construction Incorporated, United Paradyne Corporation and the 76th HF all came together to make this project work.

"We all had to pull together to agree that this was a workable solution," said Chavez-Hatton. "For us this was a really significant achievement and a major accomplishment that helped solve a long-lasting expensive problem."

Although this year's Guardian Challenge was canceled, Chavez-Hatton said the newly modified hangar was ready for the competition.

Photo by Senior Airman Jonathan Pomeroy

A helicopter is pushed into the modified hangar for the 76th Helicopter Flight.

Top AF leaders gather for focus session

By Airman 1st Class Bryan Franks
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Team Vandenberg hosted the first-ever Air Combat Command and Air Force Space Command Focus session here Tuesday.

Ten general officers including Gen. Lance Lord, AFSPC commander, and Gen. Hal Hornburg, ACC commander, attended an ACC and AFSPC Focus session to share ideas on how to better integrate space into air combat missions.

"Space is so fully ingrained in war fighting now that we don't hear much about it in the media, but space operates 24 hours a day seven days a week. Our sorties never stop," said Capt. Michael Manor, 14th Air Force.

The session included briefings from Lord, Maj. Gen. Michael Hamel, 14th Air Force commander; Brig. Gen. Douglas Fraser, Space Warfare Center; Brig. Gen. John Sheridan, AFSPC; Col. Raymond Michael, 8th Air Force; and Lt. Col. Eric Beene, 8th AF.

ACC uses many of the systems that are in place now, including the global positioning satellites that allow precision-guided weapons to work.

"It's very important for those of us in

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Photo by Senior Airman Jonathan Pomeroy

Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30th Space Wing commander, gets his honorary chief stripes tacked on by Chief Master Sgt. Michael Morey, 30th SW command chief master sergeant, and Chief Master Sgt. Steven Crocker, 14th Air Force command chief master sergeant, May 1 at the Pacific Coast Club.

Worley becomes Team Vandenberg's newest chief

By Maj Stacee N. Bako
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Chief master sergeant is a rank that few officers will ever wear, especially when they are already in line for their first star, but that wasn't the case for the wing commander here.

Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30th Space Wing commander, was inducted as an honorary chief master sergeant here May 1 by the Vandenberg Chief's Group.

This is only the fifth time the group has bestowed the honor since it was formed, despite 37 recorded nominations.

Citing Worley's outstanding leadership, many contributions to quality of life issues and care of the young enlisted force, Chief's Group president, Chief Master Sgt. Dwayne Gunther, 30th Security Forces Squadron, said Worley was more than deserving of the title.

"An honorary chief is a person who, we as chiefs, believe shares our ideals and who, we feel, would be a chief if they were enlisted," said Gunther. "We bestow this privilege and honor to only a very small group of outstanding people."

During the ceremony, Worley was presented with honorary chief's rank, a chief's induction certificate, his own chief's coin, and a chief's bust congratulating him and welcoming him to the fellowship of chiefs. On it was engraved "To Whom Much is Given, Much is Expected."

"Colonel Worley has clearly demonstrated a long standing history of dedication and support of the goals and objectives of all enlisted men and women in our Air Force and holds their contributions in high esteem," said Gunther. "In fact, he has always kept enlisted issues at the top of his priority list."

By law, only one percent of the enlisted force can be chief master sergeants. "On Dec. 1, 1959, the first enlisted personnel were promoted to chief master sergeant, creating one of the most elite rank groups in the Air force, similar to the ratio for general officers," said Gunther.

Worley said the honor was special to him for many reasons.

"I didn't take one specialty knowledge test, I didn't take one promotion fitness exam, one supervisors exam, didn't sweat it out studying like crazy when the testing cycle came up, I didn't worry about the points on my ribbon rack or anything like that," said Worley. "So to be given this honor by a group of individuals who have gone through all

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Home at last

Photo by Senior Airman Jonathan Pomeroy

Erica Loper, 5, welcomes her father, Tech. Sgt. Dan Loper, 14th Air Force, home at the Santa Maria Airport Sunday. Tech. Sgt. Loper has been deployed since November of 2002. In the days leading up to Operation Iraqi Freedom, close to 300 Team V members left families and friends to deploy around the world. Some have returned and most are projected to be back by July. "We're not projected to send anyone one else until September at this time," said Staff Sgt. Tamara Ivison, personnel readiness unit.

New Air Force pin honors parents, displays support for airmen's families

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

■ A new program will help airmen honor those who are often their biggest supporters their parents.

All uniformed airmen can now sign their parents up to receive a new lapel pin. The pins are about three-fourths inch square and feature a silver letter "P" cradled within the Air Force symbol.

A personalized letter to the parents from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper will accompany the pins.

"We could not protect America's freedom without the incredible people who are willing to carry on the Air Force tradition," the letter reads. "As the proud parents of one of those airmen, your support continues to be critical to our ongoing efforts and makes a real difference to our country."

"This is a way to build and maintain public support for the global war on terrorism," said Brig. Gen. Edward Tonini, director of Your Guardians of Freedom, the Pentagon office responsible for the parent pin effort.

"Demographically, the people most likely to wear the pin with the greatest amount of pride to church, to Rotary Club meetings or to the grocery store are our parents," he said.

"By wearing this pin, parents will let you know of the pride they have in you," Tonini said. "When they wear that pin out, their friends will ask about it. Your parents will tell them about you and your service, and how proud they are of you."

Those who would like their parents to receive a pin can sign up at the Your Guardians of Freedom Web site at http://www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com.

Signing up will require airmen to enter the names

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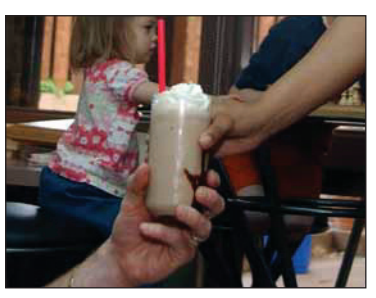

G.I. Java celebrates its one year anniversary of serving cappuccinos and increasing airmen morale. ***See Page A3.***

Destinations Central Coast heads to the Cabrillo High School Aquarium in Vandenberg Village. ***See Page B1.***

Weekend forecast
Partly cloudy
Friday and Saturday.

Low/High
46/65

For a full Vandenberg weather report, visit www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather

Solemn oath defines profession of arms

By Lt. Col. Douglas Tucker
Former 30th Civil Engineer Squadron commander

A couple of days ago, I stood in front of an American flag with a senior airman assigned to our squadron, our right hands raised as he pledged to support and defend the Constitution of the United States.

His wife, son, and friends looked on as this proud individual made public his choice to continue his "honorable and faithful service" to our nation.

As an officer and a commander, I am honored when asked to officiate at these ceremonies. To me, re-enlistment ceremonies are one of our few remaining solemn traditions. For this reason I believe those having a role, whether administering or reenlisting, need to take time to reflect on the event's significance.

Like most Americans, I follow with interest events as they unfold in Iraq and Afghanistan. The night before the re-enlistment I turned on the evening news and was saddened at the reported losses the nation had suffered in that morning's advance on Baghdad. As I thought about the message I wanted to leave with the airman I would be re-enlisting the next morning, my thoughts returned to those men and women who had made the ultimate sacrifice for the cause of freedom.

The deaths of these service members reminded me that service in the armed forces of the United States is a profession, a profession that demands a commitment that few other professions demand – life or death.

> *"That oath and what it represents are defining elements that distinguish our profession from other "jobs."*
>
> Lt. Col. Douglas Tucker
> Former 30th Civil Engineer Squadron Commander

But how could I capture that thought?

In the end, I chose to use the heroic deeds of Army Pvt. Harold Moon, Jr. to frame my remarks. Moon served as a member of Company G, 34th Infantry, 24th Infantry Division during World War II.

During a heated counter attack on his unit's hard-won Leyte Island beachhead, Moon met the brunt of a strong, well-supported Japanese unit using nothing but his sub-machine gun. Men in the surrounding positions were killed or injured and Moon, who was also wounded, became the focus of a concentration of mortar and machine-gun fire. "Nevertheless, he maintained his stand, poured deadly fire into the enemy, daringly exposed himself to hostile fire time after time to exhort and inspire what American troops were left in the immediate area…In a final display of bravery, he stood up to throw a grenade at a machine gun…falling in the position from which he had not been driven."

I did not know nor am I related to Private Moon. I learned of his heroic sacrifice after reading the citation, quoted above, for award of the Congressional Medal of Honor. As I have advanced in rank, the perceived distance between the airmen and me seems to have reduced the number of requests I have received to participate in the time-honored tradition of re-enlistment. That is unfortunate, as there are no words that describe the pride I feel when asked to administer the enlistment oath.

To me, being asked is an honor and a privilege. I believe that the ceremony gives us the chance to express our thanks to the individual for their commitment and sacrifice. Private Moon, the soldiers killed in the battles since, and the airman I had the recent privilege of re-enlisting all have at least one thing in common. Each has taken an oath to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States."

That oath and what it represents are defining elements that distinguish our profession from other "jobs."

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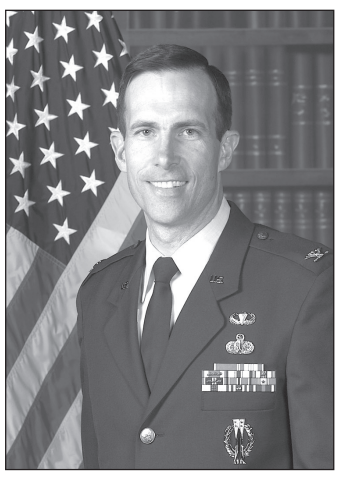

Col. Robert M. Worley II
Commander

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 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 in case more information is needed.

The 30th Space Wing
Mission:
To provide combat capabilities through launch, range and expeditionary operations.
Vision:
America's finest professionals building the best spaceport and test range in the world.

CSAF adds books to reading list

■ **WASHINGTON (AFPN)** Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper announced May 5 the addition of three books to his recommended reading list.

In a Chief's Sight Picture, Jumper said the new books will help provide a broad understanding of where the service is as an air force, the challenges and demands it faces, and a clear vision to the future. The books are:

"Frank M. Andrews: Marshall's Airman," by DeWitt S. Copp and the Air Force History and Museums Program.

"The Crisis of Islam: Holy War and Unholy Terror," by Bernard Lewis.

"Supreme Command: Soldiers, Statesmen, and Leadership in Wartime," by Eliot Cohen.

"The ultimate source of air and space combat capability resides in the men and women of the U.S. Air Force," Jumper said, explaining why reading such books is important to one's growth as a leader. "We owe it to ourselves to continue our professional development to continue to hone our quality edge."

The CSAF Reading List, created by former Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Ronald Fogleman in 1996, is designed to assist airmen in launching a career-long reading program and to supplement previous readings. The current list can be accessed at http://www.af.mil/lib/csafbook/readinglist.shtml.

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New facility improves training

By Capt. Derek Schin
576th Flight Test Squadron

The completion of a $371,000 maintenance training facility here allows the 576th Flight Test Squadron technicians to perform all maintenance actions leading up to a missile launch for the first time.

Before the facility was completed, the 576th FLTS's primary role was to equip the missile with safety mechanisms and prepare the missile with Vandenberg-specific requirements for test flights after it arrived at the base.

A team from an operational missile base would come here to emplace the missile and perform missile start-up procedures.

The 576th has taken on that responsibility.

With the new training facility, the squadron provided its technicians with a more robust training program. Gone are the days when maintenance teams would have to drive out to an actual launch facility to perform minor maintenance training. All of the necessary maintenance training can be done on site at the 576th FLTS building.

Technicians from the squadron will be able to put their new responsibilities to the test during the launch of a Minuteman III inter-continental ballistic missile slated for June.

The unit successfully lobbied for this additional role, basing their argument in a large part on the success on their new team training section and their brand-new training center.

This facility, along with dedicated instructors and newly acquired training hardware, consolidates the squadron's training effort.

"In addition to creating three traditional classrooms, one computer-based instruction classroom and three trainer specific classrooms, this new area allows for hands-on, individual training on hardware that is used on a daily basis by the 576th FLTS technicians," said Master Sgt. Samie McPherson, NCO in charge of the unit's first ever team training section. "This capability simply didn't exist prior to today."

The 576th has been working to get the new facility since April 2002.

"Squadron leadership had a vision of improving training programs, raising technician qualifications and enhancing task proficiency across three maintenance disciplines to prepare the squadron to take on added roles in ICBM Force Development Evaluation," McPherson said.

The team training facility is the culmination of those initiatives, which have redefined training within the unit and prepared the unit's maintenance personnel for their added role in June's launch.

By consolidating all maintenance training in one area, the Team Training Section has sharply increased proficiency and knowledge throughout the organization.

In the section's short existence, they have also taught over a dozen maintenance classes to outside organizations, raising the level of performance across the base.

"We would not be able to take on these maintenance tasks without the new Team Training Section and their facility," said Lt Col Ed McCarty, 576th FLTS Maintenance Supervisor and de facto Task Force Commander for the upcoming Minuteman III launch.

"This section allows us to carry on our critical mission of launching and testing our nation's ICBM force," he added.

The unit takes great pride in performing all of the maintenance actions for June's launch.

Photo By Senior Airman Jonathan Pomeroy

Tech. Sgt. Jeff Soong and Staff Sgt. Tim Golden, instructors for the 576th Flight Test Squadron, perform equipment familiarization on the maintenance training facility's distribution box.

Celebrating one year

Photos by Senior Airman Jonathan Pomeroy

G.I. Java starts to fill up as Team V celebrates the coffee shop's one-year anniversary May 3.

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DUI totals for the Year: 9
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30th MSG	3	576th FLTS	1
30th MDG	0	Det. 9	1
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Fraternal organizations benifit military members

By Airman Juanika Glover
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Editor's Note: This is the second article in a two-part series about Air Force fraternal organizations. This section is devoted to fraternal organizations for enlisted people.

In times when many people often complain about their voices not being heard in Congress, enlisted airmen can rest assured that their voice is being heard.

Two Air Force enlisted fraternal organizations, the Air Force Sergeants Association and the Noncommissioned Officers Association, were formed to be the enlisted voice in Congress and to promote a better quality of life among airmen.

"The AFSA is a federally chartered, non-profit organization representing the professional and personal interest of nearly 135,000 active duty and retired enlisted members of the Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserves," said Chief Master Sgt. Dwayne Gunther 30th Security Forces Squadron security forces manager.

"The AFSA stands as the 'voice of the enlisted' on both Capital Hill and the Pentagon," Gunther said.

It's mission at the headquarters level, is to advocate improved quality of life and economic fairness that will support the well-being of Air Force enlisted personnel and their families.

" The AFSA is important because our lobbyists continue to inform members of Congress of the sacrifices those who wear and have worn the uniform make on a daily basis," Gunther said.

"From fighting for full pay raises, cost of living allowance, increased allowances and reduction of out-of-pocket expenses during PCS moves, improved health care benefits, the AFSA continues to improve the quality of life for its membership," he added.

AFSA provides a wide range of services to those who join.

Members also get a variety of affordable auto insurance plans, credit card availability, discounted eyewear, and cruises arranged for the enlisted members budget, said Tech Sgt. Scott Atrosky, chief executive services 30 th Mission Support Group.

"I joined to make life better for others that follow in my Air Force enlisted footsteps," said Atrosky.

He said membership fees for airmen to senior airmen are $18 per 18 months. The fees for staff sergeants to chief master sergeants are $25 per year.

Those interested in becoming a member can attend meetings at the base services center. Meetings are held at 3:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month.

The NCOA is also for enlisted personnel and acts much like the AFSA by providing benefits suited to help its members.

According to the Web site www.ncoausa.org the NCOA strives to ensure the laws and policies of the federal government are developed and enacted with equality for enlisted personnel, retirees, veterans and their families. The association focuses its legislative effort in the areas of compensation, benefits and quality of life issues.

"The NCOA is a patriotic fraternal, social and benevolent organization which represents all NCOs on Capitol Hill."

"It has more than 64,000 members and protects the benefits of the active-duty and retired military members," said Senior Master Sgt David Martson, 595th Space Group superintendent of test engineering.

He said the benefits of being a member include receiving legislative representation, social improvement and veteran's employment assistance.

Martson said the NCOA members volunteer their time by holding fundraisers to make money to donate to charitable organization on base and in the local community. They hold functions such as barbeques to raise money.

"The NCOA is known here on Vandenberg for its barbeques — we have a great recipe", he said.

"This year makes my 28th year in the Air Force and I feel that I should give back to the enlisted community and help them further their careers," said Martson, adding that he welcomes airmen interested in joining.

Membership fees for the NCOA are $20 a year. Meetings are held on the third Friday of each month at the Pacific Coast Club, Martson said.

Women's Health Week raises awareness

By Airman Juanika Glover
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

National Women's Health Week Monday through May 18 here, raises awareness about simple procedures women can take towards improving their health and the health of the women they love.

The focus of the week is to emphasize how little steps make a big difference.

"When women take even the simplest steps to improve their health, the results can be significant.

But most women need to be able to choose the most effective steps for their individual lifestyles and circumstances. They need to be informed and take responsible actions to improve their own health," said Helen McCarther 30th Range Management Squadron.

Women can improve their health by quiting smoking, eating and cooking healthy, maintaining a balanced weight, exercising regularly, reducing stress, geting annual check ups including pap smears and mammograms, McCarther said.Classes on herbs, healthy cooking, hormone replacement, alternative therapies, aromatherapy, message therapy, breast education, fad diets and osteoporosis therapy will take place throughout the week, she said.

A three-mile walk for health is scheduled from 11 a.m. to noon Thursday beginning at the base gym, McCarther said.

Heart disease, cancer and strokes are killing women at alarming rates. This just shows the importance of taking appropriate actions to improving health, she added. There will be preventative screenings and lectures at the services center and 30th Medical Group clinic.

McCarther said it is important for women to come and get the preventative screening based on their age.

Women ages 18 to 39 should be concerned with breast health, eye and ear health, skin health, mental health and vaccinations. By age 40 to 49, women should increase their concerns to colorectal health, and women above age 49 are eligible for all health screenings.

"Before contacting the 30th MDG about getting a preventative screening women should contact their family care provider for an appointment concerning any health related issues they may have," McCarther said.

Screenings done at the 30th MDG include blood pressure, blood sugar, reproductive health, breast health, and cholesterol screenings, she said.

Each year women die of diseases that may have been easily prevented with early detection screenings or small steps taken to avoid long-term health problems.

This year National Women's Health Week at Vandenberg will help to make the women of Team Vandenberg aware of those important steps they can take to stay healthy longer.

Women wanting more information about preventative steps toward health improvements may also visit the national women's health information center at www.4woman.gov.

Crimebeat ...

Compiled by SMT staff
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

April 30, 03

Stray Animal Reported - 9:20 a.m.

An NCO reported he found a stray dog. A patrolman secured the dog in the Stray Animal Facility

Stolen money - 5 p.m.

An officer from the 532nd Training Squadron reported someone had stolen $440 from the squadron snack bar to the SFCC.

Failure to control pet - 7 p.m.

An airman entered the SFCC stating the canine in the Stray Animal Facility belonged to her. A Failure to Control Pet letter was accomplished and the dog was released to its owner.

May 1, 03

Medical Emergency - 7:10 a.m.

A security forces airman notified the Law Enforcement Desk via telephone that he broke his wrist opening Utah gate and was in need of medical attention. EMT personnel transported him to Lompoc ER.

Alleged theft of property - 8:30 a.m.

An airman reported theft of government property from building 13675 to the SFCC. He stated he had an A-3 bag containing items stolen from a secured locker and there were no signs of forced entry. Last time the bag was seen was April 27. There were no suspects or witnesses.

Loud noise complaint 8:30 p.m.

A family member telephoned the SFCC to report loud noise from a neighbor's house. The subject agreed to lower the volume.

Identity theft - 10:59 p.m.

A civilian contacted the SFCC to report her wallet was stolen while she was at Costco. She stated she already filed a police report with Santa Maria PD. The SFCC informed all gates to be on the look out for anybody trying to gain access with the subject's ID card.

Directives allow caregivers to use commissary

■ **FORT LEE, Va. –** Having both parents deployed can be very troubling for children left behind with a caregiver, but thanks to not-widely known commissary directives, children can continue to use their commissary privileges as long as they're accompanied by an adult.

The military does not require children under 10 years old to have an identification card, however, directives permit an approved agent to accompany children separated from their military parents and act on their behalf.

"This is not a new policy. It's one that has been on the books for years," said Robert Vitikacs, the Defense Commissary Agency's executive director for operations and product support.

Known as the agent privilege, it allows an adult to shop on behalf of any authorized commissary patron who needs assistance shopping or who cannot shop on his or her own behalf because of disability, illness or infirmity. The privilege also extends to grandparents, guardians or caregivers of children of service members who may not be available due to deployment or remote assignment.

Patti Goldsmith is one Team Vandenberg member who benefited here by the agent privilege. Goldsmith was legal guardian of her 5-year-old niece while the child's mother was deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"It was a lifesaver," Goldsmith said. "I was staying on base with my niece while her mom was deployed and the thought of having to truck all the way downtown at 8:30 at night to pick up cough medicine was a nightmare.

"But the commissary folks were so nice," she said. "They took one look at the baby's ID card and family care plan and gave me the necessary pass to use the commissary.

It definitely made life much easier while I was here."

"DeCA does not grant this privilege," Vitikacs said. "Agent privilege is authorized by the installation commander who controls who enters the installation."

The agent does not have to be an authorized commissary shopper. The military member may request an agent pass for approval to allow the individual who is the primary caregiver for the children of deployed parents to enter the installation.

Non-military primary caregivers should contact the pass and registration section to determine what legal documents, i.e., power of attorney, may also be needed to establish proof of caregiver status. At the same time, the individual can also ask what documents are required to enter the installation.

Once the person's caregiver status is verified, they receive written authorization from the commander's representative designating him or her as an agent to accompany the children.

Usually, the letter is for a 12-month period, but it can be extended in cases of continued need.

"We want to provide a touch of home for children whose parents are deployed and often, family finances are stretched to the limit.

Whether they're buying for a toddler or a teen, we can help the agents get the best value for their money by saving them 30 percent or more on their groceries and personal care items. It's just one less worry deployed parents will have," Vitikacs added.

— Staff Sgt. Rebecca Bonilla contributed to this story

Team V honors fallen peace officers

Military, local law enforcement observe National Police Week

By Master Sgt. Lloyd Conley
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Team Vandenberg celebrates National Police Week May 10-16 in honor of peace officers across the nation who were killed in the line of duty.

To commemorate the week, members of the 30th Security Forces Squadron and local law enforcement agencies have organized several events, including a pig roast.

The week's events begin with a softball tournament at Field 1 Saturday at 9 a.m.

Units assigned to Vandenberg are invited as well as teams from the Lompoc and Santa Maria police departments, California Highway Patrol and Lompoc Federal Prison. The first and second place teams will be awarded a trophy.

Following the tournament, there is a barbecue. 2nd Lt. John Davids, 30th SFS Delta Flight flight leader, will barbecue a pig he killed while hunting here.

Other Police Week events include a parade Monday starting at 4 p.m. The parade route will run through Vandenberg's Main and East housing areas. It will include base emergency response vehicles and vehicles from local law enforcement agencies, Davids said.

After the parade there is a fair in the security forces building parking lot.

The fair will have a number of attractions like the rock climbing wall from Lompoc P.D. The Santa Barbara County SWAT vehicle and a fire truck will perform demonstrations.

Parents can take advantage of free fingerprinting offer at the fair.

"One of the benefits of fingerprinting is that it gives parents an additional means of identifying their children should something unfortunate happen to them," said Tech. Sgt. Derek Rabey, 30th SFS base resource protection program manager. There is also face painting and a puppet show.

There is a police week pistol competition at the 30th SFS combat arms training range 9 a.m. Tuesday.

The 30th SFS K-9 demonstration team will demonstrate their skill at Crestview Elementary School Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. and at Los Padres Elementary School Thursday at 10:45 a.m.

In addition to honoring fallen comrades, next week's events will also help raise funds for the Santa Barbara County DARE program.

DARE is an acronym that stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education.

Vandenberg security forces squadron is only one of several Santa Barbara County agencies hosting National Police Week activities, said Capt. Paul Quigley, 30th SFS operations officer.

In addition to honoring fallen police officers nationwide, NPW also fosters camaraderie among law enforcement agencies and provides fund raising opportunities for youth programs like DARE and after-school curriculums, Quigley said.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726 designating May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week.

POLICE WEEK PARADE ROUTE

Parade begins at 4 p.m. Monday.
1. Corner of Utah and Colorado avenues.
2. Down Korina Street.
3. Right on Utah Avenue.
4. Left on Montana Avenue.
5. Left on California Boulevard.
6. Right on Mountain View Boulevard.
7. Right on Timber Lane.
8. Ends at Building 13675.

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1st Lt. Steven Swiderski at 606-4031 or 606-7082.

CIVILIAN NOMINATION PACKAGES

Nomination packages are due by May 28 for civilians to attend Air and Space Basic Course and Squadron Officer School for Civilians. Information on both courses and nomination procedures can be found at http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/cp/guide/sec-4.htm.

INTERVIEW VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to conduct mock interviews with junior high school students from 9 a.m. to noon May 20 and 21 at Orcutt Junior High School and 9 a.m. to noon June 5 and 6 at Lakeview Junior High School.

OFFICE CLOSURE

30th Mission Support Squadron will close 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. May 16 for an official function. An emergency phone number will be posted on each customer service office door. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Stacey Wilfong 606-3969.

FACILITY CLOSURE

The Laundry and Dry Cleaners on Vandenberg AFB has closed due to bankruptcy. Customers who have not picked up their items may pick them up Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., from customer service at the main exchange. All items must be picked up by May 31.

DORM MANAGER JOBS

There are two immediate job openings for dorm manager positions for senior airmen, staff and technical sergeants. The positions are two-year controlled tours. Call Senior Master Sgt. Brian Joseph at 606-2990.

Pass the cake

Photo by Senior Airman Jonathan Pomeroy

Kari Rosson Cubmaster, Pack 102, talks with Wendy Traveli, Crestview Elementary School's Parent Teacher Association president, during the Volunteer Recognition Ceremony at the Pacific Coast Club May 2.

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and addresses of up to two parents or parental figures, Tonini said. The program is voluntary and comes at no cost to those participating.

The distribution of the parent pin and accompanying letters is the second major effort by the relatively new Your Guardians of Freedom office.

The first was the employer pin campaign, started in November 2002, in which pins featuring an "E" and personalized letters are sent to the civilian employers of Air National guardsmen and reservists. Both pin programs are contemporary adaptations of public support campaigns carried out during World War II.

The Your Guardians of Freedom program is designed to continue those traditions by ensuring the continued support of Air Force activities by those who do not wear the blue uniform, but stand behind those who do, Tonini said.

"Your Guardians of Freedom is an outreach program targeted at what we consider the core constituencies that the Air Force requires to do its work," Tonini said. "If we are going to keep people in the Air Force ... we need programs targeted at their families … and their extended families. In the case of the Reserve and Guard, that also includes civilian employers."

The employer pin program is ongoing, and reservists and guardsmen can still sign their employers up at the Your Guardians of Freedom Web site.

"In the Air Force, we tend to use the term 'force multiplier,'" Tonini said. "These programs aren't force multipliers, but rather, support multipliers all around the country."

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the space business to explain our space capabilities to other commands. The information shared only helps further integrate air and space systems," Manor said.

Topics range from AFSPC at war to operational responsive space lifts.

The commands would like to have focus sessions every quarter.

"These types of meetings only make sense after seeing how air and space came together during Operation Iraqi Freedom," Manor said.

Vandenberg was selected as the host base for the focus session because it made it convenient for all who attended.

"As the operations in Iraq proved, the American military does not go to war without space," Hamel said. "Space capabilities are an integral part of our military's arsenal and it is vital that Air Combat Command and Air Force Space Command work closely together to best integrate space with theater combat operations ."

CHIEF:

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that and who have succeeded and achieved the highest enlisted rank possible in the enlisted force makes it special to me and I thank you for that."

The chief's group also passed on some words of wisdom to the commander, the Chief's Creed. Each chief in the room shared a line from the creed that outlined the tenants by which chiefs conduct their lives

"I enthusiastically and willingly accept the tenants of the chief's creed," Worley said. "Those are certainly important and wonderful words to live and operate by."

Worley said he was "flabbergasted" to even be considered for such an honor. But, by design, nominees aren't told they have been put in for consideration to be honorary chiefs until the chiefs vote to approve them in a 2/3 majority vote by secret ballot.

Chief Master Sgt. Michael Morey, 30th SW command chief, nominated Worley for the honor.

The last person nominated and inducted into the chief's group was Lt. Gen. Robert Hinson, Air Force Space Command vice commander.

"There is an aura about a chief … it's something that's larger than life, hard to describe," Worley said. "I don't know if, as an honorary chief, I'll ever be able to achieve that aura, but it's an aura that when you look at a chief you see someone who has made it through the system and somebody who is clearly a role model; who epitomizes what our airmen want to be and what they should aspire to be."

Chief's Creed

Chief master sergeants are individually regarded as people, whose word is their bond; who put character above wealth; who possess opinions and a will; who are larger than their vocations; who do not hesitate to take chances; who will not lose their individuality in a crowd; who will be honest in small things as in great things; who will make no compromise with wrong; whose ambitions are not confined to their own selfish desires and interests; who are true to their friends through good report and evil report, in adversity as well as prosperity; who do not believe that shrewdness, cunning and hard-headedness are the best qualities for winning success; who are not ashamed or afraid to stand for the truth when it is unpopular; who can say "no" with emphasis, although all the rest of the world says "yes."

Service with a smile

PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN JONATHAN POMEROY

Chet Banner, 14th Air Force, serves against Andre Dean, 30th Logistics Readiness Squadron, during the racquetball playoffs April 30. The 14th AF team defeated the 30th LRS team to win the championship.

Intramural Sports

Volleyball standings

National League

Team	Wins	Losses
576th#1	4	1
CES	5	1
DET 9	3	1
14th AF	1	3
MSG	3	2
533rd	0	4
WS	1	5

American League

Team	Wins	Losses
381st	8	0
576th#2	4	3
SCS	3	3
MDG	5	3
OG	3	5
LRS	2	7
CONS	2	5

Over 30 Basketball standings

Team	Wins	Losses
MSG	2	1
576TH	1	2
LRS	1	2
MDG	1	1
OG	1	1
SCS	2	0
14AF/614	1	2

Around the Air Force

Incirlik reopens door for families

■ **INCIRLIK AB, Turkey** — State Department officials announced May 1 that family members who were part of the authorized departure instituted March 18 are now allowed to return here.

Family support centers in the area of departed airmen will be advising them how to coordinate a government travel request and will answer other questions family members might have.

"I'm very happy this is happening," said Col. Marc Felman, the 39th Wing commander. "The return of family members and non-emergency-essential civilians will help get us back to some sense of normalcy."

Members who relocated to the United States can call (800) 581-9437 for more information. *(Courtesy of Air Forces Print News)*

Domino effect began with weather

BY MASTER SGT. SCOTT ELLIOTT
Air Force Print News

■ Trace any Operation Iraqi Freedom mission back to its origin, and you will find the first action in the series of events was a weather forecast, said the senior weather officer for U.S. Central Command Air Forces.

"We're domino pushers," said Lt. Col. Tom Frooninckx, commander of the 28th Operational Weather Squadron during a telephone interview from Shaw AFB, S.C. "The moment we issue a military weather forecast, a series of decisions are made and a series of events unfolds, which resembles a path of falling dominoes.

"The last domino represents mission success or failure," he said.

While there are about 350 active-duty, Reserve and Air National Guard weather forecasters deployed for OIF, Frooninckx said many of the products commanders in the Southwest Asia use to make decisions are actually created at Shaw.

Using a variety of data sources, ranging from satellite imagery and weather balloons to the on-site observations from combat weather team members, the 28th OWS generates a theater weather forecast.

That product is then electronically "pushed" to deployed forces.

Because access to the satellite imagery is available from just about anywhere, Frooninckx said it is not necessary to deploy as many forecasters to achieve the same result.

"All the data is used by the weather forecasters at Shaw," he said. "You gain no advantage by being closer to the action."

Besides reducing the manning "footprint" by not having to deploy as many forecasters, Frooninckx is able to significantly reduce the amount of electronic bandwidth his product would require in theater — bandwidth that is vital for command, control, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance operations.

"The volume of data that is needed to provide accurate weather support is quite large," he said. "The satellite imagery that comes in about every 30 minutes is megabyte-intensive, and that's just a small part of the weather database."

The list of products forecasters put together numbers into the thousands, Frooninckx said.

It is all available, with the click of a mouse, via multiple mechanisms and Web site servers.

Youth center goes global

BY BETH YOUNG
Ogden Air Logistics Center

■ Children at the youth center at Hill AFB, Utah, are going global — the old-fashioned way.

In a world of e-mail, modems and ever-changing technology, the center's "Journey Around the World" club gives its members the chance to make friends with others their age who live on Air Force bases worldwide by simply using pen and paper.

"The pen pal club not only develops the children's writing and social skills, but they also learn about other cultures and countries," said Lynn Salazar, school-age program coordinator. Hill's youth center opened the lines of communication last summer by sending packages to youth centers located at Air Force bases in Japan, England, Germany, Italy and Alaska.

The packages included letters, a disposable camera and a small stuffed animal.

"Japan sent back chopsticks, fans and the stuffed dog wearing a kimono. That's neat for the children because they know their stuffed animal has gone over there and back," said Amy Gould, program assistant in charge of club. "One of the groups even took their animal on a field trip to a butterfly museum."

Besides globetrotting stuffed animals, club members also received pictures of their pen pals at some of their favorite places. Even with all the souvenirs, what causes the most excitement are the letters, Gould said.

Letters are filled with conversations about pets, favorite foods and annoying younger siblings.

The pen pals also use the letters to find comfort in knowing there are children like themselves all over the world.

SPACE & MISSILE
FEATURES

Destinations *Central Coast @ Cabrillo Aquarium*

2ND LT. KELLY GABEL
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

An obligatory brochure greeted me at the door to the Cabrillo High School Aquarium and I knew I was in trouble.

Danny McCann, eighth grade volunteer docent, takes his job of handing out brochures at the door seriously. As he handed one to me he offered it with a big, crooked smile and some friendly advice, "Hey, don't forget to check out the Dolphin skeleton before you go."

Usually, we get to choose the places we want to visit for this article, but this time my bullying editor *assigned* me this Destination. To be honest, I was feeling a little surly and wasn't really expecting much from a high school aquarium. Sometimes in life we get exactly what we deserve. This wasn't one of those times.

It would have served me right if I had to endure a night of rinky-dink tanks and wall-charts. Instead, I got sort of a cosmic kick-in-the-butt, which served to simultaneously snap me out of my attitude and humble me.

Everything was impressive — even the student curators' titles.

My first stop was the Coral Reef Theater. The theater is small and round with nice wide built-in, cloth-covered bleachers. Comfortable and intimate, the oceanic-themed movie played with accompanying music. During the movie, a laser-wielding guide, Mark Rapoza, sophomore and the technology supervisor and resident shark expert (see what I mean about the titles?), pointed out the highlights and answered questions.

I met sophomore Mark Schafer, warm water reef expert, by a tank that had several living shark pods in different stages of growth hanging in suspension. The exhibit was backlit, so you could actually see the little shark babies moving around in their snug cocoons. This scored seriously high on the "Ooooh…. cool" scale.

There's lots of interaction in this aquarium – and lots of friendly student experts on hand eager to explain (in baffling detail) the ins and outs of everything in the facility.

Manning one of what I call the "touchy feely" exhibits, was Lupita Diaz, junior and cultural coordinator. Her main job is to translate the group tours in Spanish. Tonight however, she was holding up starfish for kids to pet and talking about all of the characteristics that make it special.

Very enthusiastically guarding another of these low, shallow tanks where you can really see the inhabitants up-close were fourth graders (yes, fourth graders) Matthew Dunaetz and Cameron Stevens. Apparently these guys came on a tour one day and just stayed. Now they sport aquarium t-shirts and rattle off facts and tidbits of fun at lightening speed. Their tank had a horn shark swimming around. They claimed he was pretty harmless, but I felt a little ominous as they excitedly skimmed their tender little fingers through the water above him pointing out his small horn right behind his dorsal fin and what he uses it for. They told me to make sure I saw the swell shark egg cases and asked if I had met Vince.

Everyone seemed to know Vince Culliver, docent and Vandenberg Hot Shots crewmember. He doesn't have an exhibit of his own, but he volunteers about 20 hours a month spending his time with the kids here and maintaining tanks.

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Don Thompson has served the aquarium as a docent for six years ensuring upkeep on tanks and conducting student training. He explained that many people donate their time to the aquarium because their kids attend the school and end up loving it for it's own sake.

Dave Long, another docent and instructor, assured me that the students themselves are the curators – as I had been witnessing, they're the ones who teach and conduct all of the tours. They really earn those impressive titles. He said one of the most beneficial things for the students is that many of them start off with serious reservations about public speaking and end up being able to talk confidently to any size group.

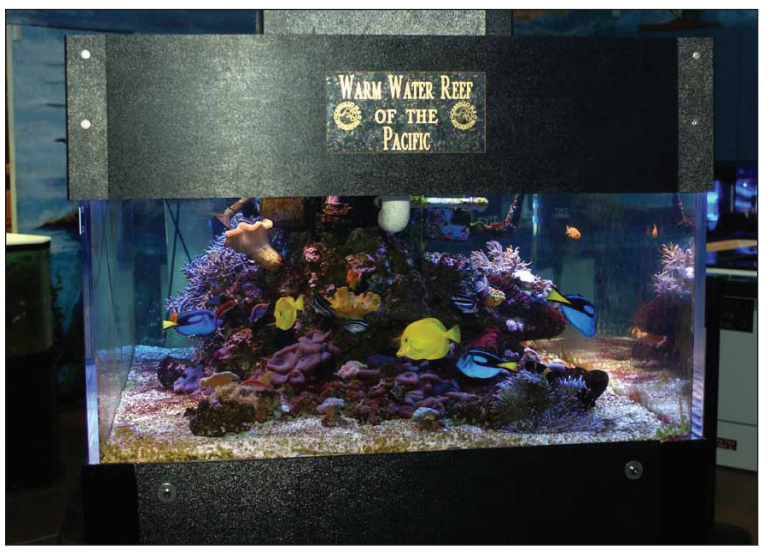
Truly my mother's daughter, I ended my stay at the aquarium in the gift shop. Crystal Pinto, the junior running the gift shop had no title – I suggested, "merchandise attaché" as she rang up my small pillbox made of a very pretty shell for $2.

As I was driving my truck out of the lot, Danny waved goodbye to me and I realized, I had forgotten to look for the dolphin skeleton! Remember to look for it when you go and let me know how it compares to the shark egg cases on the cool scale.

PHOTOS BY SENIOR AIRMAN JONATHAN POMEROY

Amanda Burciaga, sophomore at, Cabrillo High School, helps Elijah Gleffe, 7, Fillmore Elementary School, pet a baby shark at the Cabrillo High School Aquarium.

Fish of various colors swim around a coral reef.



A fish tank simulates a warm water coral reef.

Two turtles come out of the water to watch people.

Community Calendar

9 FRI

Investment planning class – 11 a.m. to noon today at the family support center. Call 606-4491.

'April showers bring May flowers' drawing contest – for children to draw a picture of their favorite flower. Pictures must be turned in to the services office by Thursday. Pictures will be judged May 16 on originality, creativity, and colorfulness. Call Paige Zuniga at 734-3354 for more information.

10 SAT

Ice cream social – 2 p.m. Saturday at the education center. Call 606-1607.

Military Appreciation Day – 1 p.m. Saturday at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. Military members get free admission for themselves and one guest to the Cal Poly vs. California State University, Northridge baseball game.

11 SUN

Mother's Day jazz ensemble – 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the Unity Chapel of Light in Orcutt. Tickets are $10 for the general public, $5 for seniors, students, and children. Call (805) 922-6966, ext. 3412 for more information.

13 TUES

14 WED

The National Society of Military Widows meeting – 1 p.m. Wednesday. A guest speaker discusses osteoporosis. Call the retirees activity office at 606-5474 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday - Friday for more information.

Origami class – 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at the youth center. Call 1st Lt. Peter Kim at 606-6832 for more information.

15 THU

Voices of spring – 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Unity Chapel of Light in Orcutt. Tickets are $5 for general admission and $2 for children, students, and seniors. Call 805-922-6966, ext. 3412 for more information.

16 FRI

CAL-VET Home loan class – 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. May 16 at the family support center. Call 605-0134.

17 SAT

Spring pops concert – 7:30 p.m. May 17 at the First Baptist Church in Santa Maria. Tickets are $8 for general admission and $5 for students and seniors. For more information, call 805-922-6966, ext. 3252.

19 SUN

State of American Theater lecture – 7 to 9 p.m. May 19 at Allan Hancock College Santa Maria Campus in building C. Call 805-922-6966.

21 WED

Asian Pacific Heritage Month food sampling – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 21 at Chapel 1. Call 1st Lt. Peter Kim at 606-6832 for more information.

22 THU

Prenatal Exercise class – 2 p.m. May 22 for expectant mothers and fathers. Call 606-2221.

23 FRI

Free amusement park admissions – May 23 through Nov. 11 Sea World, Bush Gardens, and Sesame Place parks give free single-day admission to active-duty military, reservists, and National Guardsmen and up to four dependents. Call Patty Burrus at (210) 523-3656 for more information.

27 TUE

Single parents support group – 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 27 at the services center. Call 606-9958.

JUNE 9 MON

Del Rio Cub Scout summer day camp – June 9 - 13.Open to all boys entering 1st through 5th grades in fall 2003. For more information, call 746-5313 or 734-0128 .

ON GOING SERVICES AND EVENTS

CONTINUOUS

"Crazy for You" – through May 18 in the Marian Theater. Call (805) 928-7731.

Marriage enrichment counseling – offered on a one-on-one basis for married and unmarried couples. Call 606-9958.

Flight discounts – U.S. Airways offers discounted fares for active duty and reserve military members and their immediate family through Dec. 31. Call U.S. Airways at (800) 428-4322 or visit the Web site at www.usair.com for more information.

Yellowstone National Park Lodging – Military members, civil servants and their families visiting Yellowstone National Park can rent six-person trailers at reduced rates.

Trailers are available at Flagg Ranch and Lionshead Resort at the park. Phone in reservations now for July bookings, and June 3 for August and September. Call (208) 828-6333 for reservations.

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 program – These mentorship programs offer support to new moms and dads. Call Nancy Sias at 606-5338.

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

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

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

Court appointed special advocates training – Special advocates assist children in the court system. For more information, call Debra Reynolds at (805) 739-1092.

MONDAYS

Office closure – The family support center is closed for staff training Mondays 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.

TUESDAYS

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.

Stress and Self Management – 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through June 9 at the HAWC. Call 606-9958 to sign up.

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.

Risk Reduction classes – 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays at the health and wellness center. Call 606-2221 to sign up now.

THURSDAYS

Depression management group – 10:30 a.m. to noon Thursdays at the Vandenberg Life Skills Support Center. New groups begin every 6 to 8 weeks. For active duty members and their family. Call Capt. Arlin Hatch at 606-8217.

Chapel Services & Events

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

- **G.I. Java** – opens 5 to 9 p.m. daily to dorm and billeting residents. Come and enjoy free lattes, frappacinos, sodas, chips and fellowship.
- **Community Prayer Service** – All Vandenberg is invited to a service for our nation, troops and families of those deployed. May13 at 7p.m. in Chapel 1.
- **381st Training Group** – Bible study and prayer 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the building 8290 group conference room in.
- **Pizza and game social** – 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday at building 8290 in the group foyer.
- **Praise and worship service** – 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at building 8290 in the group auditorium.
- **Daily prayers** – 7:15 to 7:25 a.m. at Chapel 1. All of Vandenberg is invited to pray for our nation, troops and families.

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

Did You Know ?

During the summer months more motorcyclists take to the roadways. Motorcyclists are about 16 times more likely to be in a fatal accident, and three times more likely to be injured than those in passenger cars. Wearing a helmet lowers a motorcycle rider's risk of a fatal injury by 29 percent and reduces the risk of traumatic brain injury.

SPACE & MISSILE TIMES

WANTS YOUR

Destinations

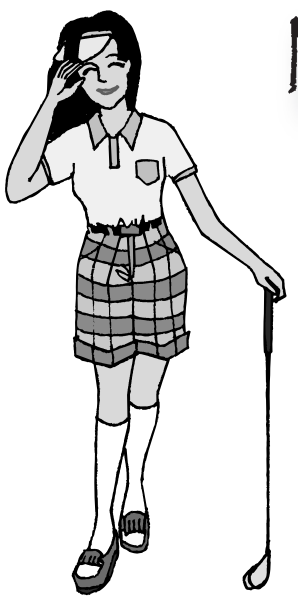
Central Coast

Have you visited a Central Coast destination lately? Share it with the rest of Team V! Send in a 400 - 600 word rough draft about your adventure! Send submissions to:

space&missiletimes@vandenberg.af.mil

30th Services News

GOLF COURSE



Mother's Day SALE

A wide selection of great gift ideas!

The golf course pro shop is having its Mother's Day Sale, with 10% off any item for the ladies department over $10 not already on sale.

YOUTH CENTER

T.R.A.I.L. TRIATHLON

MAY 17
SWIMMING • BIKING • RUNNING

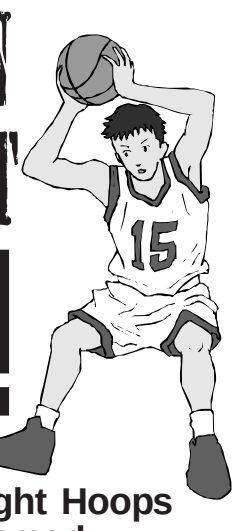
Registration at 9 a.m., triathlon begins at 10 a.m. All kids ages 10-18 are eligible, as teams or individuals. Distance of events broken into three age categories. First twenty to register receive a participation gift. Please contact the Youth Center for more information at 606-2152.

TEEN MAGIC MOUNTAIN TRIP REGISTRATION

The youth Center will be taking registration and payment for the June 7 Magic Mountain trip. Registration and payment must be Made between Wednesday and May 21 at the Youth Center front counter. No Registrations after May 21. Cost: $30 per person. Limited slots available, SIGN UP EARLY! For more information, call the Youth Center at 606-2152.

YOUTH CENTER

OPERATION TEEN NIGHT HOOPS!



Operation Teen Night Hoops is coming this summer!

Limited slots are available per division, so don't miss out! Registration will run from Monday to May 30 at the Youth Center, Mon. - Fri., 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost of $25 ($20 for youth center members) for teens 13- to 18-years. Season begins June 9 and ends July 28. Call 606-2152 for more information.

SERVICES CENTER

Join the observance at Vandenberg AFB, Monday to May 16

2 · 0 · 0 · 3 National Women's Health Week

Our goal during the week will be to raise awareness about manageable steps women can take to improve their health through education, screening, counseling and the importance of incorporating simple preventative and positive health behaviors into everyday life. The week's events will include Health Forums, a Walk and a Heart Saver CPR Course.

Sign up sheets for activities are available at the Services Center, Bldg 10122. POC: Mike Renner.

Women's Health Committee

- Helen McCarther, 606-6854
- Liz Sweet, 606-9636 (Walk)
- Joy Inness, 606-1062 (Essay Contest)

PACIFIC COAST CLUB

Mother's Day BRUNCH

SUNDAY May 11, 2003

Seating 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Featuring
Champagne
Assorted Juices, Fresh Fruit Display
Variety Gourmet Salads

BREAKFAST BUFFET LINE
Build-your-own Omelet Station
French Toast
Waffles w/ Whipped Cream
Scrambled Eggs
Breakfast Meats, Bacon & Sausage
Breakfast Potatoes
Biscuits & Gravy

BREAKFAST BREAD
Assorted Coffee Cakes - Danish Pastry
Muffins - Croissants - Bagels
Assorted Turnovers
Cream Cheese - Jelly

BRUNCH ITEMS
Grilled Chicken Breast
Roasted Red Potatoes
Green Beans/Baby Carrot Garnish
Saffron Rice

CARVING STATION
Ham, Steamship Round
Dinner Rolls & Butter

COLD SEAFOOD DISPLAY
Poached Shrimp, Whole Salmon
Lox w/Capers & Onions

DESSERT TABLE
Strawberries, w/Powdered Sugar
Whipped Cream, Assorted Cookies
Assorted Cakes, Pies & Petite Desserts
Chocolate Mousse

$20.95
Members $17.95
Children 4-12, 75¢ per year
Under 4-yrs. are FREE

Reservations required: 734-4375 or 606-3330

FOGGIO'S will be closed Sunday!

KSMY 106.7
My 80s... My 90s
My Music
with Layton Crittendon
TONIGHT!

No Federal Indorsement Intended.

Come out to the E-LOUNGE from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. for...

T-SHIRTS! FUN MUSIC! PRIZES!

GRAND PRIZE DRAWING - *just in time for Mother's Day!*

ROMANCE Getaway Package to Cambria!

Winner will receive:
One-night accommodations for two at the Cambria Pines Lodge Hotel - room with fireplace • Gourmet Dinner for two with bottle of wine • Breakfast for two the following morning • One-dozen long-stemmed dozen roses, delivered to your room!

BOWLING CENTER

ON MOTHER'S DAY, any child can bring their mother and let them bowl for free. For each paid game a child bowls, mom gets a FREE matching game.

Bowl with your buddy

SUNDAY is Mother's Day

Contact the Bowling Center at 606-3209 for more information.

FITNESS CENTER

A-L-L--N-I-G-H-T SOFT BALL TOURNAMENT

TONIGHT, 6 p.m.

MAY FITNESS DAY IS COMING MAY 30!
Call for more information at 606-3834.

SERVICES CENTER

Remember your MOM on SUNDAY with a beautiful gift basket from

A Natural Knead Massage Therapy & Day Spa!

A Natural Knead to be kneaded
Massage Therapy & Day Spa

Mother's Day Gift Baskets

Set your price, pick your contents and we will design a basket for you!
Choose from candles, heat wraps, CDs, mother & child statues, candy, aromatherapy items, eye pillows and much more!

Located in the Services Center • Telephone: 605-4748