



## Base Briefs

### SUMMER SAFETY BRIEFING

A campaign kickoff for the 101 Critical Days of Summer will be held at 8 and 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday in the base theater.

### CHANGE OF COMMAND

Lt. Col. Daniel Knox assumes command of the 30th Security Forces Squadron from Lt. Col. Richard Wright at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Building 13675. Call 2nd Lt. Chris Martinez at 606-3911 for more information.

### WW II VETERAN RECOGNITION

Team Vandenberg is invited to join the local community in honoring World War II Veterans at 3 p.m. May 29 at St. Mary's Episcopal Church on 2800 Harris Grade Road. Call Lee Hill at 736-3159 or 736-3333 for more information.

### OFFICE CLOSURE

The 30th Range Management Squadron closes Tuesday for an official function. Call Lt. Col. William Prenot at 588-6385 for immediate assistance during the office closure.

### BLOOD DRIVE

A base wide blood drive is Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Services Center. Call Master Sgt. David Laplant at 605-6325 for more information.

### OFFICE CLOSURE

The 30th Comptroller Squadron closes at 11 a.m. today for an official function. The office opens Monday at 8 a.m. Customer service and disbursing and accounting liaison office also closes at 1 p.m. May 28 for an official function.

### RETIREMENT

A retirement ceremony for Tech. Sgt. Richard Meyers is at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the 381st Training Group auditorium. Call Staff Sgt. Raymond Cromwell at 606-1542, ext. 3221 for more information.

### DEFERMENT PROGRAM

Air Force members who have a dependent child entering their senior year of high school may be eligible for permanent change of station deferment. This benefit is for officers O-4 and below and enlisted members E-9 and below. This policy is effective immediately, but is not retroactive. Call Personnel Relocations Element at 605-0289 for more information.

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

During an emergency situation on base, cell phone users must dial 734-4117 to get Vandenberg's emergency personnel. Call Darlene Replegh with, at 606-5678 for more information.

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PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS KAROLINA GMYREK

Military supporters from the local area gathered Saturday to show their appreciation for the armed forces.

## Locals show appreciation for military

By TIMES STAFF

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Armed Forces Day set the stage at the main gate for two groups of anti-war and pro-military protesters here Saturday.

One group, of about 15 people, waved signs that read "We love our troops" and came out to show their support for the military.

"The very least we could do is spend three hours showing our support for people in the

military when you consider what they do every day," said Ann Ruhge, a Lompoc resident who came out for the rally.

"We want to let (military people) know that we care about them and support all of the sacrifices they are making," she said.

Another group of 38 demonstrators protested American foreign policy and in doing so they were showing their support for the lives of American soldiers, one demonstrator said prior to the protest.

Security forces detained the protestor for violating a debarment letter that forbid him to stop on Vandenberg property for three years.

He was given the letter after vandalizing base property last year. The letter clearly stated he is not to be on Vandenberg property at all except for transit, according to the Legal Office. He was cited for trespassing and released.

Both demonstrations lasted for about four hours.

## Team V joins forces with Santa Barbara County for accident response exercise

By MASTER SGT. LLOYD CONLEY

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ More than 30 members from Vandenberg teamed up with Santa Barbara County emergency response agencies to conduct a major accident response exercise at the Santa Maria Public Airport May 12.

The joint mutual-aid-support exercise is designed to test emergency crews response to a mass casualty accident at the airport, said airport operations supervisor, Afrikka Madix.

Vandenberg response agencies are part of that mutual aid agreement.

The base is roughly a 25 to 30 minute drive and much less flying time from the airport, Ms. Madix said. These type of exercises help maintain a good working relationship for the kinds of incidents that can occur here, she added.

The Santa Maria Airport mass casualty drill is required at least once every three years to satisfy Federal Aviation Administration requirements.

"This exercise is a test of how the system works under real conditions," said Chris Childers, Santa Barbara County fire department battalion chief.

"Vandenberg's joint mutual aid support role also fulfills base training and coordination requirements," added Ed Rambus, 30th Space Wing inspections and evaluations.

Other participating base agencies included Vandenberg fire department, the 76th Helicopter Flight, Air Force Office of Special Investigations and more than 30 Team V volunteers acting as exercise controllers and mock crash victims.

This scenario helped Vandenberg firefighters practice necessary skills and procedures and maintain personal readiness for emergency responses to the airport, said Phillip Bennie, base fire chief.

Technicians with the 30th Medical Group moulaged the volunteer victims to look like injured passengers with a myriad of injuries from cuts and lacerations to severe burns and compound internal and external fractures.

Casualties were placed near the taxiway in and around a mock DC-9 crash vehicle in the form of a bus provided by Santa Maria Area Transit.

Once everyone was in position, a smoke machine was used to alert the control tower of the simulated aircraft crash and the Santa Maria Fire Department rolled. Upon arrival, firefighters sprayed the aircraft with the water cannon to enter the scene.

More emergency service respondents converged on the incident scenario to assist with passenger rescue and fire fighting. Members of the local Civil Air Patrol provided perimeter security and accident scene integrity among the planned chaos.

Adding to the chaotic realism of the scenario, victims offered physical resistance to EMT and firefighters as they began first aid and victim injury assessment. Some of the injured even walked away from the scene before medics arrived.

Depending on the severity of their injuries, firefighters and EMTs placed green, yellow or red tags on the volunteers. The colors represented severity of injuries from walking injured to delayed transport to immediate transport.

The patients were placed on tarps corresponding to the color of their tags as emergency crews systematically removed them from the accident scene.

Consequently, a crew from the 76th Helicopter Flight airlifted red-tagged patients.

"It's an interesting and exciting exercise," said Airman 1st Class Dan Ankrum, 532nd Training Squadron. "How people respond to an emergency helps put things into perspective," he added.

Airman Ankrum's simulated injuries were to the head and neck.

"This lets me know in case of an emergency or crisis

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## Successful launch



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS MATTHEW REED

Orbital Sciences Corporation and the Republic of China's National Space Program Office along with Vandenberg officials successfully launched a ROCSAT-2 remote sensing satellite aboard a Taurus XL rocket at 10:47a.m. today. The primary objective of the ROCSAT-2 satellite mission is to observe and monitor the terrestrial and marine environment and natural resources throughout Taiwan.

## 30th Services Squadron competes for LeMay Award

By SENIOR AIRMAN BRIAN HILL

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ The 30th Services Squadron competes this week for the Curtis E. LeMay award, which recognizes the best services squadrons in the Air Force.

The inspection team looks at more than 30 programs offered by the squadron to determine how well customer needs are met. The team also evaluates employees'

work environment, training, readiness, financial management, leadership effectiveness, initiative and creativity in customer satisfaction.

"This is our opportunity to show the LeMay team what we already know," said Maj. Thomas Reppart, 30th SVS commander. "That our services squadron is in fact the best in the Air Force, bar none."

So far this year, Vandenberg's services Airmen have won a fourth-consecutive John L. Hennessy Award for best food service operation in Air Force Space Command, the golf course was rated with best customer service in the Air Force, and the Beachcomber Dining Facility was renovated. The squadron also received an Excellent rating during the Operational Readiness

Inspection here in April.

"This has been a banner year for our outstanding 30th SVS," Maj. Reppart added. "We listened to our customers and are implementing several new programming changes."

The LeMay award was established in 1965 by the National Order of the Daedalians, a fraternal organization of pilots, and honors General LeMay. The general was a pioneer in recognizing the

importance of services support to Airmen. In 1993, Vandenberg won the LeMay sister award for small bases - the Maj. Gen. Eugene L. Eubank Award. This is the second time the 30th SVS has competed for the LeMay award.

"If you see the evaluators around base this upcoming week, please be sure to share some of your positive services comments with them," Maj. Reppart said.

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Team Vandenberg celebrates National Police Week. See Page A4.



Destinations Central Coast gets an up close look at exotic animals at the Atascadero Zoo. See Page B1.

Weekend forecast  
Morning and evening clouds  
Saturday and Sunday

Low/High  
50/65

For a full Vandenberg weather report, visit [www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather\\_index.html](http://www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather_index.html)

# 30th SFS donates money for memorial

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

Vandenberg's 30th Security Forces Squadron donated \$1,000 to the construction of the Security Forces Memorial Monument in the Enlisted Heritage Hall Plaza at Maxwell AFB, Ala.

The monument recognizes the triumphs and sacrifices of the men and women of the security forces career field—past, present and future.

The Air Force Space Command director of security forces informed AFSPC security forces units that \$3,000 was needed to complete the \$6,300 monument.

Lt. Col. Richard Wright, 30th SFS commander, presented the challenge to the "West Coast Warriors" as a chance for them to get out in front and lead the way, said Master Sgt. Derek Rabey, 30th SFS.

The 30th SFS didn't let their commander down. They put together the

money in less than 30 days with donations from inside their own squadron.

"The funds for this contribution became available through the generous donations made by the men and women of the 30th SFS," Sergeant Rabey said.

"The monument committee notified us that our donation was the final amount needed to ensure construction for the monument."

The squadron raised nearly a sixth of the total money needed to construct the monument.

The completion of the monument is planned for June with a dedication projected out for July 17.

"This monument will serve as a symbol of our respect for Air Force security forces members and to honor their hard-earned accomplishments during peace and in times of conflict and war," Sergeant Rabey said.



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS MATTHEW REED

Members of the 76th Helicopter Flight and Vandenberg firefighters carry one of the severely injured patients to the craft for medical attention at the Santa Maria Municipal Airport May 12.

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what to do and, more importantly, what not to do," added Airman 1st Class Monisha Osteen, 30th Operations Support Squadron. Airman Osteen's simulated injuries were lacerations to the face and neck.

The exercise ended when the 76th HF crew returned to airlift the next group of severely injured patients.

Other participating county agencies included Santa Barbara County, Orcutt and Santa Maria fire departments.

In addition, Allan Hancock College emergency medical technicians students participated as volunteer victims and the Local Civil Air Patrol, ham radio operators and the American Red Cross provided added support.

## Ultimate Frisbee Competition



10 a.m.  
Saturday and  
Sunday at the  
base football field.

Prizes awarded for first, second and third place.

- Teams may consist of 13 players
- \$50 entry fee
- Rules will be given out at signup

To sign up Senior Master Sgt. Cook at 606-9325

## Breakers Dining Facility closure

Breakers Dining Facility closes June 1 due to renovations, which are scheduled to last approximately six months.

Consolidated dining will be in the Beachcomber Dining Facility at Building 9190 on Nevada Street in the 381st Training Group Area.

The schedule for meals is listed below.

### MONDAYS - FRIDAYS

**Breakfast:** 5-6 a.m. (AETC students only)  
6-8 a.m. (All personnel)  
**Lunch:** 11 a.m. - noon  
(AETC students only)  
12:30 - 2 p.m. (Permanent Party, TDY)  
1 - 2 p.m. (Retirees)  
**Dinner:** 4:30 - 7 p.m. (All personnel)  
**Midnight:** 11 p.m. - 1 a.m.  
(All personnel)

### WEEKENDS, HOLIDAYS DOWN-DAYS

**Brunch:** 6 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
(All personnel)  
**Supper:** 4 - 6 p.m. (All personnel)  
**Midnight:** 11 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
(All personnel)

## BRIEFS:

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### 321ST REUNION

A reunion is scheduled from August 13-15 at Grand Forks AFB, N.D. for all

former members of the 321st wing or group.

For more information visit the Web site at [www.gfservices.com/321/](http://www.gfservices.com/321/). Anyone that was assigned to the wing or associated units is invited to attend.

## ALCON: Normal

A general condition reflecting responsible alcohol use

AADD saves: **132** DUI totals for the year: **9**  
Days since last DUI: **6**

30th OG	0	30th SW	1	614th SOPG	0
30th MSG	3	14th AF	0	381st TRG	3
30th MDG	1	30th LCG	0	576th FLTS	1

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# COMMANDER ON CONSOLE

## 101 Critical Days of Summer right around corner

By COL. FRANK GALLEGOS  
30th Space Wing commander

The HAWKS vectors are a clear way of sharing our priorities for this great wing. One of the most critical vectors is the 'S' in HAWKS because safety affects everything we do on a daily basis and can make the difference in whether we are mission ready or not.

The 101 Critical Days of Summer starts on Memorial Day and continues throughout the summer. We all know that with the increase in daylight hours and warmer temperatures, most of us will venture outside this summer to enjoy many different activities, some of them dangerous. If you choose to ride a motorcycle, go boating, or any myriad of activities, be an expert with your hobby and be SAFE!

You need to be an expert because statistics show that warmer weather brings an increase in safety incidents related to outdoor recreation and vacation travel. Let's see if we can all focus on making sure we get through the summer without mishap either on the job or during time off.

I challenge each of you to think about and prepare for the activities you undertake this summer with the goal of reducing incidents and

### 30th Space Wing vectors

Unleash **L** human talent  
**A**irmen  
**W**ing mission  
**K**nowledge to command the future  
**S**afety

accidents. Use the following simple guide as a personal mishap prevention plan. It's as simple as identifying and following your operational risk management techniques.

First, be aware of and expect change involving the activities you participate in. Then match and assess the risks associated with that change and adjust attitudes and behaviors accordingly. You know yourself best, so trust your intuition. If something doesn't feel right, then it probably isn't, take a step back and reassess. And finally, remember to always look out for each other and take care of your team.

Sometimes when we're in the middle of something, we may not see the danger it presents to ourselves and those around us, that's when we all need a buddy to step in to help out.

By evaluating potential risks and talking about how to handle the pressures that can cause us to take unnecessary risk, we have a better chance of preventing mishaps.

People are the single most important factor for mission success and we all share the responsibility of keeping our Air Force family safe. Stay safe this summer! Go HAWKS!

### Commander's Action Line

Call 606-7850  
or  
E-mail your message to  
actionline@  
vandenber.af.mil



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.

## Asian allies fighting terrorism

By 2ND LT. PHILLIP DOBBERFUHL  
1st Air and Space Test Squadron

While sensationalized stories concerning American military members are splashed across the headlines of U.S. news outlets, we hear very little of the countless contributions to the fight against terror made by our allies across Asia.

With May being Asian-Pacific Heritage Month, I thought it appropriate to highlight the major impact our Pacific pals provide.

The most prominent participation is probably the troops sent to directly support our operations in Iraq. More than a dozen Asian and Pacific Island locations have their sons and daughters serving along side our soldiers.

The list of contributors includes South Korea – the largest non-United States or British contingent of troops, the Philippines – who are also actively engaged in battles with homegrown Al Qaeda affiliates, and Japan – who supposedly doesn't even have a military.

As with the Philippines, many Asian/Pacific countries are taking on terrorists operating within their borders.

Terror schemes against U.S. and local interests have been thwarted in Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines and Singapore. Including these countries, at least 10 Asian nations have confirmed Al Qaeda leaders in custody.

Not only has Asia assisted through military and police actions, but the region's commitment to alleviating terror-producing conditions also remains unmatched.

Asian funding for reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan and Iraq surpasses that from every other region of the world, excluding the United States.

Also, trade between the Middle East and Asia has increased the financial freedom of a new class of capitalists, causing pressure from this growing middle class on governments to implement more and more democratic reforms.

Further, Asian political support for governmental responsiveness, social reform,

and peace-producing initiatives in the Middle East has helped our efforts tremendously.

As a result of the U.S. and Asia toiling together to target the long-term causes of terrorism, since 2001 10 countries in Southwest Asia have held or plan to hold some form of popular election.

Freezing the funding of terrorist financiers in Asia has crippled the command structure of Al Qaeda.

Libya has given up its weapons of mass destruction, and the WMD programs in Iran and Pakistan have been opened to the scrutiny of the world.

Turkey is closer than ever before to European Union membership, which requires transparent, stable governments based on democratic principles, and Lebanon has an EU Association Agreement.

As we celebrate Asian-Pacific Heritage Month, let us remember the countless contributions to the stability and safety of the U.S. and the world made by our resolute partners in the Pacific.

**Q:** I'm calling in regard to the accident waiting to happen just outside the Lompoc gate. There are multiple guards at this gate, but often there are only a couple of guards there and the line gets backed up to the point of cars being stopped just on the east side of the final hill. With the speed limit being 45 mph on Pine Canyon Road, there is not enough time to slow down and usually cars just dart onto the shoulder and pass the line.

Not only is that illegal, but it is an accident just waiting to happen. Something needs to be done about this, not to mention that it causes those who use this gate to be late to work.

I've had to wait as long as 30 minutes to get in the gate.

**A:** Thank you for your concern on the traffic issues at the Lompoc Gate. Our security forces squadron will continue to send multiple guards during peak hours to alleviate long waits at this gate.

Also please understand that the Lompoc Gate is the single delivery gate for our installation. If you choose to use this gate, you are susceptible to delays because of the time it takes to conduct searches of the large delivery vehicles.

If possible, try another gate in the morning and let me know if you encounter a significant delay on a regular basis.

Check out our on-line news at  
[www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/news](http://www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/news)

## HAWKS'

### Point of View

"What do you think about the recent allegations of prisoner abuse in Iraq?"



"Terrible it happened. I know it is being looked into to ensure it does not happen again." – Senior Airman Tanisha Pingel, 14th Air Force

"The inappropriate actions of a few should not overshadow the overwhelmingly positive effect our troops are having in Iraq." – Capt. Mike Manor, 14th Air Force



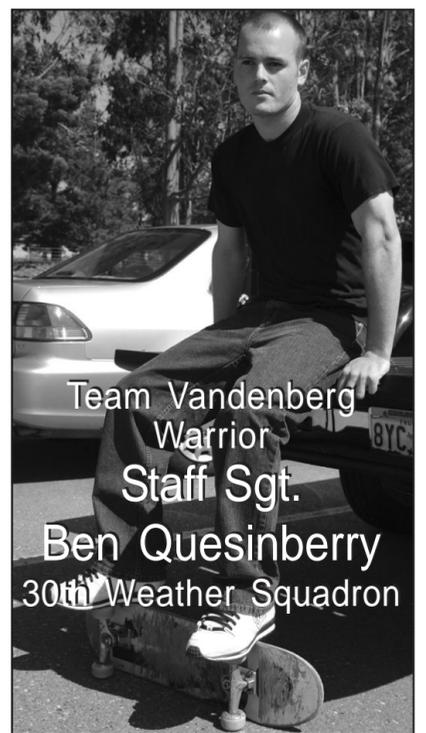
"If you break the Geneva convention you suffer consequences." – Airman Kyle Fidel, 30th Space Communications Squadron

"I am saddened by the events. Disappointed in the military members that they would treat others that way." – Tech. Sgt. Denny Brantley, 30th Medical Group



**Hometown:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Time in service:** 4 years  
**Time on station:** 1 year  
**Role in mission:** Weather Forecaster  
**How do you contribute to the wing mission?** I contribute to the mission by providing operational weather support for all Western Range ballistic and spacelift activities.  
**What do you like best about the Air Force?** I love working with people from various backgrounds. It makes work more enjoyable and everyone learns from each other's experiences.  
**If you could change one thing about the Air Force what would it be?** I would replace our flight caps with something a little more professional and easy to wear. It's really embarrassing to wear it off base, especially if the wind picks up and you have to chase it across the parking lot.  
**How do you fulfill the Air Force core values?** I think the three core values are summed up by the last one, excellence in all we do. If we are excellent in everything we do then the first two values are naturally fulfilled. If I'm forecasting the weather, working on extra duties, or just wearing my

uniform, I make sure that that I'm doing it to the best of my ability and then I strive to do it a little better next time.  
**What's the most exciting experience you've had so far in the Air Force?** The best experience I've had was my tour to Camp Humphreys, Korea. It was a lot of fun working with Army aircrew and flying in Chinook and Blackhawk helicopters. Although I had a great time, experiencing the Army lifestyle really made me glad that I chose to enlist in the Air Force.  
**How would you improve life at Vandenberg?** I would keep the base gym open until 11 p.m. every night.  
**Who is your role model and why?** My dad is my role model because he showed me that no matter how much we mess up we can always turn our lives around.  
**Who is your favorite leader in history and why?** King Kamehameha because he united the Hawaiian islands and brought peace among the fighting clans.  
**Favorite movie:** The Passion of the Christ  
**Hobbies:** Surfing, skateboarding, and working on my car



Team Vandenberg  
Warrior  
Staff Sgt.  
Ben Quesinberry  
30th Weather Squadron

PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS MATTHEW REED

**Hometown:** Mesa, Ariz.  
**Time in service:** 16 years in the military, 5 months as a civilian worker  
**Time on station:** 5 months  
**Role in mission:** Range Weather Forecaster  
**How do you contribute to the wing mission?** I contribute to the wing mission by providing current and forecasted weather to the launch team.  
**What do you like best about the Air Force?** The Air Force takes care of it's own.  
**If you could change one thing about the Air Force what would it be?** Though there is much emphasis on teamwork, there is also a tremendous amount of focus on individualism; such as, doing extra duty to get a bullet on a performance report, or to get promotion points. There seems to be a lot of unnecessary pressure on people.  
**How do you fulfill the Air Force core values?** Integrity is an intangible that is natural to me. I expect to be to work on time, do the best I can, and admit and

get assistance when there is difficulty or something I don't understand.  
**What's the most exciting experience you've had so far in the Air Force?** Exciting it may not have been, but my most memorable experience was my deployment to Kuwait.  
**How would you improve life at Vandenberg?** I haven't been here that long to say with any certainty.  
**Who is your role model and why?** My dad. He has a great attitude about life even after a major accident paralyzed him. He keeps doing whatever it takes to make life more enjoyable.  
**Who is your favorite leader in history and why?** Right now, I'd say President George W. Bush. He isn't afraid to go after evil-doers and is willing to take risks, even though they may be unpopular by the majority.  
**Favorite movie or book:** Don't have a favorite movie or book, but I like most science fiction.  
**Hobbies:** Travel, reading, writing, hiking, running, aviation and Sunday football

Team Vandenberg  
Warrior  
Paul Wendt  
30th Weather Squadron

PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS MATTHEW REED

"Take a bite out of crime!"



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS MATTHEW REED

Vandenberg celebrated the beginning of Police Week with a parade through base housing and barbecue at the Base Exchange parking lot. Static displays, such as weapons, a fire engine and horses were set up in the BX parking lot. Tyler Vail, 4, and Austin French, 3, pose with McGruff the Crime Dog during the barbecue Monday.

## Crimebeat...

COMPILED BY SENIOR AIRMAN HARRIS JOHNSON  
30th Security Forces Squadron

### May 10

#### Wrong answer! – 9:08 a.m.

A patrolman stopped a non-base affiliated civilian on Casmalia Rd for suspicious activity. The driver appeared to be under the influence of an unknown substance and when asked if he was on any drugs or medication, he said he had just done a line of methamphetamine earlier that day. Santa Barbara County Sheriffs were dispatched to scene where they took the driver into custody.

### May 11

#### Wrong place, wrong time! – 1:20 p.m.

A non-base affiliated civilian approached Santa Maria Gate with a heavy odor of an unknown substance emitting from his vehicle and no credentials to enter the installation. A patrol was dispatched to the location where the driver consented to a search of his vehicle, which yielded two glass pipes. Security

forces investigations responded and tested both pipes, which were positive for cocaine and marijuana residue. The driver was cited and released for drug paraphernalia.

### May 12

#### Coast gate drive thru? – 4:25 a.m.

A non-base affiliated civilian reported she had been in an accident at Hwy 246 and Coast gate. Patrolmen discovered the vehicle 60ft inside the installation, and buried in heavy vegetation. The driver stated she and her passenger were not injured. The gate sustained minor damage.

### May 13

#### Minor vehicle accident – 5:40 a.m.

The Santa Maria gate sentry reported a minor vehicle accident at his location. A civilian



employee operating a tractor-trailer struck the outbound barrier while exiting the installation. The driver was not injured and the barrier sustained minor damage.

### Minor vehicle accident take two – 8:20 a.m.

The Lompoc gate sentry reported a minor vehicle accident at his location. A civilian employee stated while making a u-turn her tractor-trailer struck the gate barrier. The driver was not injured and the gate sustained minor damage.

### The junk yard dog! – 12:19 p.m.

An anonymous caller reported a canine located in housing appeared to be neglected. Patrolmen deemed the canine well cared for; however, in need of grooming. The Airman's first sergeant was briefed due to the unsatisfactory condition of the yard and home.

## This week in history...

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

### May 16

1955 – "USAF" marking is approved for use on aircraft wings.

### May 17

1919 – The War Department ordered use of the national star insignia on all planes.

1954 – In a major civil rights victory, the U.S. Supreme Court hands down an unanimous decision in Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, ruling that racial segregation in public educational facilities is unconstitutional. The historic decision, which brought an end to federal tolerance of racial segregation, specifically dealt with Linda Brown, a young African-American girl who had been denied admission to her local elementary school in Topeka, Kansas, because of the color of her skin.

### May 18

1918 – American day bombardment aviation began at Amenty Airdrome, France.

1980 – At 8:32 a.m., Mount St. Helens, a volcanic peak in southwestern Washington, suffers a massive eruption, killing 57 people and devastating some 210 square miles of wilderness.

### May 19

1919 – Master Sgt. R.W. Bottrill made the first

free back-type parachute jump.

1943 – British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and President Franklin Roosevelt set a date for the cross-Channel landing that would become D-Day-May 1, 1944.

### May 20

1951 – Capt. James Jabara became the first Air Force jet ace.

1969 – After 10 days and 10 bloody assaults, Hill 937 in South Vietnam is finally captured by U.S. and South Vietnamese troops. The Americans who fought there cynically dubbed Hill 937 'Hamburger Hill' because the battle and its high casualty rate reminded them of a meat grinder.

### May 21

1927 – American pilot Charles A. Lindbergh lands at Le Bourget Field in Paris, successfully completing the first solo, nonstop transatlantic flight and the first ever nonstop flight between New York to Paris. His single-engine monoplane, The Spirit of St. Louis, took off from Roosevelt Field in New York more than 33 hours before.

1956 – First known airborne hydrogen bomb explodes over Bikini Atoll.

### May 22

1934 – The Mackay Trophy awarded to Capt W.T. Larson for developing instrument takeoff and landing procedures.

# Around the Air Force

## Demographics report available

■ **RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** — Air Force Personnel Center officials recently published the quarterly demographics report offering a snapshot of the service's active-duty and civilian force as of Dec. 31.

The report outlines information regarding the Air Force's 372,305 active-duty airmen and 139,083 civilian employees, such as age, sex, race and education level.

The complete list of demographics can be found on the Web at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/pubaffairs/release/2004/01/Jan04demographics.htm>.

## Pilot helps boy breathe easier

By DORIS JOHNSON  
Air Armament Center Public Affairs  
■ **EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla.** — If you ask Blake Henderson, a young boy from nearby Niceville, to tell you who Capt. James Dykas is he will most likely reply, "my pilot," with a look of ownership and pride. But it was not until recently that the two met.

When Blake was born four years ago, he underwent heart surgery for congenital defects. Last year, he and his grandparents were trying to overcome Blake's latest battle — lung disease.

"Blake needs a lung transplant, but it's too risky right now; we have to wait till he gets older," said Fred Henderson, Blake's grandfather. "As part of his treatment he takes four nebulizer treatments a day."

The treatments became a problem when Blake would not stay still to hold the plastic applicator in his mouth.

His grandparents talked to him about why he needed the treatments, but Blake was still opposed, scared of what the mask felt like on his face.

Losing hope, his grandparents looked for something, anything, to get Blake to accept the treatments without a struggle.

Capt. James Dykas turned out to be just what they needed. He is a B-1B Lancer pilot and flight safety officer for the 37th Bomb Squadron at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D.

Captain Dykas's mother, Lina, works in the same office here as Mrs. Garmon and kept a picture on her desk of her son sitting in the cockpit wearing his helmet and oxygen mask.

"Around August, Rae was talking with me one day in my office. She saw the picture of James and noticed how much his oxygen mask resembled the mask Blake uses," the captain's mother said.

Mrs. Garmon took the photo home, explained to Blake that "Captain James" was a real pilot and that he wore his mask to

breathe better. Blake connected. In what seemed like an instant to his grandparents — who had faced months of combat — Blake accepted the treatments.

"When my mom sent me the picture of Blake with his nebulizer on, holding the picture of me (in) his lap, it was one of the most moving things I had ever seen," Captain Dykas said. "I had no idea that any of this was going on and it was incredible to think that a simple picture could make a difference."

Captain Dykas returned from overseas the week before Christmas and decided to add to his connection. The day after Christmas, Blake received a most welcome present, "Captain James" — as Blake calls him — in the flesh.

"I'm learning that the things you do, no matter how small they may seem at the time, can help in more ways than you can ever consider," Captain Dykas said.

He added that Blake has also taught him a personal lesson.

"I'm humbled that someone like Blake, who has been through more adversity in his life than I've ever known, admires me," Captain Dykas said.

With a picture of hope, Blake settled into a good routine and is showing great signs of stability, according to his grandparents.

"When you look at him, he is just a regular child who loves to play and have fun," Mrs. Garmon said. "I've almost forgotten how hard things were."

## Rocket test stand gets facelift

■ **EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif.** — The rocket test stand used more than 30 years ago for Apollo Moon-mission F-1 rocket engine production testing has been modernized and is ready for use.

Test Stand 2-A is the only Department of Defense stand capable of performing full-scale rocket thrust chamber development testing in the 750,000-pounds-of-thrust class. Its primary use is for the development testing of advanced rocket engine turbomachinery and combustion components, but it can be used for numerous high pressure and flow-rate propulsion systems.

The testing of next-generation rocket engine components on Test Stand 2-A is intended to provide more reliable, lower-cost, and higher-performance rocket engines for tomorrow, said officials here.

## Airmen restoring old mosque

By TECH. SGT. JEFFREY WILLIAMS  
506th Air Expeditionary Group  
Public Affairs

■ **KIRKUK AIR BASE, Iraq** — Among a landscape filled with tree stumps, old barbed wire, concrete and rebar, airmen from the 506th Air Expeditionary Group found a

hidden jewel — an old building in desperate need of repair.

Thanks to base chapel, contracting and civil engineers leaders, and with the help of a large volunteer base, a 35-year-old Sunni mosque will soon be used again after having been abandoned for several years.

"A project like this with lasting impact generates the best in Air Force volunteerism," said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Gary Garvey. "Finding a mosque is like finding a jewel. This is something that will last for a long time."

The mosque was "discovered" by Capt. Geary Pyles, a 506th Air Expeditionary Group contracting officer, who asked Chaplain Garvey on Dec. 19 if it was possible to renovate the mosque.

Chaplain Garvey contacted Lt. Col. Dave Bossert, the 506th AEG deputy commander for support, the next day and asked for approval to restore the mosque. Colonel Bossert gave his approval immediately.

For Tech. Sgt. David Minzie, from the 506th ECES and deployed here from Andrews Air Force Base, Md., helping is a chance to leave his mark.

"I figure that when I leave here, this is going to be one of my marks," Sergeant Minzie said. "When I get on the airplane, this is one thing that I'll remember. It's something I'm passionate about. We are making a difference in the lives of Iraqis."

Colonel Bossert is impressed with the enthusiasm that embraces this project.

"This mosque is really important," he said. "You could see it on everyone's face. We are making the statement to the Iraqi people that we respect them."

"We do this because we respect the Iraqi people as human beings," Colonel Bossert said. "We know what they faced when Saddam Hussein was in power. We want to help the Iraqi's return to normalcy and freedom and are giving them that."

## New GPS satellite operational

■ **CAPE CANAVERAL AIR FORCE STATION, Fla.** — Global Positioning System satellite IIR-10, which launched from here Dec. 21, is now fully operational.

"It is officially 'turned on' for the warfighter as of Jan. 12," said Capt. Thomas R. Ste. Marie, an Air Force launch controller with the 1st Space Launch Squadron here. "IIR-10 will appear on GPS user sets as the number 22 and is visible locally from 10:41 p.m. to 4:56 a.m. today. Each day, the time window slips four minutes ahead."

This particular satellite has replaced another that began running low on power. It is expected to provide military, commercial and civilian users worldwide with increased positioning and timing accuracy for the next 10 years.



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. SEAN COBB

**CAMP SATHER, Iraq** — Staff Sgt. Dan Schiro (left) sets up an X-ray shot of Staff Sgt. Fitzroy Munroe's hand using a field portable X-ray unit. Sergeant Schiro is a medical technician with the 447th Expeditionary Medical Squadron. Sergeant Munroe is a dental technician with the squadron. He is also stationed here with the 30th Medical Group.

## Medics provide multifaceted care

By MASTER SGT. SEAN E. COBB  
447th Air Expeditionary Group  
Public Affairs

■ **CAMP SATHER, Iraq** — Medical technicians here are perfecting the art of multitasking.

Although they receive initial training in a variety of jobs, at a home base the technicians are usually only assigned one job at a time, said Master Sgt. Bill Wnek, the 447th Expeditionary Medical Squadron's nursing services superintendent.

The technicians' jobs here include: emergency room and trauma-ward duties, ambulance response service, aeromedical evacuations, immunizations program and X-ray duties among other things.

"In a combat environment, we don't have the luxury of staying within our specialties — we need to branch out and help everywhere we can," Sergeant Wnek said.

During mass casualty incidents the squadron accepts overflow patients from other medical facilities in the area, Sergeant Wnek said.

"We expand our care facilities and bring everyone in to work when that happens," he said.

Airmen who can proficiently and professionally perform so many services are a testament

to their training and dedication to do whatever it takes to care for people, said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Gary Benedetti, the squadron's chief of medical staff and an orthopedic trauma surgeon.

"I have to do very little in the form of supervision," Dr. Benedetti said. "I'm impressed with their abilities and trust them because they work together as a team to make sure everything is done."

Although the medical technicians are performing tasks smoothly, it does not mean it is easy, said Staff Sgt. Restie Mangiliman, a 447th EMEDS medical technician.

"At first it was kind of hard because at (Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.) all I do is patient care," he said. "Here, we do a whole bunch of duties."

"The (medical technicians) are an enthusiastic group," said Maj. (Dr.) Li-ing Chang, a 447th EMEDS general surgeon.

Performing ambulance services is one area of immediate concern for training when a new rotation of medical technicians arrive, said Tech. Sgt. Sterling Castillo, a 447th EMEDS independent-duty medical technician.

Because response times have to be quick when people's lives are at stake, trainers familiarize medical technicians on locations they are responsible for, and they train them on radio procedures and basic emergency-care duties, Sergeant Castillo said.

"These guys already know

(emergency medical technician) basics," said the sergeant, who has run an ambulance section before.

The ambulance training proves invaluable when making aeromedical evacuation runs, Sergeant Castillo said.

Frequently, the medics only receive a couple of minutes notice to pick up patients from aircraft, usually at night during blackout conditions, with rotors and propellers still churning.

"It can be unnerving," Castillo said. "No one wants to mess anything up. Your adrenaline is pumping — the noise is deafening, and we have people in pain who need help quick."

On occasion, the medical technicians are required to assist in the operating room, a duty normally conducted by another medical career field — operating room technician.

"Things move quickly in an operating room," Dr. Benedetti said.

"The first time in an (operating room) can be intimidating, sometimes there's a lot of blood and gore," Dr. Benedetti said.

"These (medical technicians) have worked so well, we actually rotate them in so they all get the experience."

"These technicians perform as well as people at any major hospital trauma center in the states," he said.

# From base security to traffic enforcement 30th SFS: Does it all

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

*Editors note: To celebrate police week I asked to ride along with a patrol for a swing shift to see exactly what goes on during an evening with the 30th Security Forces Squadron.*

The day begins at 2 p.m. when Bravo flight arrives at the 30th Security Forces Squadron headquarters to arm up and receive their briefing for the swing shift.

The armory begins issuing assigned weapons for B flight's 8 to 10 p.m. 'tour of duty.' The flight chief reviews events of the previous shift and any policy information to pass on to flight members.

At 2:30 p.m. flight members fall in for guard mount and official assignment of posts.

After that they headed for their respective duties. Security forces members are responsible for guarding critical resources areas, entry control and patrols. I rode with Staff Sgt. Ben Ahrens and Senior Airman Andrew Bensen.

Our first duty of the day was to stop traffic for the buses coming from Vandenberg Middle School.

Airman Bensen said it's necessary for the buses because if they didn't stop traffic it could take the buses up to 30 minutes to get into the base.

Once finished, we headed to one of the gates and relieved a gate guard for a few minutes.

"It's important to look out for the

guards at the gates," Airman Bensen said. "They don't have the luxury of leaving their post. We try to make sure the gate guards have everything they need."

Back on patrol again, I asked about the different kinds of stops they had to do. Both agreed that a major accident was their least favorite, due to the amount of paper work and time involved.

As luck would have it, we got a call to respond to an accident involving a forklift. As we approached the scene, Sergeant Ahrens said because a government vehicle was involved this would be considered a major accident even though no one was injured.

He explained that when doing an accident report everything must be documented.

"We measure the skid marks, road and forklift. Then we take measurements from stationary objects for use as reference points."

Sergeant Ahrens said once the information is gathered he'll use the measurements, rough sketch and specific calculations to make a detailed sketch of the accident, determine possible action of the driver as well as contributing factors.

Once Sergeant Ahrens and Airman Bensen finished their initial assessment of the accident we went back on patrol.

They each agreed that the patrols are important for the safety and security of the base.

"The patrols have two main roles,"



PHOTOS BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS BRYAN FRANKS

(Above) Senior Airman Andrew Bensen and Staff Sgt. Ben Ahrens go over the measurements from an accident. The numbers are used to calculate possible speeds and determine cause of the accident. (Right) Airman Bensen approaches a vehicle during a traffic stop.

Airman Bensen said. "We are law enforcement and we provide support for our security force members on the gates."

Next we headed out to conduct traffic enforcement on Highway 1. As we watched the cars go by you could see the drivers slow down after seeing the patrol car sitting quietly in the dark on Highway 1.

"It's funny," Sergeant Ahrens said. "Once they see us they'll slow down for the next 15 minutes, even if we're the only patrol unit on the road."

When asked what one of his pet peeves is when making a traffic stop, Airman Bensen said when cars buzz him.

"After we make a stop the lights on the patrol car tell passing drivers to move over into the other lane to make it safer for the patrolman, but sometimes they don't. Cars sometimes go by only a foot or two from where I'm standing. It's just not safe."

Sergeant Ahrens echoed his sentiments but said drinking and driving is his biggest pet peeve.

"There's no excuse for it," he said. "I've been on three traffic fatalities here and they all involved alcohol."

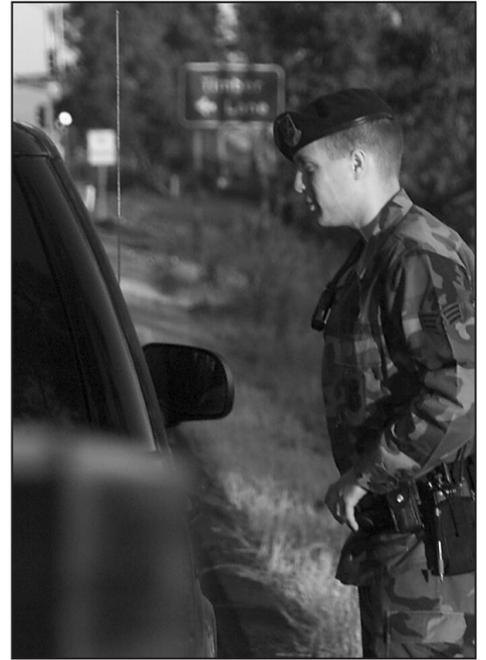
Everyone seemed to be driving close to the posted speed limit so they remained alert for other traffic violations.

They said it was a way to check out drivers.

"You never know who you might stop," Sergeant Ahrens said. "They may have six out standing warrants and no one would know if you didn't stop the car for lights being out on a license plate."

We were more than six hours into the shift when a call came in. Apparently a 911 hang up call came through and we went to investigate. The call had been a result of a computer glitch and nothing eventful happened for the rest of the night.

Near the end of the shift the patrolmen make sure their vehicles are ready for the upcoming shift and wait for the call telling the patrols to return for debriefing.



It's now 11 p.m. and the swing shift is complete.

For the most part the shift was uneventful but it kept us busy enough to make the night go by fast.

"An uneventful night is a good night," Sergeant Ahrens said.



Patrol units use radar as back up when writing a speeding ticket.

## May Fitness Day event, times

Vandenberg's Fitness Day 2004 is today. This event is for all Team V members. To sign for individual or team events stop by the fitness center for more information.

### FITNESS DAY EVENTS:

**Horseshoes** – 9 a.m. at the outside track.

**Roller Hockey** – 9 a.m. at the outside track.

**Disc Golf** – 9 a.m. at the outside track.

**Home Run Derby** – 9 to 10:30 a.m. at softball field 1.

**Tug-a-truck** – 9 to 10 a.m. at the outside track.

**Championship Soccer Game** – 9:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the track.

**Dizzy Bat** – 10 to 11 a.m. at softball field 2.

**Speed Climb** – 10 to 11 a.m. at the outside track.

**1 Pitch Softball** – 11 a.m. at softball field 1 and 2.

**Sack Race** – 11:30 a.m. to noon at the track.

**4 x 100 Meter Race** – 11:30 a.m. to noon at the track.

**3 Legged Race** – noon to 12:30 p.m. at the track.

**Office Olympics** – noon to 1 p.m. at the library.

**100 Meter Dash** – noon to 12:30 p.m. at the track.

**Sit-up/Push-up** – 12:30 to 1 p.m. at the track.

**Wheelbarrow Race** – 12:30 to 1 p.m. at the track.

**Football Throw** – 1 to 2 p.m. at the track.

**Championship Basketball Game** – 1 to 2 p.m. at the gym.

**Bench Press** – 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the outside track.

**Golf Chipping Contest** – 2 to 3 p.m. Outside Track

**Dodgeball** – 2 to 3 p.m. Gym

**Tug-a-war 2 Way** – 2 to 2:30 p.m. Track

**5K Race** – 2:15 to 3 p.m. Outside Track

**Tug-a-war 4 Way** – 2:30 to 3 p.m. Track

**Egg Toss** – 2:30 to 3 p.m. Track

**Field Goal Kick Contest** – 3 to 4 p.m. Track

**Simon Says** – 3 to 3:30 p.m. Track

**Hula Hoop** – 3:30 to 4 p.m. Track

## It's game time!



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS BRYAN FRANKS

**James Cunningham, 30th Wing Staff, waits on the pitch from Andy Moran, National Reconnaissance Office. NRO defeated the Wing Staff 22-18 during the opening week of intramural softball Wednesday.**

**OLYMPICS**

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Squadron is a volunteer veteran who has supported the Special Olympics for the past seven years.

"I had a cousin with Downs Syndrome that passed away in 1996," the captain said. "She was only 16. So my participating in the Special Olympics allows me one day out of the year to truly remember and celebrate the joy for life she had."

Captain Lofton said volunteering was a humbling and educational experience.

"I always learn something new when I get involved with different events," he said.

"You never know what surprises lie around the corner or what gifted person you may encounter."

"For the athletes, the Special Olympics show that they can do whatever they put their minds, hearts and efforts into."

"For the escorts involved, I think it provided an experience that reminds them not to take things for granted," Captain Lofton said.

All of the athletes got the opportunity to participate in events like shot put, softball throwing and races on the track. The athlete's categories ranged from children ages eight to 15 on up to adults aged 30 and over.

Although not everyone won a first place medal, everyone involved was a winner, said Captain Lofton.

"The athletes overcome huge obstacles to do the things that many of us consider 'not a big deal,'" he said. "I personally believe that every athlete in Special Olympics deserves a gold medal for nothing more than the effort they put into competing in the events."

The closing ceremonies ended with every athlete getting recognized and words of appreciation for the people who supported the event.

Special Olympics coordinator, Capt. Mike Mench, 576th Flight Test Squadron spoke highly of Team V's support for the games.

"Base personnel have been incredibly busy the past few weeks, but once again Team Vandenberg stepped up to support this wonderful event," he said.

"Today we focus on the athletes," said Col. Frank Gallegos, 30th Space Wing commander. "Hopefully the athletes and volunteers will take away memories that will last a lifetime."

The athletes who won top slots in the games will go on to compete in the Southern California Special Olympics. From there they will go on to the national and then international games.



Joseph Womack receives a high five from an onlooker after taking first place in the 50-meter dash.

PHOTOS BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS MATTHEW REED

Team Vandenberg hosts Northern Santa Barbara County

# Special Olympics



(Left) Steven Gorense heaves a ball across the football field during the shot put event. (Right) Kenneth Tilzey wins a gold medal during the 400 meter race. He also ran the 100 meter race and competed in the shot put competition.



Jose Quintero radiates with joy after stomping out the competition and taking third place in the standing long jump.



Staff Sgt. Kimberly Drake, 30th Space Communications Squadron, eats lunch with athlete Jeremy Merano. More than 350 Vandenberg Airmen volunteered time to support this event.

# Destinations

# CENTRAL COAST

SPACE & MISSILE TIMES

May 21, 2004

## Small Atascadero zoo gives visitors close look at animals

By MASTER SGT. LLOYD CONLEY  
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

With the current heat wave in full force, staying in the house was not an option. My journey took me to a rather unusual place about 70 miles north of here.

The Charles Paddock Zoo in Atascadero is the perfect place to visit while touring the Central Coast. The zoo sits on five acres in Atascadero Lake Park. It's located a mile and a half west of Highway 101 on California Highway 41.

The zoo has more than a hundred animals visitors can observe in naturalistic settings. The small size of the establishment is organized in a way that allows visitors to get up close and personal with animals without sacrificing safety. The vegetation at the entrance and throughout the zoo adds to the aesthetic atmosphere as well as providing much needed shade for animal and human alike on balmy days.

A small waterfall and life size metal sculpture of a tiger just inside the entrance to the left greets visitors.

For its size, the zoo has a good variety of animals. The different types, particularly the primates, are grouped together but spread out. The smaller primate cages are immediately to the left as you pass through the gate. As my wife and I approached a porcupine's cage, the marmosets in the one next to it lined up side by side to gaze at us.

The porcupine, on the other hand, showed no interest in us and stayed in the cool shade. As we moved on, we encountered some tropical birds perched on branches without cages. The children found this amazing and stopped to gaze at and touch a grey parrot.

Other birds on branches were a Moluccan Cockatoo, a pair of blue and yellow macaws and a pair of red and yellow parrots.

As we moved to another section of the zoo, spider monkeys seemed to be aware of the visitors and displayed their lengthy arms and legs as they moved along the bars of their cage.

Rounding the cages we came upon a fenced area containing an emu, a large flightless Australian bird. But it was the only emu in the area. There were several of what we initially thought were kangaroos. The kangaroos turned out to be wallabies. The Australian animals are related to kangaroos but are much smaller.

A new resident to the conservation center is a rare, but shy and jittery, red panda. The large raccoon-sized animal is native to the mountainous band in Southeast Asia from Nepal through northeastern India and Bhutan and into China, Laos and northern Myanmar.

There was also an interesting wooden sculpture of a bear carved in a log near by. Other animal residents of the conservation center are Vietnamese



PHOTOS BY MASTER SGT. LLOYD CONLEY

Parrots greet visitors to the Charles Paddock Zoo in Atascadero.

pot bellied pigs and Pygmy goats.

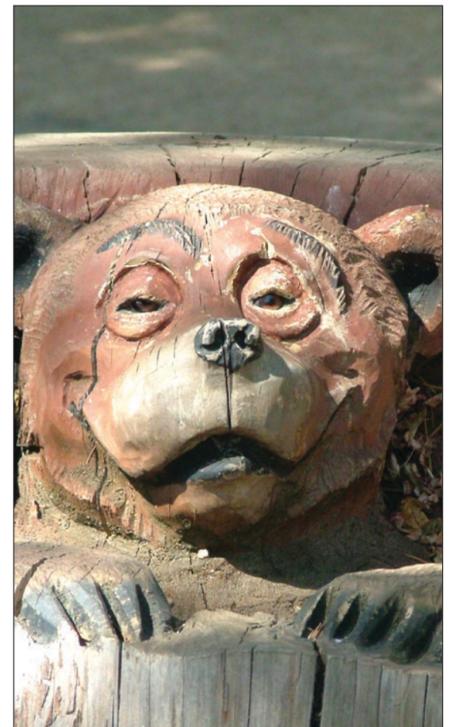
The largest caged space in the zoo, and rightfully so, was reserved for a pair of Indonesian Tigers. These two creatures were lounging on the rocks trying to stay cool. My wife tried to call them near by saying, "Here kitty kitty." One of them did raise its head and reposition itself. But were I reading the features on that big cat's face, I'd have to say I was glad to be on this side of the cage.

We visited the gift shop afterward and bought some stuffed animals – tigers.

The Charles Paddock Zoo is located in Atascadero on Highway 41, a mile and a half west of Highway 101. Operating hours are: April 1 to Oct. 31, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Nov. 1 to March 31, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3 to 15 and \$2.25 for senior citizens. Call (805) 461-5080 for details.



"I'm not a fox!" - A rare red panda is native to Southeast Asia, but is shy on the Central Coast.



A bear is carved into a log at the zoo.

## Community Calendar

**21 FRI** **New CLEP testing** — The education office has 14 tests available for the new CLEP eCBT paper-based exam. Call 605-5904 to schedule an appointment or for further questions.

**Volunteers needed** — for career day at Orcutt Junior High School from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. May 28. Volunteers are also needed for career day at Lakeview Junior High School from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June 3 and 4. Volunteers may help out for as many days as they'd like. Volunteers will be asked to conduct formal job interviews for students. To volunteer, call Public Affairs at 606-3595.

**Baby Meet** — needs a new volunteer coordinator. Baby Meet offers discussion and socialization for expectant parents and those with babies, newborn through two years old. Call 606-0039 for more information.

**Playtime for Tots** — needs a new volunteer coordinator. The playgroup is for children ages two through five. Call 606-0039 for more information.

**Library volunteer tutors** — the Lompoc Public Library Adult Reading Program seeks volunteers to work with English-speaking adults who want to improve their basic reading and writing skills. Call (805) 735-7323, ext. 16 for more information or to register.

**Volunteers needed** — Lompoc's Community Kitchen needs volunteers to cook and serve dinner to about 100 community members in need. Dinners are served at 5 p.m. Fridays. 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 the fall. The fares include no advance-purchase requirements and no change fees.

Call (800) 433-7300.

**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.

**24 MON** **Volunteers Needed** — The family services loan closet and the airman's attic programs need volunteers between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mondays and Fridays. Volunteers can work full, half or one-hour days. Call family services at 606-5484 or 606-4225 for more information.

**G.I. Java birthday bash** — At G.I. Java Saturday. Open house begins from 5 to 9 p.m. Movies will be shown from noon to 4 p.m. All base personnel are invited to attend.

**Computer resource room** — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through

Friday in the family support center for customers needing to access the Internet for job searches, relocation assistance, or to stay in touch with family separated because of military service.

**Newcomer's Orientation** — 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday at the Pacific Coast Club. Free childcare is available as well as a \$10 lunch voucher. Call 606-0039 for reservations.

**Office Closure** — The family support center is closed 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Mondays for training. Call 606-0039 for emergencies.

**Relaxation room** — 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Vandenberg HAWC. Call 606-2221 for an appointment.

**25 TUE** **Disabled American Veterans** — Mobile service operations are held at 9 a.m. Tuesdays in the Veterans Memorial Bldg at 108 East Locus Street in Lompoc. Call Dan Contreras at (310) 477-

2539 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 734-0452 for more information.

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

**26 WED** **Special needs information network** — 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every third Wednesday at the base library. Call 734-2282 for information.

**Santa Maria Camera Club** — meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of the month at the Arbor View Retirement Center. Call (805) 934-9709.

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

**27 THUR** **American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics luncheon** — 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the Pacific Coast Club. Call John Morris at 605-1309 or 291-2974 for information and ticket. The deadline for purchasing tickets is Monday.

**Memorial Day meal** — will be served during brunch at Breaker's and Beachcomber dining facilities.

**Asian-Pacific American Heritage Banquet** — 6 to 9:15 p.m. June 4 at the Pacific Coast Club. For more information on purchasing tickets, call Airman 1st Class Felicia Williams at 606-6179.

**Golfers needed** — 10:45 a.m. with sign in and lunch and a shotgun start at 11:30 a.m. June 18 at Marshallia Ranch Golf Course. Call 606-3595 to sign up and provide name, organization, duty phone and handicap/average.

## Movie Corner

### BASE THEATER

**THE WHOLE 10 YARDS PG-13**  
7:00 P.M. TONIGHT,  
**THE ALAMO PG-13**  
7:00 P.M. SATURDAY  
**HOME ON THE RANGE PG**  
2:00 P.M. SUNDAY

**Hi-Way Drive-in**  
Santa Maria Ph. 937-3515

**SHREK 2 PG**  
**VAN HELSING PG-13** DAILY 8:20 P.M.

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

### Movies Lompoc

**VAN HELSING PG-13**  
DAILY 4:00-7:00-9:30 SAT-SUN 1:00  
**TROY R**  
DAILY 3:30-4:30-7:00 -8:00 SAT-SUN 12:00-1:00  
**MAN ON FIRE R**  
DAILY 4:00-7:00-9:30 SAT-SUN 1:00

### Movies Gemini

**SHREK 2 PG**  
DAILY 3:30-5:30-7:30-9:30 SAT-SUN 11:30-1:30  
**MEAN GIRLS PG-13**  
DAILY 4:30-7:00-9:00 SAT-SUN 11:30-2:00

### Parks Plaza Buellton

**SHREK 2 PG**  
DAILY 2:15-4:45-7:15 FRI 9:30 SAT-SUN 11:45-9:30  
**MEAN GIRLS PG-13**  
DAILY 2:15-4:45-7:15 FRI 9:30 SAT-SUN 11:45-9:30  
**TROY**  
DAILY 3:30-7:00 SAT-SUN 12:00  
**VAN HELSING PG-13**  
DAILY 4:00-7:00 FRI 9:30 SAT-SUN 1:00-9:30

General Admission \$7.50; kids and seniors \$5.50; All shows before 5:30 p.m. \$5.50  
Movies and times subject to change.

## Chapel Services & Events

Call 606-5773 for other denomination worship services and events.

### 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 11:30 a.m. Gospel, Chapel 2	<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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**Know how to make a Caramel Frappuccino?**

Volunteers are needed at the G.I. Java. Call 606-5773 for details.



# 30th Services News

## FAMILY CHILD CARE

### PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY

• Today •  
Events begin at 6:30 p.m.  
Services Center

Let your Child's provider know how much you appreciate them and the care they provide to your child.

We invite all staff, parents and significant others to come out and celebrate.



Contacts: Verna Brown, CDC, 606-1555, Gwen Jones, FCC 606-3255, Karen Cook, SAP/YC, 606-2151.

## LIBRARY

**Dial-A-Story:** To hear this week's story, "The Farmer Who Found Happiness" call the Dial-A-Story at 606-4300. Stories are available 24/7, and are updated every Friday.

**Reading Patch Club:** Next meeting is May 28, 5 p.m. This month's theme is pirates and sailing. For more information on how kids grades 2 to 5 can get involved, please call 606-6414.

**Road Map Exchange:** If you are taking a trip and would like to have a roadmap before you get there, stop by and check out the Road Map Exchange at the Base Library. Call 606-6414 for more information.

## YOUTH CENTER



**SATURDAY • 10 a.m.**  
**Fitness Center • FREE**  
You must register on line -  
Computers are available at  
Youth Center, Fitness Center,  
and Services Center.

**Kids** **FREE T-Shirts** **Adults**  
for all participants

Sign up at [www.americaskidsrun.org](http://www.americaskidsrun.org)  
hit registration at bottom, then: Programs,  
Vandenberg, Appropriate Age, and follow  
directions.

Adults: sign up Fitness Center, 606-3832.

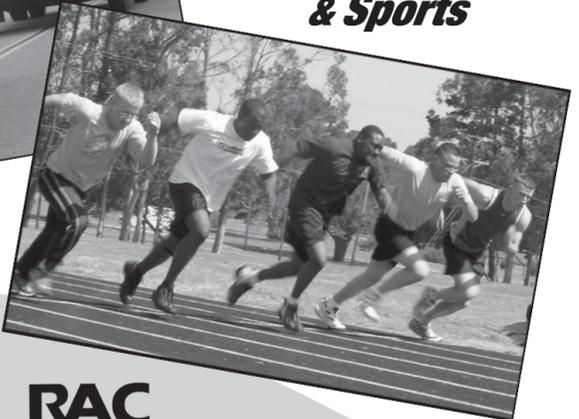
## V A F B F I T N E S S C E N T E R



Opening Ceremonies at 9 a.m.

**Today!**  
**Come on out**  
**for a full day of fitness fun!**

Team Sports, Games,  
Demos and more...  
Make sure to take  
part in the fun!  
Sign up for the  
individual and  
team events  
at the  
Fitness Center.



AF SERVICES  
**Fitness & Sports**

Sign up for these great games!

- Golf Chipping Contest
- 1 Pitch Softball
- Tug-a-truck
- Dodgeball
- Tug-a-War 2-way
- Tug-a-War 2-way
- Egg Toss
- Dizzy Bat
- Bench Press
- 100 Meter Dash
- Field Goal Kick Contest
- Home Run Derby
- 4x400 Meter Race
- Speed Climb
- Simon Says
- Sit-up/Push-up
- Sack Race
- 3-Legged Race
- Wheelbarrow Race
- Disc Golf
- Football Throw
- Hula Hoop
- 5K Race
- Horseshoes
- Roller Hockey
- Championship Football Game
- Championship Soccer Game
- Championship Volleyball Game
- Championship Basketball Game
- Office Olympics

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**It's coming**  
**JUNE 1st!**

AROUND THE WORLD IN NINETY DAYS



## PACIFIC COAST CLUB

TONIGHT! • E-Lounge • 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**Unfinished Business**

The Best of 60's  
Rock & Roll

Live music!

**Art Auction**

Coming June 5<sup>th</sup>

Brought to you by  
Park West Gallery & the Pacific Coast Club  
Your opportunity to bid on a wide selection of  
Fine Art, Sports Memorabilia, Animation Art and more...

Check out next month's Tracker for more details  
or contact the Pacific Coast Club at 606-3330.



**HIP HOP • Old School • R&B Night**  
18 & over • E-Lounge 9pm to 3am with DJ

**SATURDAY!**