



## Base Briefs

### READINESS TIPS

A general safety rule is to be prepared for the unexpected. Make a habit to randomly check in with friends and family members when away. Be cognizant of your surroundings and know the locations of civilian and military police departments, government agencies and the U.S. Embassy when overseas.

### GC KICKOFF

The Guardian Challenge kickoff begins at 3:30 p.m. March 12 at the Pacific Coast Club.

### ONLY ON VMPPF

Vandenberg's military personnel flight will no longer produce proof of service letters (common for processing loans, rental agreements, etc...), dream sheet updates, or decoration RIPs for determining order of precedence. These items are available on the Air Force Personnel Center's virtual MPF Web site at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil). Call Jose Santiago at 606-9256 for details.

### CAC CARDS

Every active duty, reserve, guard and DoD civilian needs a CAC card by April 30. Call MPF customer service at 606-2276 for details.

### CHANGE OF COMMAND

The 30th Logistics Readiness Squadron will have a change of command ceremony at 3 p.m. March 15 at the Pacific Coast Club. Lt. Col. Scott Van Ness will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Jeffrey Kersten. Call 606-9069 for details.

### B-DAY AT BREAKERS

Breakers Dining Facility hosts the January, February and March quarterly birthday meal March 18. Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. Call Staff Sgt. Bethany Lopez at 606-5496 for details.

### LOWRY AFB

The Air Force Real Property Agency wants to interview people who were employed or stationed at the former Lowry Air Force Base in Denver. The AFRPA is conducting the interviews to ensure all environmental conditions on the base have been investigated. If you worked at Lowry and want to volunteer call 1-800-725-7617, or e-mail the AFRPA public affairs officer at [doug.karas@afropa.pentagon.af.mil](mailto:doug.karas@afropa.pentagon.af.mil).

### TOUR GUIDES NEEDED

Public Affairs is in need of tour guides for groups visiting and touring the base. Tours are conducted Mondays through Thursdays between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. PA is the initial point of contact for tour groups. Call 606-3595 for details.

## They're back Beach access to be limited as nesting season begins for threatened Western Snowy Plover

By STAFF SGT. REBECCA DANET  
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Nesting season begins March 1 for a tiny shorebird listed as "threatened" by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The Western Snowy Plover makes its home on three Vandenberg beaches and for seven months of the year, the base partially closes those beaches to aid in the species' recovery.

"As the wing commander and land manager here at Vandenberg, I'm committed to aiding in the recovery of the Western Snowy Plover while still providing limited public access to our beaches," said Col. Frank Gallegos, 30th Space Wing commander.

The adult snowy plover is about six inches long and has tiny,

well-camouflaged eggs and chicks. The birds lay their eggs in the open sand where they're vulnerable to disturbance and trampling.

Since 2001, Vandenberg has used partial closures with enforcement measures as a means of protecting the birds and revitalizing the population from its record-low of 76 in 1999.

Now with 282 birds base wide, base environmentalists are calling the restrictions a success.

"Last year went really well on Surf Beach," said Nancy Francine, Vandenberg's wildlife biologist. "We had the highest hatch rate we've ever had, by a long shot, at 67 percent."

The base is looking to capitalize on that success by repeating last year's beach management plan in

2004. That plan includes the total closure of sections of Wall, Surf and Minuteman beaches from March 1 to Sept. 30, providing beach monitors during specific beach-open hours, and citing those who trespass into closed areas or otherwise break posted beach rules.

Through consultation with the Fish and Wildlife Service, Vandenberg is able to keep small sections of the beaches open for recreational use. However the base is required to track incidents of trespassing into closed areas and violations of posted restrictions. Those incidents are called violations and each beach is assigned a violation limit. If that



COURTESY PHOTO

The Western Snowy Plover resides on Vandenberg beaches seven months out of the year.

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## Warrior Day



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS CRAIG CISEK

Airman 1st Class Aaron Hite, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron, practices donning a gas mask during Warrior Day Thursday.

## AFSPC top enlisted discusses issues

By MAJ. DANI JOHNSON  
Minot Air Force Base Public Affairs

■ PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — Developing the enlisted force starts at the top according to Air Force Space Command's top enlisted man during a visit to Minot Air Force Base Feb. 4 and 5.

Chief Master Sgt. Ronald Kriete said the Air Force created the officer force development program first and is now focusing on the enlisted force development.

"The first area we are addressing is chief master sergeant professional military education," said the 28-year veteran. "We have some chiefs that haven't attended any type of military training in 10 years since they were promoted."

The program is starting at the top and working down through the enlisted force, the chief explained. Another course developed is the command chief orientation and training course, which all new command chiefs will attend prior to taking the position.

"It is important that we educate our new command chiefs on their duties," said the former aircraft maintainer. "We developed a training guidebook, which can be used as a smart book for those new to the [command chief] position."

Chief Kriete added the eventual goal is to only

have master sergeants attend the Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy. That's why the focus is currently on developing education programs for the top two senior NCO ranks.

Meanwhile, enlisted professional development centers at Minot and across the Air Force will have a standardized focus, said the chief.

"What we found when we started looking at the PDCs in Air Force Space Command is that each base was teaching something different; there were no standards," explained the Selkirk, N.Y., native. "We took our findings to Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Gerald Murray, and it was determined that we needed to set standards across the Air Force."

Another big change to the enlisted force is the creation of the special duty identifier for first sergeants. According to the chief, the Air Force was having a hard time filling first sergeant positions because career fields didn't want to lose their highly skilled enlisted managers.

"As an SDI, career fields are more willing to release their senior NCOs to become first sergeants because they know after a tour that individual will be back as a more valuable member of their team," Chief Kriete said.

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## Leaders call for re-energized suicide-prevention efforts

■ WASHINGTON — After 11 active-duty suicides since Jan. 1 and 14 during the final quarter of 2003, Air Force senior leaders are asking commanders and leaders across the service to assess and re-energize suicide prevention efforts at all levels.

The 2003 calendar-year suicide rate of 10.5 per 100,000 people was the lowest of all the military services and one-half the rate of a comparable civilian population of males between the ages of 20 and 50.

As of Feb. 24, the service's suicide rate was 18.1.

In a letter sent to all major commands, the Air Force's acting assistant vice chief of staff urges all airmen to continue pitching in to reduce the number of suicides.

"Suicide is not stopped by medical personnel in emergency rooms; it is stopped by addressing quality-of-life issues in the unit on a daily basis," Lt. Gen. Richard E. Brown III wrote in the letter.

"The major components of the Air Force Suicide Prevention Program are active leadership involvement, an emphasis on community involvement and a focus on prevention throughout the life of airmen and their families, not just when they are suicidal," General Brown wrote.

"Pay special attention to the quality of your suicide-prevention briefings," General Brown wrote.

At Vandenberg, suicide/violence prevention trainers have been re-emphasizing that everyone is a sensor.

"In terms of force protection, we all know that awareness and vigilance are key," said Capt. Chad Johnson, 30th Medical Group. "This is the same with suicide prevention. We have to be aware of co-workers, friends and family members and know what to do if we sense something out of the ordinary."

The Air Force requires active-duty and civilian personnel to attend suicide-prevention briefings once during the 15-month air and space expeditionary force cycle.

In light of the recent suicides — none of which occurred during operations Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom — General Brown urged commanders to "review how well we continue to implement the 11 initiatives that serve as the foundation of the Air Force Suicide Prevention Program."

The 11 initiatives are outlined in Air Force Pamphlet 44-160, "Air Force Suicide Prevention Program: Description of Program Initiatives and Outcomes." The 11 initiatives are: build community awareness; leadership involvement; investigative interview policy; professional military education; epidemiological database; delivery of community preventive services; community education and training; critical incident stress management; integrated delivery system; limited patient-psychotherapist privilege;

### Other suicide-prevention tools include:

- "The Air Force Guide for Managing Suicidal Behavior: Strategies, Resources and Tools," an 88-page clinical guide designed to assist mental-health professionals in assessing and managing high-risk behavior.
- The Air Force Suicide Prevention Web site, which is geared toward improving access to suicide prevention information and materials.
- The 2003 Community Suicide Prevention briefing, a new multimedia briefing that includes slides and video.
- The 2003 Leadership Suicide Prevention Briefing, a new multimedia briefing involving slides and video. This is geared toward wing, group and squadron commanders.

and unit risk-factor assessment. Air Force leaders take a community approach in suicide prevention, encouraging every airman to take responsibility in reducing the number of suicides.

A key element of the program is to make a steady pipeline of suicide-prevention tools available for Air Force people at all levels.

So far in 2004, the Air Force Medical Service has issued the 2004 Leader's Guide for Managing Personnel in Distress, which is geared to help commanders, first sergeants and other leaders recognize when their people are distressed and learn how to respond appropriately. It helps commanders link their people to resources and get them help as soon as possible.

The guide presents information on 35 distressing situations, checklists detailing potential behaviors or signs reflective of a person's reaction to the distressing event, and responses or resources leaders may want to use in responding to a person's needs. The guide was distributed on CD-ROM to every squadron commander and first sergeant in the Air Force. The guide can be viewed on the dot-mil-restricted Air Force Suicide Prevention Program Web site, <https://www.afms.mil/afspdp>.

(Information provided by Air Force News Service.)

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Weekend forecast  
Cloudy with rainshowers Friday. Partly cloudy Saturday and Sunday.  
Low/High  
36/60  
For a full Vandenberg weather report, visit [www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather](http://www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather)

## Servin' up Gumbo at Jazzfest



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. CHUCK WALKER

Master Sgt. Adrian De Silva, 30th Logistics Readiness Squadron, serves up a cup full of gumbo at the Caribbean Jazz Festival Feb. 13 at the Vandenberg Center as the Ellington Street band played jazz for the crowd. The festival was coordinated by the African-American Association as a part of Black History Month.

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"They [the career field] will have a senior NCO who is comfortable working with commanders and has been in a key leadership position."

At the same time, the Air Force uses mentoring to constantly develop its force and future leaders. Mentoring has gained more focus recently, and discussions have turned toward creating formalized mentoring programs.

"You cannot formalize mentoring; it is something you know you should be doing all day," explained the chief. "It has to be at the top of your list; it cannot be a checklist."

Mentoring is getting folks together and a lot of it is teambuilding, said Chief Kriete.

"It never stops, and it is a two-way street. Leaders have to be willing to accept feedback not only from their superiors but their subordinates also."

"Right now, mentoring is a buzzword," he said. "A good supervisor or leader can say they are mentoring at all times because that is what the good ones do."

Along with the changes in how the Air Force trains and develops its airmen, a new uniform is also in the works.

"We need the change. This [the battle dress uniform] is not our uniform; we borrowed it from the Army," said the chief. "It is an expensive uniform, and the new uniform in development is a distinct uniform that costs less not only to purchase but to maintain."

With all the changes in the Air Force, AFSPC is celebrating a momentous

achievement in 2004 — 50 years of military involvement in space.

"Reaching this occasion is like reaching 50 years of airpower," said Chief Kriete. "We cannot go anywhere today without our achievements in space."

Space was vital in accomplishing our missions during both operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, said the chief.

"Without space involvement, unmanned aerial vehicles and many of our munitions would not have been created or been used," he explained. "Space is a part of our life in and out of the military."

"We take it for granted and it is going to grow," the chief added. "It used to be land, sea and air we focused on. Now it is land, sea, air and space. Space is vital to our nation." (Courtesy of Air Force Space Command News Service.)

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limit is reached, the beach is then fully closed for the remainder of the nesting season.

In 2003 there were a record-low number of violations with 17 at Surf Beach and none at Wall or Minuteman beaches.

Francine and Vandenberg's game warden Jim Mercier credit public cooperation and enforcement with the success.

"We hope, and maybe there is, more local knowledge of the rules," Francine said. "People know what to expect and they know the enforcement presence is there."

"Last year the public really was supportive and it showed," Mercier added.

Lompoc residents also play a key role in the plover's recovery here by providing docents at Surf Beach to educate visitors on safely sharing the sands with the birds, Mercier said.

With the appropriate signs and enforcement measures in place, Vandenberg's beaches are set to remain partially open March 1. Beach hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday through Monday. The restrictions remain in place through the end of the nesting season Sept. 30.

### 2004 beach rules and violation limits at Surf, Wall and Minuteman beaches

■ Beach and dune areas beyond fences delineating closed beach boundaries are off limits March 1 through Sept. 30. Entry into closed areas count as violations.

Beach access and allowable violations:

♦ Surf Beach: open area is one-half mile long adjacent to Surf Station, accessible directly from the Amtrak station or via a one-half mile trail through the back dunes from Ocean Park. Violation limit: 50

♦ Wall Beach: open area is the northernmost one-quarter mile

of the beach. Violation limit: 10

♦ Minuteman Beach: open area is the northernmost one-half mile of the beach. Violation limit: 5

Beach Rules:

- ♦ No pets
- ♦ No littering
- ♦ No kite flying
- ♦ No camping
- ♦ No fireworks
- ♦ No beach fires
- ♦ No horses
- ♦ No off-road vehicles
- ♦ No windsurfing or parasurfing
- ♦ No feeding wildlife

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# COMMANDER ON CONSOLE

## THINK BLUE: How bad do you want it?

By COL. FRANK GALLEGOS  
30th Space Wing commander

Commitment, initiative, motivation, will to win...these are all words that define favorable characteristics in airmen. Combine them with our core values of integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do and it sounds like a winning combination that I would want on my team.

As we await the announcement of the upcoming operational readiness inspection we continue to take steps to ensure everyone has a chance to do the right thing and present an honest picture of their checklist items that dictate how well we do on this inspection. Processes are in place for your leadership to take a realistic, hard look at where we are.

So then here's my question: *How bad do you want it, Hawks?*

There's a lot of work required to get that blue dot (for the outstanding rating) and I know that we are capable of getting there. But it takes the commitment, initiative, motivation and drive to get the

job done right. Are you willing to put in the work necessary to make sure we get there? I know you are!

This is the challenge...at the end of the day I want everyone to be able to look in the mirror and be satisfied with the effort put forth, knowing that we all did everything within our power to make sure our team succeeded when called to the fight.

My high school coach always told me that, "The will to win, is no greater than the will to prepare to win." I've seen the entire team displaying the will to prepare to win, now as we get closer to this inspection we need to put on the polish. Then, when the inspectors arrive, they will validate the incredible effort you have put forth.

And you will know that it was your commitment, initiative, motivation and "will to prepare to win" that make this wing the best in Air Force Space Command. Keep doing the right thing and it will show. THINK BLUE HAWKS!

**T**hink Blue  
**H**ave Pride in Ownership  
**I**nspire Your Airmen  
**N**o Repeat Write-Ups  
**K**now Pass/Fail Criteria  
**B**e professional and confident  
**L**ead by Example  
**U**nderstand the Process  
**E**nthusiasm

## Values endure winds of change

By CHIEF MASTER SGT. RANDY AULD  
14th Flying Training Wing  
command chief master sergeant

As I awoke this morning, I reflected on all the changes that are happening in the Air Force.

Key initiatives such as transformation and force development are examples of ideas that demand a new way of thinking to get our jobs done faster, cheaper and more efficiently, while creating a new vision for developing our most valuable resource – our people – for success in the future.

The changes aren't just limited to how we develop our people or the thought process for performing our jobs. We are also evaluating our utility uniform requirements and are currently conducting a wear test of the proposed replacement.

Naturally, when you consider upcoming changes, it certainly causes you to look at the effects of the past.

Over the past 26 years, I have had the opportunity to "transform" from the typewriter to computer automation. Uniforms have changed as well, moving from blue stripes on cotton fatigues to subdued stripes

on permanent press battle dress uniforms.

The new service dress was a controversial change, replacing the older "Combo 1" style adopted from the Army days. Let's not forget about name tags, either, from the sewn on version in blue and white to subdued then to the aircrew style name tags and back again to subdued.

Technology and uniforms aren't the only changes the Air Force has made over the years.

The Berlin Wall is down and the Cold War is over. We have moved from a predominantly home-based force posture, both stateside and overseas, to a more dynamic, quick-reaction force designed to deploy on a moment's notice anytime, anywhere.

Our smaller, focused air and space expeditionary forces remain challenged as they never have been before.

Winds of change? Or are they? When looking back, and then forward, you quickly realize changes are only skin deep.

Although we operate with different weapons systems and procedures, and we dress differently, our core foundation has not changed. Even before our Air Force formally

established its core values – integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do – we strived to instill those values in our people.

If you have doubts, ask a World War II veteran or those who sacrificed so much during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Desert Shield and Desert Storm demanded no less. Today, the global war on terrorism again proves our sincere commitment to our core values.

Yes, the way we look and act on the outside may have changed, but not our internal drive and dedication to duty, honor and country – three precepts that sustain the devotion to our core values.

Yes, winds of change are here. However, as history documents, the United States of America and its men and women in uniform will continue supporting freedom.

When you think about all the changes coming down the road, remember duty, honor and country.

Press on with pride knowing that integrity, service before self and excellence is what we do – and no one in the world does it better.

### Commander's Action Line

Call 606-7850  
or  
E-mail your message to  
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Col. Frank Gallegos  
commander

By performing Vandenberg's mission safely and effectively, Team V provides proof of its commitment to do the right thing.

Two-way communication is paramount to continued mission success. The 30th Space Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct link to me.

Through the action line you can congratulate your teammates on a job well done, affect change and express productive points of view.

I want your input and I am personally involved in every response.

The action line is always available and it's an excellent tool, but remember to

use your chain of command. Talk to your supervisors, first sergeants, services officials and other base professionals and give them a chance to solve your problem first.

Working together, we will enrich the 30th SW mission performance and the quality of life of our airmen.

When calling the action line, leave your name and phone number in case more information is needed.

*Q: I am a resident of Vandenberg AFB and I have a few concerns with the broken playground equipment at Cocheo Park. My son and I have been going to the park consistently for three months and thought maybe a routine inspection would cause the discrepancies to be discovered.*

*Nothing has been fixed. Along with the broken equipment, the park benches are for the most part not usable due to bird excrement.*

*I have noticed the grounds are mowed and leaves raked in most areas often, so maybe the benches could be cleaned off during this time.*

*Routine cleaning of the benches and picnic tables would enhance the park's beauty.*

*Another hazard that has*

*come to my attention is a large tree limb that has broken off and is now wedged within another tree.*

*I'm concerned the limb will fall and hit a child or parent. The wind can get pretty strong out there. I would appreciate if this matter could be dealt with very soon for I'm afraid someone is going to get hurt.*

*A: Thank you for bringing this to our attention. Parts have been ordered to repair the equipment.*

*30th Services Squadron will also provide more oversight of the conditions and relay discrepancies to the 30th Civil Engineer Squadron for repair. It's our intention to provide a clean and safe environment for our children.*

*Thanks again for your concern and helping to keep Vandenberg a safe place in work and play.*

## HAWKS' Point of View

"What do you think about Vandenberg's role in protection of the Western Snowy Plover?"



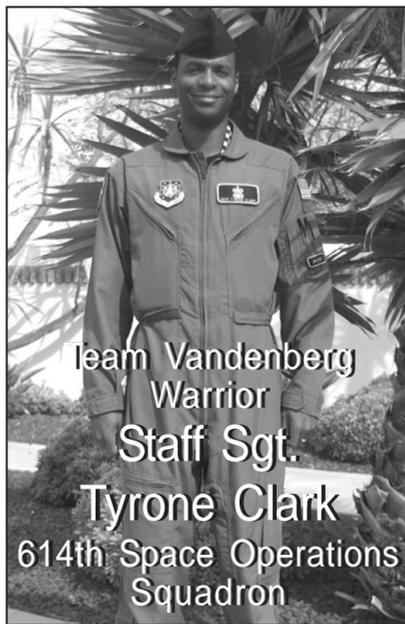
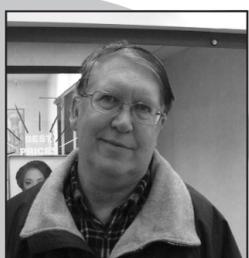
"I think we're doing what we have to do." – Tech. Sgt. Chevelle Cromwell, 30th Security Forces Squadron

"I believe the snowy plovers warrant some protection but I think we give them too much." – Dr. Ramona Estes, 30th Security Forces Squadron



"It's a good thing. I think people should just abide by the rules set down." – Retired Air Force Master Sgt. Dean Robert

"I think any protections to the environment are not a waste, but it must be tempered with a dose of reality." – Richard Bliss, Air Force Space Command Headquarters



Team Vandenberg Warrior  
Staff Sgt.  
Tyrone Clark  
614th Space Operations Squadron

PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS CRAIG CISEK

**Hometown:** Las Vegas, Nevada  
**Time in service:** 9 years  
**Time on station:** 14 months  
**Role in mission:** Theater Integration Technician  
**How do you contribute to the wing mission?** I provide reach back support for worldwide theaters.  
**What do you like best about the Air Force?** The many travel and educational opportunities that it has provided me.  
**If you could change one thing about the Air Force what would it be?** The availability and locations of assignments for the 1C6 career field.  
**How do you fulfill the Air Force core values?** Everyday I come to work with a positive attitude and any task that is given to me I make sure that it is accomplished above and beyond of what was expected me.  
**What's the most exciting experience you've had so far in the Air Force?** Being stationed in Japan for three years and going TDY to Italy

for four and a half months.  
**How would you improve life at Vandenberg?** I would put more money into the intramural programs and I would put more of an emphasis on advertising the different programs that are already available here. There is a lot to do here if you know where to go!  
**Who is your role model and why?** My mom, because she sacrificed her whole life to raise my two sisters and myself the right way. I can't thank her enough for all she has done for me. I can only follow the example that she provided and do the same, if not more, for my son.  
**Who is your favorite leader in history and why?** Martin Luther King Jr. He embodies every characteristic that I believe a true leader to be – honest, brave, passionate, caring and strong.  
**Favorite movie or book:** I'm such a movie junkie that it is too hard to decide.  
**Hobbies:** I enjoy all sports, computers, video games and collecting vintage action figures.

**Hometown:** San Antonio, Texas  
**Time in service:** 17.5 active duty/1 year civil service  
**Time on station:** 6 months  
**Role in mission:** Security specialist providing physical, information, antiterrorism, force protection, and personnel security program functions, including security education and awareness for the 614th SOPS, 614th Space Operations Group, 614th Space Intelligence Squadron, 614th Space Communications Squadron and the 14th Information Warfare Flight.  
**How do you contribute to the wing mission?** Providing advice and assistance to the unit commanders and unit personnel on the security programs which contributes to the wing's space missions.  
**What do you like best about the Air Force?** All Air Force members have the opportunity to make a difference.  
**If you could change one thing about the Air Force what would it be?** Stop the continued reduction of member's benefits.  
**How do you fulfill the Air Force core values?** Having being brought up in a military town with strong values, I was able to carry valuable lessons learned

at home and in my community into the Air Force. Core values like integrity, service before self, and excellence in all we do.  
**What's the most exciting experience you've had so far in the Air Force?** Watching the Berlin Wall come down.  
**How would you improve life at Vandenberg?** Taking care of our folks, this is how we can show our appreciation for their efforts. We are in a period of time of reduced benefits; Vandenberg needs to continue to fight in keeping our medical services intact.  
**Who is your role model and why?** Franklin Delano Roosevelt because he restored the nation's promise of plenty and intervening to save the world enveloped in darkness during World War II and the Great Depression. He stood for prosperity, freedom and economic justice.  
**Who is your favorite leader in history and why?** John F. Kennedy challenged Americans to assume the burden of "defending freedom in its hour of maximum danger."  
**Favorite movie or book:** The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck  
**Hobbies:** Racquetball, reading books about the old west, and travel.



Team Vandenberg Warrior  
Michael Sepulveda  
614th Space Operations Squadron

PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS CRAIG CISEK

# Fire safety tips ensure Team V's fire safe

By TIM JOHNSTON  
30th Civil Engineer Squadron fire inspector

■ There are more than 1,700 home fires every day in this country. On average, one home starts burning every minute. Home fires cause death, injury and property damage, yet, most of them are preventable. People must be aware of the careless ways fires start by periodically checking for fire hazards. The Vandenberg Fire department recommends the use of the following checklist.

- Electricity**
- ♦ Are all appliance cords and extension cords in good condition? Worn or damaged cords could start a fire.
  - ♦ Are all electrical cords in the open ... not under rugs, over nails or through the doorway?
  - ♦ Are all appliances with hot surfaces kept away from things that can burn easily (i.e., paper, cloth, etc.)?
- Heating**
- ♦ Is the chimney flue and heating unit cleaned and overhauled before each

- heating season?
- ♦ Are all flammable materials kept away from the furnace or other heat sources?
- Flammable Liquids**
- ♦ Is the garage kept free of oil, paint and grease?
  - ♦ Are flammable liquids stored in Underwriters Laboratory approved metal safety cans outside the house?
  - ♦ Don't ever use gasoline to clean items such as paint brushes?
  - ♦ When you use flammable liquids, do you use them in well-ventilated areas away from heat sources?
- Combustibles**
- ♦ Are accumulations of old furniture, newspapers, books and magazines kept to a minimum?
- Outdoors**
- ♦ Is the area around the outside of your house kept free of rubbish and dry leaves?
  - ♦ Is the barbeque grill kept away from combustibles and where it will not tip over on anyone?
  - ♦ Do you always wait for motors (lawn

- mower, mini-bike, etc.) to cool down before refueling them?
- Matches and Careless Smoking**
- ♦ Are plenty of large, deep ashtrays kept where people smoke?
  - ♦ Do you make certain that all smoking materials are cold before disposing of them?
  - ♦ Are matches kept out of the reach and sight of young children?
  - ♦ Do you ever smoke while in bed?
- Cooking**
- ♦ Do you know never to wear loose-fitting clothing near the stove?
  - ♦ Are cooking appliance cords kept up on the counter, out of reach of children?
  - ♦ Are young children kept away from cooking areas?
  - ♦ Are cooking areas kept clean from grease?
  - ♦ Do you know never to use water or flour on a grease fire? Use the lid to the pan, baking soda, or a fire extinguisher.
- If you have any questions concerning fire prevention please call 606-4680.*

# Crimebeat ...

COMPILED BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS EDWARD PANAS  
30th Security Forces Squadron

**Feb. 19 Loud Noise – 10:18 p.m.**  
An anonymous caller reported loud noise coming from the 3rd floor of the Scout Dormitory. Patrolmen responded and advised the airman to turn down the music. The airman complied.

**Feb. 20 No ID, no problem – 2:38 a.m.**

Patrolmen stopped a vehicle traveling on Highway-1 adjacent to Firefighter Rd. for speeding. After making contact with the driver, patrolmen attempted to identify the highly intoxicated passenger. The passenger, a non-base affiliated civilian stated he did not have any identification. Using the passenger's name and social security number it was determined he had a \$2,500 warrant for writing bad checks in San Luis Obispo. The warrant was confirmed and a Santa Barbara County Sheriff's deputy responded and took control of the situation.

**Gas Leak – 1:45 p.m.**  
Fire dispatch requested security forces place traffic control points around South Dakota Ave. and Nebraska Ave. due to a gas main break. The area was cordoned off and evacuated. At 2:29 p.m. the area was deemed safe and dormitory residents were able to return to their rooms.

**Hit and Run – 4:38 p.m.**  
An airman reported a vehicle had hit his car while parked in the training squadron dorm parking lot. Investigation revealed the vehicle had been pushed and that the driver's side door and rearview mirror were completely caved in. All appropriate paperwork was accomplished.

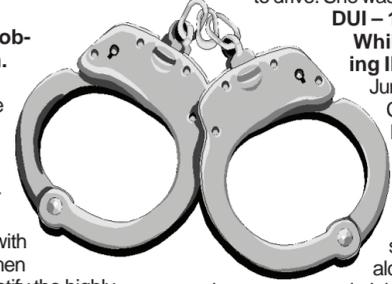
**Feb. 21 Almost a DUI – 12:10 a.m.**  
An anonymous caller reported a brown Chevy pick-up truck driving erratically on Highway 1. The main

gate sentry stopped the vehicle and detected an odor of alcohol emitting from the driver, identified as family member spouse. A field sobriety test was conducted which she subsequently failed. The family member spouse was transported to the security forces control center and a sample of her breath was taken which concluded that she had alcohol in her system, but was under the legal limit to drive. She was released.

**DUI – 11:58 p.m. While conducting ID checks on**  
Juniper and Country Wood Roads, patrolman made contact with an airman who smelled like alcohol. The airman was administered a field sobriety test which he subsequently failed. A test of the airman's breath revealed his breath alcohol content was .15, almost twice the legal limit. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and released to his first sergeant.

**Feb. 22 DUI – 2:37 a.m.**  
Patrolman stopped a vehicle on Highway 1 and Azalea lane for driving erratically. Upon making contact with the driver, a non-base affiliated civilian, an odor of alcohol was noticeable. The driver was administered a field sobriety test which she subsequently failed. California Highway Patrol was contacted, responded and assumed control of the situation.

**911 Hang Up – 8:48 a.m.**  
Fire dispatch reported they had received a 911 hang up from a residence on Korina St. Patrolmen responded to the quarters to make sure everything was all in order. When they arrived patrolman discovered the door unlocked and the owners not home. A sweep of the house was conducted and no one could be found. Patrolman contacted the neighbors who contacted the owners and they stated that they were in Santa Maria. The house was secured.



# This week in history ...

COMPILED BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS  
JUANIKA GLOVER  
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

**Feb. 22**  
1819 – Spanish minister Don Luis de Onis and U.S. Secretary of State John Quincy Adams sign the Florida Purchase Treaty, in which Spain agrees to cede the remainder of its old province of Florida to the United States.

**Feb. 23**  
1945 – During the bloody Battle for Iwo Jima, U.S. Marines from the 3rd Platoon, E Company, 2nd Battalion, 28th Division take the crest of Mount Suribachi, the island's highest peak and most strategic position, and raise

the U.S. flag. Marine photographer Louis Lowery was with them and recorded the event. American soldiers fighting for control of Suribachi's slopes cheered the raising of the flag, and several hours later more Marines headed up to the crest with a larger flag. Joe Rosenthal, a photographer with the Associated Press, met them along the way and recorded the raising of the second flag along with a motion-picture cameraman.

**Feb. 24**  
1991 – After six weeks of intensive bombing against Iraq and its armed forces, U.S.-led coalition forces launch a ground

invasion of Kuwait and Iraq.

**Feb. 25**  
1870 – Hiram Rhoades Revels, a Republican from Natchez, Mississippi, is sworn into the U.S. Senate, becoming the first African American ever to sit in Congress.

**Feb. 26**  
1940 – The Air Defense Command is created to integrate Army and Air Forces defenses against an air attack.

**Feb. 27**  
1922 – In Washington, D.C., the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, providing for female suffrage, is unanimously declared constitutional by

the eight members of the U.S. Supreme Court. The 19th Amendment, which stated that "the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State on account of sex," was the product of more than seven decades of meetings, petitions, and protests by women suffragists and their supporters.

**Feb. 28**  
1947 – An F-82B sets a record by flying non-stop from Hawaii to New York in 14 hours, 33 minutes.  
1994 – Two F-16s shoot down four Serb Galeb fighters in NATO's first combat engagement.

## ALCON: Normal

A general condition reflecting responsible alcohol use.

30th OG	0	30th SW	1	14th AF	0
30th MSG	1	614th OG	0	381st TRG	2
30th MDG	1	30th LCG	0	576th FLTS	1

AADD saves: **53**  
Days since last DUI: **6**  
DUI totals for the year: **6**



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS BRYAN FRANKS

**Tech Sgt. Aaron Chase, 532nd Training Squadron, and daughter Ashley Tedford placed second in the Air Force's 2003 Family and Teen Talent Contest, parent and youth team, February 12.**

## Team V father/daughter team takes 2nd place at AF level talent contest

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

**T**eam Vandenberg's Family and Teen Talent contest winners recently used their homegrown talent to place big at the Air Force-level competition.

Tech. Sgt. Aaron Chase, 532nd Training Squadron, and daughter Ashley Tedford placed second in the Air Force's 2003 Family and Teen Talent Contest, Parent and Youth Team category, February 12.

The duo took first place during the Vandenberg competition in December. After the base competition, the Services Center sent videos of the first place winners' performances to be judged by the Air Force Services Agency.

Sergeant Chase and Miss Tedford were pleased with their second-place finish at the Air Force level.

"It's kind of unexpected," Sergeant Chase said. "I wasn't even sure that we would win at the base level, so this is great."

Tracy Chase, Ashley's mother, said that she had no doubt that they would win at the base level but was anxious about the result for the Air Force level.

"We were told that we would hear about the results by January 23. And when we didn't, we just assumed that Aaron and Ashley hadn't placed," said Tracy Chase. "It was a shock when we heard they had placed second to weeks later."

Neither of them had thought about the base competition, until Sergeant Chase's wife told them about it.

"The two of them had entered the competition the previous year and placed second in it," mom said. "They are both very talented and I knew they would do well."

The father and daughter team performed the Dixie Chick's song 'Traveling Soldier,' with Miss Tedford singing vocals and dad playing the guitar.

"We felt that the song was right for the venue and Ashley's voice," Sergeant Chase said.

Music has been a part of the Chase family all the way back to when Sergeant Chase was a child.

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## TALENT

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"My parents were always involved in music and I guess I picked it up from them," he added. "I was nine when I first started playing and I've been playing ever since."

He took his guitar playing outside of his home, forming the local band Cold Shot, while his musical influence continued to rub off on his children.

Sergeant Chase said Ashley had the music bug early on. At the age of two Miss Tedford sang her rendition of "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" in front of a video camera as her dad played the song on the guitar.

"She loved music and she loved to sing," Sergeant Chase said. "She sang all the time whether it was in the bedroom, living room or car."

A member of the concert choir at her school Miss Tedford has aspirations of competing on the television program American Idol.

"Mom would rather I try out for Star Search, but I like the idea of going on American Idol better," Miss Tedford said.

But if it doesn't happen, she said joining the Air Force and being part of Tops in Blue would be great also.

The duo won a \$250 savings bond for their second-place finish at Air Force level.

### Black History Month Banquet

7 p.m. Saturday

at the

Pacific Coast Club

Cost is \$18. Dress is semiformal or Afro-centric attire.

RSVP by today  
Call Helen McCarther  
at 606-6854 or Capt.  
Kendall Jordan at  
606-3349

# Team V ICBM test launch evaluator finds creative release in **LEGO**

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
1ST LT. MICHELLE MAYO

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Some artists paint. Others sing. Still others dance. Team Vandenberg's Capt. Derek Schin builds Lego sculptures when he wants to express himself artistically.

"Lego is definitely an art form," Capt. Schin said. "The different bricks are akin to different colors of paint, or even the different materials available to a sculptor."

"I can't sing or draw, so building Legos is my creative release," said Capt. Schin, an intercontinental ballistic missile test standardization evaluator for the 595th Space Group.

By night, Capt. Schin spends two to three hours a week on his craft and owns nearly 250,000 Lego bricks.

"Building Legos helps clear my head," he said.

At any given time, he has three or four projects in the works in his Lego room on the second floor of his house.

Around the room are his various models – a 3-foot-high model of Eric Cartman from the television show South Park, a self-portrait, and a B-25 built to a special scale.



Capt. Derek Schin, 595th Space Group, competes for the title Master Lego Builder at Legoland in San Diego Jan. 23.

He also keeps a replica of the Millennium Falcon from Star Wars. The first creation he built that he was really proud of.

It's missing a few bricks that

he used in other models, but he plans to rebuild it.

"What I like about this hobby is that my mind is always working on new ways to solve problems," he said.

His current projects include medieval diorama.

Of the ones he's built, his favorite is a life-sized New York Jets helmet.

"It's by far the most difficult thing I've built," he said. "3-D objects are very complex."

It takes skill to make round objects out of square bricks, said Stacy Slingerland, a public relations executive for Legoland California. "It's extraordinarily difficult and takes talent and expertise," she said.

Although Capt. Schin is modest about his talent, he was one of a select few chosen to compete for the title of Master Lego Builder at Legoland in San Diego Jan. 23.

More than 500 Lego-maniacs

competed in the preliminary competitions held in eight cities across the United States.

Only 27 made it to the finals – Capt. Schin among them.

The competitors had two hours and 4,000 bricks with which to show off their skill. The theme was Legoland.

Several of Capt. Schin's competitors built replicas of the park's entrance, another recreated children at a table playing with Legos, still another built a pair of tennis shoes.

Capt. Schin's creation was inspired by the park's "driving school."

He built an image of one of the ride's operators being chased by a wild child in a car.

"The competition was really stiff," Capt. Schin said, "but I've had a blast."

While he didn't come away as one of the top three, he was proud of what he had built.

"I'm just really glad that what I built matched my vision," he said.

He did walk away from the competition with some new friends, a great experience and a few tips that he can put to use in his Lego room.

It's the quiet space where he can sit down and take his mind off of everything else and create. "It's my Zen," he said.

San Diego's Legoland  
is featured in  
this week's  
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section - Page B1.



Capt. Schin stocks up on Lego bricks at San Diego's Legoland. He already owns about 250,000.



Capt. Schin was one of 27 Lego enthusiasts were picked for the Lego Master Builder competition.



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS CRAIG CISEK

Walter Carr, 30th MDG leaps to make a shot while Max Harris, 14th AF, attempts to block his shot.

# MDG fails to hold off 14th AF second half push - loses 44-35

By STAFF SGT. CHUCK WALKER  
30th Space Communications Squadron

With the midseason point of the intramural basketball season fast approaching, teams are trying to secure wins and getting ready to make a push in the playoffs.

One such team is the 14th Air Force, which is right in the hunt for the National League regular-season title.

The 14th Air Force solidified that point on Tuesday, coming back from a three-point halftime deficit to defeat the 30th Medical Group 44-35.

The win pushes the 14th Air Force's record to 6-2 on the season, and puts them into a secure second place in the National League standings.

"This win means a great deal for our confidence," 14th Air Force coach Ron Williams said. "We had a close loss at the end of the last game, and this win gets us back on the right track and helps us end the first half of the regular season on a positive note. We still have a long road to go, but this is a tremendous boost for our confidence."

In the first half, the 14th Air Force had trouble getting shots to fall and trouble stopping Med Group big man Walter Carr.

Carr scored 13 of his game-high 22 points in the first half to lead the Med Group to a 24-21 halftime lead.

The 14th Air Force started the second half on a 10-2 run to take a 31-26 lead, before the Med Group came right back and went on a 7-0

run of its own to regain the lead at 33-31.

That's when the backcourt duo of Tyrone Clark and Derek Harris went to work.

Clark hit a big three-point basket at the 3:25 mark to give the lead back to the 14th Air Force at 37-35, a lead they would not relinquish the rest of the way.

Harris followed with a three pointer of his own, and Clark and Harris both scored on fast-break lay-ups to put the game out of reach.

When all was said and done, Clark and Harris had went on a personal 10-0 run of their own to close out the game and give the 14th Air Force an important nine-point victory.

Clark said the key to the end of game run for the 14th Air Force was just getting after it and hustling.

"We played kind of sluggish in the first half," Clark said. "But then we started hustling in the second half, hit a few good shots and once you do that it's kind of contagious. When I hit the three, that kind of put the nail in their coffin and we didn't turn back."

Harris, who is the 15-year-old son of Max - his fellow teammate - didn't look out of place or overmatched playing against guys twice his age.

"It's a challenge," Harris said of playing against men. "It's definitely more competition for me. I have fun with it. It's helped me to become a better player."

His coach is impressed with his young phenom as well and also depends on him a great deal.

"It's definitely great to see someone his age not intimidated," Williams said. "He has the skills and he is a gym rat. There is no situation that I don't feel comfortable bringing him in. He showed that tonight, hitting clutch shots down the stretch. I kid his dad all the time, telling him I'm going to see Derek on ESPN in a couple of years."

For the Med Group, it was simply a matter of letting another close game slip out of their hands. The Med Group, which is 4-4 after the loss, has lost the majority of their games in the final two minutes of the contest, most of the time blowing leads.

"Again, it was close until the end. I think we got tired," Med Group player-coach Carr said. "We just need some consistency. We need to play well for the whole 40 minutes.

We need to play the last two minutes of each game like we do the first 38. We need to learn how to finish games and put teams away."

Williams said that health and a full team will be keys to his team's success in the second half of the season, as they prepare for playoff time.

"I don't think there is anything in particular that we need to do that we aren't already doing in order for us to be successful," Williams said. "Hopefully we can keep everyone healthy and get our players back from the TDYs. We've been able to grind out some wins without having all our big guns here. If we can stay healthy and have all our players present, we should do well."

## Sports Briefs

### VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS NEEDED

Varsity volleyball practice is 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the gym annex and 6 to 8 p.m. Fridays in the fitness center. Experience is recommended, but not mandatory. All levels are welcome. Call Joe Krause at 606-6165 or Darren Savella at 606-3833 for more information.

### MOMS - 2-BE EXERCISE

The exercising during pregnancy class is offered at the HAWC and gives expectant moms the guidelines for staying fit while pregnant. The class is offered quarterly. Call the HAWC at 606-2221 for more information.

### RUNNER SAFETY NOTICE

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 7:10 to 7:40 a.m. 120 members of the 30th Civil Engineer Squadron practice a 1.5-mile run that involves crossing Washington Ave. between South Dakota Ave. and Alaska Way.

### CGO COURSE RUN

The Company Grade Officer Course run is at 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the obstacle course. Call 2nd Lt. Korinne Houston at 605-0782 for more information.

### YOUTH GOLF LESSONS

Marshallia Ranch Golf course holds youth golf lessons at 1:30 p.m. Saturdays for youth ages eight and up. The price is \$5 per session including the use of a rental club set and range balls.

## Bench press this!

2nd Lt. Jesse Cash, 392nd Training Squadron, bench presses 250 pounds to win the bench press competition Feb. 20 at the fitness center.



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS CRAIG CISEK







## Master designers challenge perception at Legoland



By 1st Lt. Michelle Mayo  
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

I wasn't sure what I expected when I went to Legoland California. I know what I didn't expect. I didn't expect that elephants and pandas made purely of Legos could look so real. I didn't realize that you could recreate the Taj Mahal with Legos.

All-in-all the Lego Company's theme park is impressive. The 128-acre park has more than 5,000 displays made of Legos and is divided into five sections.

In Miniland USA, the park's master Lego designers have recreated many of the country's big cities in intricate detail using Legos. When walking through Miniland USA, it was easy to let my imagination run wild.

I felt like Gulliver in the land of the Lilliputians.

From my lofty vantage point, I towered over the Mardi Gras parade in New Orleans. The recorded sounds of Mardi Gras revelry drifted up to me as mini Lego people tossed strings of beads off of Lego Carnival floats.



PHOTO BY SVEIN TOVIK

A few feet away, a lively jazz funeral was in progress.

In "San Francisco," Lego street cars made their way up and down the city's famed hillsides. The detail was amazing. They had even made the miniatures of the bellowing sea lions that congregate near Fisherman's Wharf.

Before visiting the park, I understood that people can do pretty impressive things with those toy bricks. After visiting the park, both Svein and I were blown away with just how intricate and realistic the creations of true Lego artists can be.

Svein would not stop taking pictures of the miniature buildings. We tried to take them just so that you have to look twice at the photo to see if it is of real buildings or not.

Just that part of the park made the four-hour trip worth it.

The rest of the park was a wonderland of fun things for children to do. There was a driving school equipped with stoplights and stop signs. There were boat rides, roller coasters and jungle gyms.

Up on Castle Hill, you could take a walk through the enchanted forest. Nestled among the trees were deer and rabbits. I loved watching the kids on the rides. They looked like they were having a blast. I can't wait until my son is old enough to ride the Lego horses through the forests of Camelot.

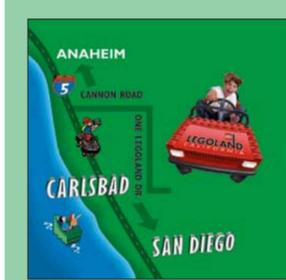
Legoland California is not a destination on the Central Coast, but it is easy to reach from here. Start early if you want to make it a day trip.

It offers opportunities for children and adults to let their imaginations carry them away.



PHOTOS BY 1ST LT. MICHELLE MAYO

(Above and inset) Svein and 6-month old, Nicolai Tovik visit the realistic looking Lego animals. (Left) 1st Lt. Michelle Mayo and Nicolai were impressed by the lifesize Star Wars characters in one of five theme sections at the Legoland park.



To get to Legoland California, take the 101 freeway south to the 5 south. Get off at Cannon Road East and follow the signs to Legoland. The park opens at 10 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m. most days. The cost of admission for one day is \$41.95 for adults and \$35.95 for children ages 3 thru 12 and seniors over age 60.



## Community Calendar

**27 FRI** **Pharmacy Automated System** – A new pharmacy automated system is being implemented at the Vandenberg clinic. Patients may experience an increase in waiting times for the next three to six months. Call 606-7440.

**Grant program** – the General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant program awards \$1,500 college education grants to eligible candidates. Visit the Air Force Aid office at the family support center or the society's Web site, [www.afas.org](http://www.afas.org) for information or an application for this grant.

**Meals on Wheels** – needs drivers for the Santa Barbara area for two hours a day, one day per week. Call (805) 683-1565 for more information.

**Cancer Society** – needs volunteers. Call (805) 963-1576 for more information.

**Soccer players needed** – The base soccer team is looking for experienced and committed players for a Santa Maria arena soccer league. Email [ryan.howell@vandenberg.af.mil](mailto:ryan.howell@vandenberg.af.mil) for more information.

**Youth Basketball scholarships** – Applications are located at the youth center and

base library. **27 FRI** **Volunteers needed** – Lompoc's Community Kitchen needs volunteers to cook and serve dinner to about 100 community members in need. Dinner's are served Friday's at 5 p.m., cooking starts at 3 p.m. Call Toni Adams at 736-5455 to sign up.

**Low walk-up fares** – American Airlines expanded its military fares through next fall. The fares include no advance-purchase requirements and no change fees. Call (800) 433-7300.

**Hunters Against Hunger** – Donate wild game to the needy. Call 606-6804.

**Hebrew, Bar Mitzvah** – classes are available. Call 734-3311.

**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.

**G.I. Java seeks musicians** – The G.I. Java wants local musicians to play at the coffeehouse during business hours. Solo performers and bands are welcome. Call the chapel at

606-5773 for an audition. **27 FRI** **Association of Renaissance Martial Arts** – Organization dedicated to study and practice of historical fencing and the exploration and promotion of Western martial heritage. Call Tim at 440-9519 or 606-3732, for more information.

**Military Equal Opportunity Office seeks volunteers** – to chair the following special observances: Women's history month in March and Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust in April. Volunteers may be military or civilian. Call MEO at 606-0370, for more information.

**Gift of Groceries program** – The Defense Commissary Agency offers a gift certificate program that allows anyone to purchase commissary gift certificates to donate to military families through charitable organizations or give directly to military friends and family. Gift certificates are available online at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com).

**Vandenberg Spouses' Club offers scholarships** – for graduating seniors and military spouses continuing their education. Applications are

available at the Family Support center, Community services, Education Office, and the cashier's window at the Pacific Coast Club. Completed applications are due no later than Mar. 22.

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

**Dads-to-New Dads and Moms-to-New Moms programs** – These mentorship programs offer support to new moms and dads. Call Nancy Sias at 606-5338.

**1 MON** **Office Closure** – 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Mondays the Family Support Center is closed for training. Call 606-0039 for emergencies.

**Relaxation room** – 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Vandenberg Health and Wellness Center. Call 606-2221 for an appointment.

**2 TUE** **TAP 4-Day Seminar** – 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday to Friday at the Family Support Center. The seminar is for active duty members planning to retire in one to two years. Speakers

from VA, DVA, LoL, DoD, job searching, networking, resume and interview techniques. Call 606-0039 to register.

**2 TUE** **Vandenberg Retiree Activities Center** – Open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday

in building 10346 in the base exchange shopping center. Call 606-5474 for more information.

**Youth sign language classes** – 3 to 3:50 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the education center room E-4.

The class is for children in third through fifth grades. Call (805) 734-0452, for more information.

**Stress Class** – 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays at the Health and Wellness Center. Call 606-0039.

**Santa Maria 4-Wheelers** – 7:30 p.m. fourth Tuesday of the month at Round Table Pizza. Call (805)-928-7532.

**Baby Meet** – 9 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the religious education center, building 16140.

Baby Meet offers discussion and socialization for expectant parents and those with newborn babies through two years old. Call 734-1461, for more information.

**Santa Maria Camera Club** –

7:30 p.m. first and third Wednesday of the month at the Arbor View Retirement Center. Call (805)-934-9709.

**3 WED** **Farmers Market** – 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays at the La Cumbre Plaza in Santa Barbara.

**Partners Assisting in Reading** – 2:55 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Crestview Library. For more information, call 734-1651.

**Playtime for Tots** – 10 a.m. Wednesdays at Cocheo Park. The playgroup is for children age two through five. Call 734-2098, for more information.

**12 FRI** **AF Association Awards Banquet** – 11 a.m. Mar. 12 at the Pacific Coast Club. Call Kristie Stavoli at 606-2538 by Mar. 3, to RSVP.

**13 SAT** **Vandenberg Spouses' Club Annual Charity Auction** – 6 p.m. Mar. 13 at the Pacific Coast Club. All money raised benefits local charities. Call Danelle at 734-2554 or Anneke at 734-0956 by Mar. 8 to RSVP. The Spouses' club is taking donations for the auction through Mar. 5. Call Troi Reppart at 734-1202, to donate an item.

### Movie



### Corner

#### BASE THEATER OPENS MARCH 5

**LORD OF THE RINGS: RETURN...** PG-13  
7 P.M. MARCH 5, 2 P.M. MARCH 6  
**COLD MOUNTAIN** R  
7 P.M. MARCH 6

**Hi-Way Drive-in**  
Santa Maria Ph. 937-3515  
GEN. ADM. \$5 KIDS 4-11 \$1

**50 FIRST DATES** PG-13  
**BARBERSHOP 2: BACK IN BUSINESS**  
DAILY 7:00 p.m.

Call Edwards Santa Maria 10 for movie listings at (800) 326-3264

#### Movies Lompoc

Lompoc Ph. 736-1558

**CONFESSIONS OF A TEENAGE DRAMA QUEEN** PG  
DAILY 4:45-7:15-9:30 SAT-SUN 11:45-2:15  
**50 FIRST DATES** PG-13  
DAILY 4:30-7:00-9:30 SAT-SUN 11:30-2:00  
**WELCOME TO MOOSEPORT** PG-13  
DAILY 4:30-7:00-9:30 SAT-SUN 11:30-2:00  
**THE PASSION OF CHRIST** R  
DAILY 4:30-7:00-9:30 SAT-SUN 11:30-2:00

#### Movies Gemini

Lompoc Ph. 736-1306

**EUROTRIP** R  
DAILY 4:30-7:00-9:00 SAT-SUN 11:30-2:00  
**TWISTED** R  
DAILY 4:30-7:00-9:00 SAT-SUN 11:30-2:00

#### Parks Plaza Buellton

Buellton Ph. 688-7434

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**THE PASSION OF CHRIST** R  
DAILY 2:00-4:30-7:00 FRI 9:30 SAT-SUN 11:30-9:30

General Admission \$7.50 kids and seniors \$5  
All shows before 5:30 p.m. \$5. Movies and times subject to change.

### Chapel Services & Events

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

**Community Deployment Prayer Service** – 6 p.m. Sunday at Chapel 1. The chaplains will be praying for our upcoming AEF deployed troops, including a time for the laying on of hands for prayer. Service is open to all of Team V. Call Chaplain (Capt.) Phillip Griffin at 606-5773, for more information.

#### WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 a.m. Praise and Worship, Chapel 2 10 a.m. Catholic Mass, Chapel 1 11:30 a.m. Traditional Protestant, Chapel 1	<b>11:30 a.m. Gospel, Chapel 2</b> <b>Monday - Friday</b> 11:30 a.m. Catholic Mass, Chapel 2 <b>Saturday</b> 5 p.m. Catholic Mass, Chapel 2
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# 30th Services News

## SERVICES CENTER

### 2 for 1 Resident Salute

All residents of southern California with zip codes between 90000-93599 only are eligible for this promotion.

Buy one ticket to Disneyland and California Adventure Park through April 30, and your friend or neighbor gets in for free.

**(Guests proof of residency required at the gate.)**

Admission valid for one to Disneyland Park, and one admission to California Adventure Park. Tickets can't be used on the same day.

**Second ticket expires:** 29 days after first ticket's use.

Call the Services Center for more information at 606-7976.

Come to the SERVICES CENTER to get your...



per person **\$38.50**

For more ticket information call 606-7976.

## YOUTH SPORTS

### VAFB Youth Sports

**Registration closing today! Limited slots available.**

**BASEBALL - Boys & Girls, ages 6 to 13**  
Registration closing today!

Youth Center, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Cost:** \$55 (\$50 Youth Center members)

**Skills Day:** Saturday at the Baseball Field

**SOFTBALL - Girls, ages 8 to 13**

Youth Center, through Fri., 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Cost:** \$55 (\$50 Youth Center members)

Teams are filling up... only a few slots remain.

Volunteers are needed for all sports. For more information, call the Youth Center, 606-2151.

## LIBRARY



### DIAL-A-STORY

To hear this week's story, "How the Camel Got His Hump," call the Dial-A-Story at 606-4300. Stories are available 24/7.

**Thursday -**

Preschool Storytime, 10 a.m. at the base library.

**Road Map Exchange -**

Planning to take a trip? If so, stop by the library first and check out the Road Map Exchange. We have maps from all across the globe which have been donated to help others on the road.

Call the library for more information at 606-6414.

## GOLF COURSE

### Weekly GOLF SPECIALS

**Tuesday -** Active duty military and dependents green fees \$5 off.

**Wednesday -** 18-hole carts for \$15 and range balls \$1 off all day.

**Thursday -** All retired military and dependents 18-hole carts for \$15 all day. (One cart per ID holder.)

**Friday -** Guest Day - All guests / contractors pay \$22 green fees.\*

\*All discounts for green fees stop at twilight.

Join us at the Pacific Coast Club for...



## Sunday Brunch

Sunday • 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### BRUNCH MENU

- Fresh Fruit
- Omelet Station
- French Toast & Waffles
- Scrambled Eggs
- Smoked Bacon & Breakfast Sausage
- Breakfast Potatoes
- Grits
- Biscuits & Country Gravy
- Danish & Muffins
- Carving Station w/ Steamship Round
- Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
- Rosemary Red Potatoes
- Fresh Vegetable Du Jour
- Assorted Juices
- Assorted Desserts

\$13.95 Adults

Show your Club Card for member value price

Children age 4-12  
75¢ per year.  
Children under 4 years FREE!

Reservations not required, but highly recommended!

For more information or for reservations, call 734-4375.

Visit our website at [www.30svs.com](http://www.30svs.com)

## OUTDOOR REC



### Sailing/Whale Watching

Join Captain Steve Renz for a leisurely day of sailing/ whale watching along the scenic Santa Barbara coast. Bring a lunch, hat, sunscreen and layered clothing. Trip includes transportation.

**Time:** 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
Sailing time - 12 noon to 4 p.m.  
10:30 a.m. Depart Outdoor Rec, Bldg 10250  
11:30 a.m. Briefing on safety/rules  
12 noon Boat leaves harbor  
4 p.m. Return to harbor  
4:30 p.m. Depart for Vandenberg; arrive at 5:40 p.m.

**Cost:** \$45 per person

**SIGN UP EARLY!**

### 2004 Winter/Spring SAILING SCHEDULE

Mar. 6/7	Mar. 3
Mar. 13/14	Mar. 10
Mar. 20/21	Mar. 17
Mar. 27/28	Mar. 24
Apr. 3/4	Mar. 31
Apr. 10	Apr. 7
Apr. 17/18	Apr. 14
Apr. 24/25	Apr. 21

Sign up at Outdoor Rec by this date for trip listed at right:

Call Outdoor Rec to sign up or for more information at 606-5908.

## PACIFIC COAST CLUB

The PCC is the Spot TONIGHT!

**Oldies NIGHT**  
E-Lounge 9pm to 2am

★ '18 & over Night' ★  
Saturday • 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.  
E-Lounge  
The best of R&B, Hip Hop, Old School with DJ 'Danny D'

### Monday Night Madness

EVERY MONDAY All-You-Can-Eat PIZZA SPECIAL includes beverage  
Members 1st Price **Adults \$5 • Kids \$3**

## FAMILY CHILD CARE

### become a FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDER

Do you think you would enjoy the benefits of being at home with your own children while operating a rewarding business, earning extra income with flexibility in the style of child care?

Work full time/part time/hourly, give before- and-after school care, work with children of many age groups or focus on a special group of children.

You decide! With so many choices, FCC could be the perfect job for you.

Family Child Care Program accepts children with special needs, and chronic health problems

including HIV-positive into the program. Family Child Care has a great need

for **infant** and **toddler** providers. For more information on becoming a certified provider, please

call Gwendolyn Jones, Family Child Care Coordinator at 606-4639/3255

New provider orientation held Tuesday. Call now to register for the upcoming training.

















