



Base Briefs

TAX CHANGE

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has recently signed a bill changing California law that will benefit all non-resident military families that earn income in California. Under the new bill, military income of non-California residents will no longer be included in calculations for California State tax purposes and its retroactive to 2000. To obtain refunds, military non-residents and their spouses must file amended California state tax returns. The tax office is available to help with these amendments. In some circumstances refunds can be hundreds of dollars. Call the base tax office at 606-3650 between 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays.

TOWN HALL MEETING

A town hall meeting takes place at 7 p.m. Oct. 25 in the base theater to discuss plans to privatize Vandenberg's housing.

VIOLX RECALL

Anyone currently taking Vioxx should stop taking the medication and call their health care provider for an alternative therapy. Call the 30th Medical Group pharmacy at 606-7440 for further information.

RETIREMENT

Master Sgt. Daniel Cook, 576th Flight Test Squadron, retires at 11 a.m. Oct. 15 in building 8314. Call Maj. Stephen Kravitsky 606-2509 for more information.

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Vandenberg's Pass and Registration office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays and 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays. Call Senior Airman Leann Katz at 606-1853 for more information.

CAC APPOINTMENTS

Vandenberg's Military Personnel Flight requires members to make an appointment to receive a common access card. To make an appointment, open Microsoft Outlook and go to "All Public Folders." Then go to "Vandenberg," then to "30 MSS." Under "CAC Computer 1 or 2," find an open appointment time and date. Members who need to change their CAC pin don't need to make an appointment.

TUITION INCREASE

California has increased the enrollment fee for its community colleges from \$18 per unit to \$26 per unit. Students must go to any Allan Hancock College location to clear the bill. Do not ignore the bill.

Team V prepares for heavy deployments

By CAPT. TODD FLEMING
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Vandenberg Air Force Base is preparing to deploy a sizable percentage of the base as part of Air Expeditionary Force 3 and 4 with the deployments starting in December.

The base has already received about 150 taskings and that number is expected to increase dramatically in the coming months, said Mike Ulin, the installation deployment manager. The base has about 800 Airmen who are postured to deploy.

"It is important that our Airmen are ready to deploy until the end of their AEF window, even if they haven't yet received a tasking," Mr. Ulin said. "We'll receive taskings even into the actual January to May AEF cycle and our folks need to be ready to go."

The majority of the base's deployment obligations are in two of the five air expeditionary "buckets;" 3 & 4 and 7 & 8. That means the base is heavily deployed eight out of every twenty months since there are ten AEFs. But, the base does receive some out of cycle taskings that are either rolled forward or backward. Vandenberg currently has about fifty people that were deployed out of cycle, Mr. Ulin said.

The vast majority of deployments will likely go to the Central Command area of responsibility in the Middle East, said Ulin.

"I'm really looking forward to this opportunity," said Airman 1st

Class Kurt Gibbons, a photographer with the 30th communications squadron tasked to deploy to Iraq. "This is my first deployment and I can't wait to get out on the front line."

The base has started to increase the frequency of exercises to ensure everyone is prepared to deploy.

"For each AEF cycle, there is a couple month preparation period before the actual deployment window," Mr. Ulin said. "We start to get ready before the prep period through exercises and record reviews to make sure everyone has what they need."

Ulin stressed that it is the responsibility of every airman to ensure they are ready to deploy.

"The unit deployment managers are important," Mr. Ulin said. "They are there to assist our Airmen in getting ready to deploy. If you have been tasked to deploy, I highly recommend that you meet with your deployment manager at the earliest opportunity."

"This is an exciting opportunity for Airmen on our team to get out on the front line and help the war effort as many have already done. We promise to take every opportunity to make sure our Airmen are ready for the challenges they'll face," said Col. Frank Wolf, 30th Space Wing vice commander. "And to those who do not get an opportunity to go this time, remember that our mission here is also absolutely critical as we fight the war on terrorism."



Senior Airman Jaime Lessard, 30th Space Communications Squadron, checks a gas mask for Staff Sgt. Ron Hill, 30th SCS. Everyone on an AEF in the 30th SCS is required to check their deployment equipment periodically.

Fire Prevention



Local Vandenberg children swarm like bees to honey to grab the candy that was thrown by firefighters in the Fire Prevention Parade Tuesday that went through base housing. See more on Fire Prevention Week turn to Page A5.

PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS KURT GIBBONS

Space badge unites space professionals

By STAFF SGT. JENNIFER THIBAUT
Air Force Space Command Public Affairs

Air Force Space Command made history this week with the unveiling of a new space badge in front of a standing room only crowd at the Strategic Space 2004 Convention in Omaha, Neb.

The new space badge, part of Air Force Space Command's senior leadership's continuing vision and push to unite the command's missions and specialties, will reign in place of the current Space and Missile functional badge, worn by both space and missile operations professionals, said AFSPC Commander, Gen. Lance Lord.

"The new badge will be awarded only when our people have mastered the skills necessary to help lead and shape our space and

missile missions," he said.

The badge qualification process according to the General will be "rigorous." "Our space badge will be earned, not awarded. Our people must demonstrate performance in addition to completing a required training program."

The new badge also replaces the missile operations occupational badge, more commonly known as "the pocket rocket," currently worn by those in the missile operations career fields.

The 2001 U.S. Space Commission Report, assessing U.S. National Security Space Management and Organization, flagged DoD's need to further train and develop its space

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CFC campaign kicks into high gear

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The Combined Federal Campaign season in which federal employees have the opportunity to donate to a large

number of charities will run until Nov. 12 in the Central California Coast region.

"This is an important time of year," said Col. Frank Wolf, 30th Space Wing vice commander. "It is a wonderful

opportunity for us to give back to the community through the many worthy charities that make up the Combined

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Board promotes five Airmen early

Congratulations to the following Team Vandenberg Airmen on their promotion to senior airman. These Airmen met the qualifications of the 4rd Quarter 2004 Senior Airman Below-the-Zone Board and will be promoted six months prior to their normal effective promotion date. The promotees are:



Airman 1st Class Honey Beekhuysen, 30th Operation Support Squadron
Airman 1st Class Cristina Gutierrez, 30th Mission Support Squadron

Airman 1st Class Tara Johnson, 532nd Training Squadron

Airman 1st Class Jisun Kang, 30th Contracting Squadron

Airman 1st Class Gina Vela, 30th Comp-trollers Squadron

Seven make grade to staff sergeant, two make tech

Congratulations to the following Team V members on their promotion to staff sergeant and technical sergeant:

Staff Sergeant
Damon Snead, 614th Operations Support Squadron
Daniel Sarandos, 30th Logistic Readiness Squadron
Zachary Burt, 30th Security Forces Squadron
Miguel Larkin, 30th SFS
James Marshall, 30th SFS
Michael Rapp, 30th SFS
Stephen Rogacki, 30th SFS
Technical Sergeant
Joseph Ilesley, 30th SFS
Jeff Jurgensmeier, 30th Space Wing

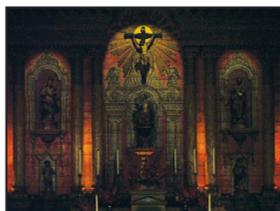
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Team Vandenberg children have a Space Day at the base track. See Page A5.



Destinations Central Coast goes south to the Santa Barbara Mission. See Page B1.

Weekend forecast
Cloudy Saturday and partly cloudy Sunday.



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

BADGE:

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 professionals. The report set the stage for an increased emphasis on training our nation's next generation of space professionals. Air Force Space Command also identified the need to capture the individual talents of its space community – across operations, engineering, scientific research and acquisitions specialties in officer, enlisted and civilian ranks.
 There may be apprehension by some new badge wearers, particularly those in the missile operations career field, who will have to retire their distinctive "pocket rocket," the missile operations occupational badge. The badge, which has existed in some form since the 1950s, has tremendous historical significance and, for some, is just as important to the missile culture as performing the job itself.
 "I am proud of our tradition," said Capt. Aaron Greaver, 21st Operations Support Squadron, whose missile background includes being a missile combat crew commander at the 321st Missile Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo. "If wear of the missile badge were discontinued, it would be unfortunate."
 These concerns have not escaped the longest serving ICBM officer on active duty – General Lord, who began his Air Force career 35 years ago at Grand Forks AFB, N.D. as a Minuteman II Combat Crewmember.
 "Missiles are in my DNA," said General Lord. "I grew up in the missile business."
 After serving four years of Minuteman II ICBM alert duty, General Lord's missile experience continued when he served as a

MAJCOM evaluation member for two years, missile operations staff officer for three years, commander of the 10th Strategic Missile Squadron, Malmstrom AFB, Mont., vice commander of the 351st Strategic Missile Wing, Whiteman AFB, Mo., and commander of two ICBM wings in North Dakota and Wyoming, respectively.
 "There was a tremendous amount of thought given to all aspects of creating this space badge," said General Lord, "including the very rich and proud heritage of the missile badge which remains for all time."
 One of the General's top priorities is to build a robust group of space professionals with a strong sense of 'space culture' and, with a number of career development initiatives already underway, General Lord said the command is on its way to fulfilling this goal.
 For General Lord, however, a variety of different specialty badges worn by members of the Air Force space community served as a reminder that we are not yet identifiable as one team.
 "The timing is right to create a new, lasting symbol that unites all members of both the space and missile career fields. This will prove to be a symbol all can be proud to wear," said General Lord.
 The all-inclusive badge follows the historic redesign of the Air Force symbol and implements a new, enduring symbol that communicates the unique role of space in military operations, said General Lord.



"As the Air Force symbol changed to reflect a more modern, agile and technologically advanced force, so does the new space badge," said Staff Sgt. Jerome Wesley, 21st Operations Support Squadron, who's been a space operator throughout his nine years in the service.
 Some think the new badge design has a more operational feel to it.
 After seeing the new badge design, Captain Greaver said, "The new space badge is definitely distinctive and non-traditional. I think the new badge will stand out from the current functional and operational badges and present a more operational flavor."
 The new badge maintains the heart of the current functional space and missile badge but has wing like protrusions on both sides, similar to "aviation wings."
 "I think there are similarities due to the wings displaying outward, however, there are enough differences in both not to get them confused with one another," said Sergeant Wesley.
 "Now more than ever, our nation's security relies on space dominance. In that spirit, it is indeed time for our space professionals to become as recognizable as our other warfighting components," said General Lord.
 The new badge is more inclusive and reflective of the entire spectrum of space professionals as it will be awarded to personnel in the following space billets: Space operations career fields, 13SX

(officers) and IC6XX (enlisted) Scientific/research, 61XX Developmental engineering, 62XX, Acquisition, 63XX
 "As we continue to move our space professionals forward in providing the best possible support to our Air Force mission, we must look for ways to unite the many outstanding men and women within the community of space professionals," said General Lord. "Just as pilots wear the same badge, whether they fly fighters, bombers, tankers or transports, all very distinct and different missions, our space professionals should wear the same badge to reflect the unity of their mission and capabilities."
 Rigorous qualifications for earning the new badge are expected to correlate, as a minimum, to the development of the new space professional education courses: Space 100, Space 200 and Space 300.
 "The foundation for space professional development is a continuum of educational courses spread throughout one's career," said Col. James Hutto, Jr, AFSPC Chief of Force Development and Readiness. "These courses are designed to bring space professionals together several times during their careers in order to stay current on evolving missions, technologies and capabilities and to prepare the individual for the next level of responsibility."
 Now that the badge has been approved, it will be another six to nine months before the badge is actually on the shelf. The badge still needs to be processed through the Air Force uniform board, Institute of Heraldry and be mass-produced by the manufacturers.
 No date has been set for mandatory wear. More details are expected within the next 30 days.

CFC:

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 Federal campaign."
 Vandenberg has targeted October 15 as the date in which everyone will have been contacted and provided with a CFC form, said 2nd Lt. Precious Washington, Vandenberg CFC project officer.
 "We're off to a good start," Lieutenant Washington said. "We're over 50 percent right now on our contacts and we expect that number to increase dramatically over the next few days."
 Last year, federal workers donated nearly \$250 million during the campaign, with about \$150,000 of that coming from Vandenberg, Lieutenant Washington said. The Vandenberg goal this year is for donations to exceed what the base gave last year.
 The campaign was established in 1961 and is the largest workplace charity campaign in the country. On average, according to CFC officials, nearly one in four federal employees or their family members will benefit from CFC charities this year alone.
 Donations can be in cash, check or by payroll deduction.
 "This is really for every one of us," Lieutenant Washington said.



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30th OG	2	30th SW	1	614th SOPG	0
30th MSG	6	14th AF	0	381st TRG	5
30th MDG	1	30th LCG	0	576th FLTS	1

A general condition reflecting responsible alcohol use.
 AADD saves: **220**
 Days since last DUI: **60**
 DUI totals for the year: **16**



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COMMANDER ON CONSOLE

Commander answers base wildlife concerns

Q: I'm writing as a mother of three young children living on base. We moved to Vandenberg in late May and were soon aware of the vast wildlife on base, particularly the numerous coyotes.

The information we received from both the base (in-processing, housing literature, etc) and from other residents was that the coyotes were no threat to humans, only small animals.

However, a story on Inside Edition last night, along with some subsequent research on my part, paints a different picture (see <http://www.varmintal.com/attac.htm>).

A little boy three-years old was just attacked by a coyote in his backyard in Simi Valley, Calif. in June.

I think this issue needs to be addressed in the base paper that attacks can (and do) occur and include preventive measures for parents to take to ensure the safety of their young children on base.

I believe this is an especially hot topic for the base community, as the coyotes roam freely within the base housing area and have been seen by many residents to travel in packs of three.

A: Thank you for sharing your concern. In those very rare instances where coyote attacks do occur, in nearly all cases the animal involved has become accustomed to obtaining food from people.

Coyotes, like other wild animals, are naturally wary of people. But when this intelligent and adaptable animal discovers it can get food from people more easily than by hunting on its own, the animal can become a nuisance or even become dangerous.

This problem is sometimes created directly through intentional feeding of wildlife, but it can also occur when trash containers are left uncovered or pet food is placed where wild animals can get to it.

Our region is in a drought condition this year, increasing the likelihood that coyotes and other animals will come into inhabited areas in search of food and water.

The following measures should be taken by all base residents to avoid problems with coyotes and other wild animals:

- Do not feed wildlife. Feeding wildlife is prohibited on Vandenberg. Feed pets indoors, keep trash containers securely covered and keep pet doors closed at night.

- Supervise young children closely. An adult human is a larger "animal" than most coyotes will approach closely. Most attacks on children have occurred when children became separated from the adults supervising them.

- If you have a backyard birdbath or water source, make sure it is off the ground and out of reach.

- Protect your pets by bringing them indoors at night. Elsewhere on base, pets must be on a leash and under physical control at all times.

- Never approach a wild animal, especially if it may become cornered.

If in spite of these precautions you see a coyote or other wild animal approaching too closely or if the animal appears to be ill or injured, call the 30th Security Forces Fish and Wildlife wardens at 606-6804 or the Law Enforcement desk 606-3911. I would also like to add that no instances of coyote attacks on humans have ever been documented at Vandenberg. Following these precautions can help keep it that way.

When coyotes pursue their natural prey of rodents and rabbits, they help keep prey populations in check and thus serve an important role in the environment.



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS KURT GIBBONS

Col. Frank Gallegos, 30th Space Wing commander, reminds everyone how important Combined Federal Campaign is by signing his form Oct. 1.

Commander's Action Line

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

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.

Enthusiasm: definitely a force multiplier

By Lt. Col. John Schaeufele
100th Logistics Readiness Squadron

The single most important ingredient to any successful organization or operation is pure enthusiasm that comes from within the people of winning teams. Some refer to it as passion, while others call it attitude. But it all starts with one person within a group who believes in a goal and a vision.

That person's contagious spirit sparks a reaction within the organization and soon everyone believes. Then great

achievement and success are inevitable.

I sometimes refer to a simple formula for success that I've used for many years. "Time, plus tools, plus training, plus attitude equal success." I attribute this formula to retired Gen. Wilbur L. "Bill" Creech.

The point I see in this formula is the Air Force owes its people time, tools and training. Yet everything leadership does to ensure success is fruitless unless we are passionate about what we're doing and have that winning mental attitude so vital to

success.

Passion is about beliefs. It is manifested within our minds and given action by our bodies to be carried out in our spirits that attract others to our feelings, ideas and values. So how do we spark the passion within ourselves and those with whom we associate?

We start by getting to know ourselves and those closest to us.

Have you ever watched as a team of star athletes fails to win because they didn't perform well together? The reason is that while each athlete knew his or her personal strengths, they failed to

understand how a unit performing together is greater than the individual strengths of its members.

Supervisors should know what they are good at and what they are not good at.

They also need to constantly assess their teammates to focus on the strengths and encourage a winning attitude.

By doing so, they uncover the passion within the team. Remember, enthusiasm is contagious, and having an attitude of "one wins, we all win" will produce organizations that

perform greater than single units or individuals.

Unleashing passion brings success. Also true is that excessive criticism demoralizes a team. Child physiologists teach that children become what we tell them they are. Encouragement and praise raise self esteem; focusing on individuals' weaknesses lowers it.

The lesson here is "don't spend time focusing on your faults or the faults of others." Recognize strengths and encourage them.

A great team is a unit where

members know the weakness of their mates but provide support and encouragement that build up every member and raise the overall level of team performance.

Our Air Force leaders, as in every successful organization, are looking for ways to gain a decisive advantage and give us the time, tools and training necessary to gain success in battle today and in our vast future. It is up to each of us to find within ourselves and our teammates the passion, that positive winning attitude. That will guarantee success.

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Point of View

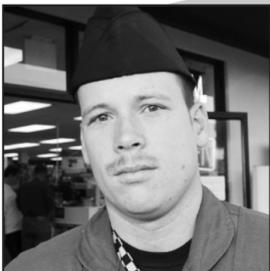
"What did you think of the new AEF rotation?"



"It is a reflection of the shift in the demands of man power overseas." - 2nd Lt. Robin Markham, 392nd Training Squadron



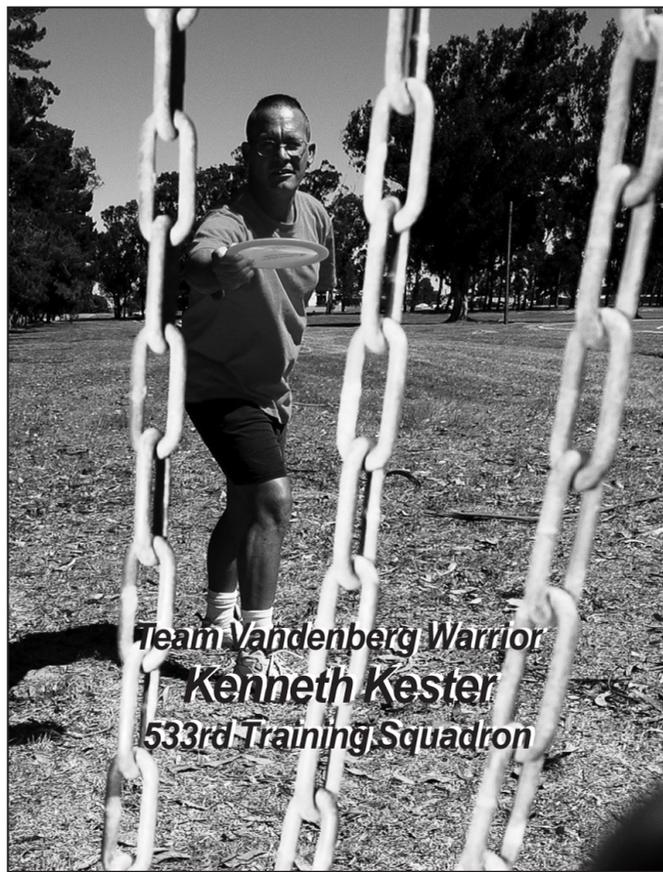
"My initial deployment to Vietnam was 15 months and I extended 4 times up to 5 years. I think it's a beautiful thing to deploy." - Marcus Dawson



"I wish I could deploy but my job won't let me." - Tech Sgt. Coy Crowe 14th Air Force



"It's alright. It's what we do, and we're about to go out again." - Senior Airman Taulbee McGinnis, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron



Team Vandenberg Warrior
Kenneth Kester
533rd Training Squadron

PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS KURT GIBBONS

Hometown: Decatur, Illinois
Time in service: 10 years active duty, 10 years civil service
Time on station: 2.5 years
Role in mission: I'm a training manager.
How do you contribute to the wing mission? We train the best space operators in the world.
What do you like best about the Air Force? I like the family-like quality.
If you could change one thing about the Air Force what would it be? The number and importance of inspections needs to be lessened.
How do you fulfill the Air Force core values? Core values have become a part of my daily life in all that I do.
What's the most exciting experience you've had so far in the Air Force? My four year tour at Eielson AFB, Alaska.
How would you improve life at Vandenberg? I would build up the base disc golf course.
Who is your role model and why? Rodney Dangerfield because we both "get no respect."
Who is your favorite leader in history and why? Martin Luther King Jr. because his vision was ahead of his time - still a ways to go today.
Favorite book: Any book dealing with crime, CSI, etc.
Hobbies: Hiking, biking, rock climbing, fishing, disc golf, beach volleyball, just about anything to do outdoors.

Keep your eyes to the skies over Vandenberg to see the following acts, air show teams and fly-bys:

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The Best Come West

Oct. 30 and 31 on the Vandenberg Flightline

- F-16 Tac-demo team from Hill AFB, Utah
- F/A-18 Tac-demo team from Naval Air Station Lemoore, Calif.
- A-10 West Coast Tac-demo team
- T-6 Tac-demo team
- F-16, A-10 & P-51 Heritage Flight team
- F-18, F-8F & F-4F Legacy Flight team
- Patriot jet team
- Eddie Anderini in his YAK 3
- Bill Cornick in his S-2C Pitts
- Dave Nash in his 540 Edge
- Rob Harrison in his Zlin 50
- Julie Clark Air Shows
- Tim Weber Air Shows
- Bill Stein Air Shows
- B-2 fly-by
- F-22 fly-by

Crimebeat...



SENIOR AIRMAN HARRIS JOHNSON
30th Security Forces Squadron

Sept. 26
I brought you in to this world – 7:56 p.m.
An Airman's spouse reported a verbal dispute between herself and her son in base housing. A 30th Security Forces Squadron patrolman contacted the mother who said her 12-year-old son refused to listen to her. Patrolman counseled both parties on scene and no further action was taken.

Sept. 28
Stop, show ID, then go – 8:08 a.m.
A World Wide Security employee reported a vehicle entering Santa Maria Gate without proper credentials or authorization. 30th SFS patrols stopped the vehicle and spoke with the driver (civilian employee) who said he thought the gate guard signaled him to enter. The individual was briefed on proper entry procedures and released.

Sept. 29
Losing time – 7:40 p.m.
An Airman reported his 15-year-old daughter missing in base housing. Patrolman spoke with the Airman, who said his daughter was missing for two hours and was only supposed to be gone running for 30 minutes. Patrols conducted a base wide search but minutes later the teenager arrived home unharmed. When asked what happened, she said she lost her watch along the trail and was looking for it.

Sept. 30
Kiss and make up – 1:20 p.m.
Fire dispatchers reported a possible altercation in base housing. Responding patrols spoke with an Airman who said her and her spouse were experiencing marital problems and were only

having a verbal dispute. The Airman's first sergeant was notified and took control of the situation.

Oct. 1
Can't get good help – 11:26 a.m.
An Airman reported damage to government property at his home on Ocean View. He said a moving company came to drop off furniture and backed into his mailbox causing minor damage. Patrols arrived on scene and took a statement from the driver.

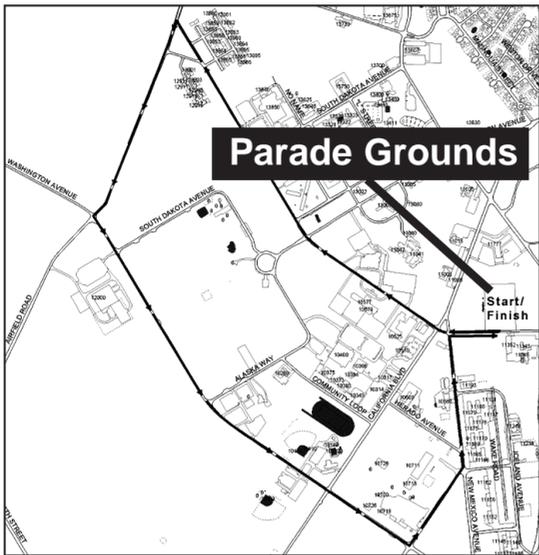
\$2.97/Gas and Go – 11:03 a.m.
A 30th Services Squadron employee reported an individual receiving \$2.97 of gas without paying. Patrolman stopped the vehicle and spoke with the driver. The driver said he was having difficulties with the pump and did not realize he pumped any gas. He returned to the gas station and rendered payment for the gas.

Ride by shooting – 4:30 p.m.
An Airman's spouse reported her son being shot by a paint ball gun in base housing. Patrols arrived on scene and spoke with the juvenile who said he was riding his bicycle to a friends house, when he was shot in the arm by an unknown and unseen individual. 30th SFS investigators were notified and are looking into the incident.

Oct. 2
Check yourself – 11:26 a.m.
A civilian employee reported verbal altercation at the base commissary. Patrols arrived on scene and spoke with the two cashiers involved. Both said the verbal dispute was over scheduling issues and no physical contact was made. The employees were briefed on their behavior and released.

Wing Run

Fit to Fight Fun Run begins at 7 a.m. Oct. 19 at the parade grounds. The 5k run is open to all active-duty members, dependants and civilians. The route will cause delays from 6:45 a.m. to 9 p.m. and all Vandenberg personnel should plan

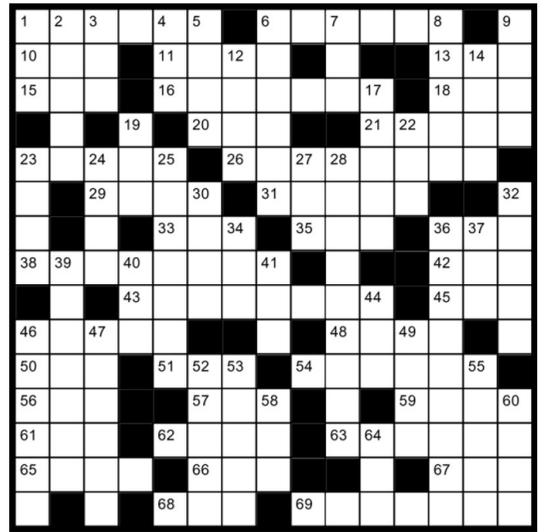


In the Pacific

By 1ST LT. TONY WICKMAN
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

- ACROSS**
- PACAF base in Japan
 - PACAF base in Korea
 - Mil. operation performed since 9/11
 - Continent within PACAF AOR
 - Internet provider, in short
 - Oklahoma town
 - Type of arrest?
 - USA opponent in Civil War
 - ALS, ABC, NCOA, SOS, etc.
 - Gloves
 - Plane flown by 3 WG at 28 DOWN
 - PACAF base in Guam
 - Entertainment presented between the acts of a show
 - 1939 Oscar winner *Over the Rainbow* composer
 - Period
 - Paramedic, in brief
 - Friend
 - Dispensable
 - Bullring cheer
 - Colorless liquid used in synthetic rubber
 - Law
 - John Wayne movie
 - Actress Moore
 - Simpson trial judge
 - USA foe 1954-1975
 - PACAF base in Japan
 - 102 to Caesar
 - Football stat
 - Competent
 - Ring results
 - Andy's boy in Mayberry
 - Leg bone
 - Again
 - Airport abbrev.
 - Decay
 - A Gershwin
 - PACAF station in Hawaii

- DOWN**
- Flightless bird
 - Country within PACAF AOR
 - Body of water
 - Mil. organization in WWII
 - Quickly!
 - PACAF base in Japan
 - Fed. organization concerned with arts
 - Mother-of-pearl
 - Sigh of woe
 - Cook expert who wrote *The Joy of Cooking*
 - PACAF base in Korea
 - Punctuation mark
 - Everything
 - Branch of DoD



- Paradise
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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

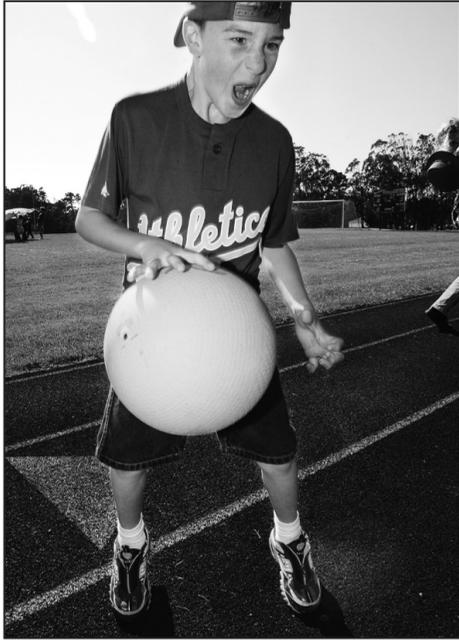


Kid's Space Day



PHOTOS BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS KURT GIBBONS

Local children play under a giant parachute during Kids Space Day Oct. 1.



Above: Eight-year-old Justin Driver is the picture of intensity as he bounces a ball on Kids' Space Day. Top right: Seven-year-old Sarah Bell races on an unconventional chariot. Right: Two-year-old Nicholas Willis does his best Michael Jordan impression.



Team Vandenberg celebrates National Fire Prevention Week

By TIM JOHNSTON
Fire Inspector

■ The Vandenberg Fire Department is dedicated to observing fire prevention week this year by promoting the theme "Test your Smoke Detector." The plan is to raise our public's awareness on preventing and or identifying fire situations.

Every year, fire kills approximately 6,200 people and injures nearly 100,000 more. With early warning devices and a regularly practiced home escape plan, your family can make a safe escape. The Vandenberg Fire Department recommends that you practice and implement the following:

Protection

Always purchase approved smoke detectors. Have enough detectors so that at least one can be installed per floor. It's best to have a fire detector located on the ceiling just outside each bedroom door.

If the detector is inside the bedroom, it should be installed in the center of the room. It is very important to test the smoke detectors on a monthly basis and immediately replace weak or dead batteries. Remember your family's lives depend on it.

Planning

The Vandenberg Fire Department recommends the following guidelines to help you and your family develop a home escape plan:

- ◆ Gather your family together and draw a floor plan of your home. Mark all windows and doors.

- ◆ Plan two ways out of every room. The first way should be the door; the second way out could be a window. Make sure windows open

easily. Doors and windows with security bars need to be equipped with quick-releasing devices that everyone can operate. If you live in a multi-level building, use the stairs, never the elevator, in case of fire.

- ◆ Choose an outside meeting place (i.e. neighbors house, a light post, mail box, stop sign) a safe distance in front of your home, where everyone can meet after they've escaped. Make sure to mark the location on your plan.

- ◆ Go outside to see if your street number is clearly visible from the road.

- ◆ Have everyone memorize the emergency phone number 911.

- ◆ Tell guests or visitors to your home about your family's fire escape plan.

- ◆ Be fully prepared for a real life fire. When a smoke alarm sounds, get out immediately!

Practice

Your entire family should practice drills such as operation EDITH (Exit Drills in the Home) and Operation Dan (Drill at Night) at least every six months. You should strive to make them as realistic as possible and each drill should be unannounced.

Timing the drill may also be helpful to determine if a faster escape route to safety is needed.

Elect one person to lead the drills (if possible, let every responsible family member have a turn leading the drill)

The leader should create different situations for the drills. The drill leader should trigger the fire alarm and call out different hazards and fire locations.

Make sure everyone understands how the fire location affects his or her routes.

Choose a location in front of

your house as a safe place to meet. The safe meeting place should be included on your home escape plan. The drill leader is the only one who should leave the safe place to call the fire department.

Stage a stop, drop, and roll. Repeat these sessions until everyone understands the method

Always discuss your plan with any babysitter.

If a Fire Breaks Out!

Do not waste valuable time getting dressed or gathering personal items.

Crawl to the door and feel it with the back of your hand. If the door is hot, do not open it – use your alternate escape route.

If the door is cool and you do not see smoke, brace your body against the door and open it carefully.

If the hall is clear of smoke, poisonous gases and hot air, proceed quickly but cautiously. Help children, elderly and those with special needs out first. If the window is used as an alternate escape route, always exit feet first, while sliding out on your stomach.

If the escape window is on the second floor, slide out on your stomach, hold on to the sill with both hands and lower your self as far as possible. Let go of the sill and drop to the ground bending your knees.

Once you're out, stay out; under no circumstances should you ever go back into a burning building. If someone is missing, inform the fire department dispatch when you call 911. Firefighters have the skills and equipment to perform rescue!

If you have any further questions please feel free to call the fire prevention office at 606-4680.

Master the Manual

How smart are you when it comes to items covered in AFMAN 10-100, the Airman's Manual? If you would like to test your mobility and deployment knowledge, then this is the challenge for you. Read the following question and see how READY you are. You have one day to respond. So tackle your opportunity to shine, here's a question from the airman's manual:

What are the four R's in discovering a UXO?

If you know the answer email it to Airmans.manual@vandenberg.af.mil, and who knows what rewards may result from your efforts.

30th SFS outgun 576th FLT in flag football opener

By Staff Sgt. Chuck Walker
30th Space Communications Squadron

Five years and counting – that's how long it has been since the 30th Security Forces Squadron have won the base championship in flag football. And according to player/coach Frank Beeler, the last time they had a viable quarterback.

This year maybe the search for the quarterback and the title is over.

Cops quarterback Kevin Toles passed for 282 yards and four touchdowns to lead them to a 26-13 victory against the 576th Flight Test Squadron in the National League opener for both teams on Tuesday night.

Toles threw touchdown passes of 25, 53, 44 and 51 yards, completely overwhelming the 576th secondary and thoroughly impressing his coach.

"I put a lot on my quarterback and I have to say he is the strongest quarterback out here," Beeler said. "I put my faith in him and time after time he drove us down the field. We've put it all on him. He's going to be our All-Star this year."

The Cops tried to put the game away early. On its first two possessions, the Cops scored on touchdown strikes to build a 14-0 lead.

However, the 576th FLTS valiantly fought back.

In my six years as coach, this is the best team I've had.

FRANK BEELER, 30TH SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON COACH

Daniel Larsen and Billy Nolan each caught touchdown passes from quarterback John Green to cut the Cops' lead to 14-13 late in the second half.

Toles and the Cops, however, responded with an eight play, 80-yard drive, that saw the Cops convert two fourth down situations, including a 44-yard touchdown strike on fourth-and-four to wipe out any momentum for the 576th.

Jeb Katz led the receivers for the Cops catching four passes for 193 yards and three touchdowns.

Toles said his offense took advantage of the 576th's overaggressive safeties.

"A lot of times, their safeties were keying on our outside receivers, so we threw a lot over the middle," Toles said.

"We also took advantage of them on the scramble. I would try to pump fake and get the defense to come up and then I would toss it over their heads. We hit a couple of big plays on that one. It worked pretty well for us."

Toles was impressed with his team's performance and where they're headed now that they have one game under their belt.

"As an offense we did pretty good," Toles said. "I was able to hit some good throws, our receivers did a good job of getting open and we were able to break off a couple of decent runs. I feel pretty good about where we're headed. We should be a very good football team."

For the 576th FLTS it was a simple matter of not enough defense.

"We were outplayed and our defense let us down," 576th coach Peter Dasis said. "Our defense just broke down. On offense we moved the ball and we did a lot better than expected. Our coverage, though, has to get better and our defensive line needs to get more pressure on the quarterback. It was just the first game, so I'm not that worried. We do need to turn it around quick, though. Twelve games is not a long season."

Beeler was ecstatic about his team after the first game.

"We had five or six starters who weren't here, so to beat a very good team with your second team, I would say is pretty good, Beeler said. "In my six years as a coach, this is the best team I've had. This team is even better than my 15-0 team in 1999. This team can do it again."



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. CHUCK WALKER

30th Security Forces quarterback Kevin Toles fires a pass during the Cops season opener with the 576th Test Squadron on Tuesday. The Cops defeated the 576th 26-13.

Destinations

CENTRAL COAST

SPACE & MISSILE TIMES

Oct. 8, 2004

Santa Barbara: home to Queen of Missions

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

You may not think much of it, but as you drive along Highway 101 you are really driving along a historic landmark known as El Camino Real. There are signs along the way to prove it. El Camino Real, which it means The King's Highway, was built in the 1700s to connect 21 Spanish Catholic missions. The missions are about 30 miles apart, which made them a day's ride by horseback.

I have been to several of the other missions in the area, so my family and I packed up to head to the Santa Barbara Mission, also known as the 'Queen of Missions.'

The mission is beautifully restored with a lush garden in the back of the mission and a lovely, manicured lawn out front.

There is ample parking at the mission although it does get crowded on the weekends. The mission charges \$4 for entrance to see the museum.

You enter through the gift shop and are transported back in time to mission days. There are placards that explain mission life.

There are some old photos and a fully recreated old-time kitchen complete with a fully laid out dinner feast.

Once you take the obligatory museum tour, you can head to the chapel, which is well worth a visit.

The sacristy is kept in the traditional Catholic fashion with ornate religious objects such as gilded candelabras.

The chapel holds regular services and is the only mission to remain under the leadership of the Franciscan Friars since the day of its founding until today.

In addition, the mission also has the oldest unbroken tradition of choral singing among the California missions.



PHOTO BY 1ST LT. MICHELLE MAYO

Thousands of people visit Santa Barbara each year to see the restored mission known as the "Queen of Missions."

The weekly Catholic liturgy is serviced by two choirs, the California Mission Schola and the Cappella

Barbara, both under the direction of composer Keith Paulson-Thorp. The final stop in a visit to the

mission for us was in the garden in the back of the chapel. It's a quiet place to relax before you

head back to the hustle and bustle of Santa Barbara, then back on to the King's Highway toward home.

Community Calendar

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FRI

American-Indian observance – The Military Equal Opportunity Office is seeking a chairperson for American Indian Observance Month. Call the MEO office at 606-0370 for more information.

PALACE CHASE Separates – individuals separating from the Air Force through PALACE CHASE need to complete the mandatory pre-separation briefing at least 90 days prior to separation. Call 606-0039 for more information.

Animal Shelter Volunteers – The Lompoc County Animal Shelter needs volunteers for 4-6 hours a week. Join the Companion Animal Placement Assistance Volunteer Team at the Lompoc County Animal Shelter. Call 737-7754 for membership information.

Cheerleading Coach needed – Vandenberg Middle School competitive cheerleading squad is looking for an assistant coach. Call 605-0786 or 934-9916 for more information.

Partners Assisting In Reading – PAIR needs

volunteers to work with students at Crestview Elementary School. Call Julie Hegeman at 734-2549 or e-mail julsheg@yahoo.com for more information.

57th concert season – The Lompoc Concert Association sells season subscriptions for various concerts throughout the Lompoc Valley. For more information, call Vivian Dew at 733-4006 or Jean Jacoby at 736-8713.

Santa Maria Improv Team – Adults 18 or older call (805) 474-8954 or e-mail mpassarelli@charter.com to join the team.

The Maverick Saloon – Live music weekends. 510 South Broadway St., Santa Maria. Call (805) 922-9002 for more information.

CASA volunteers – Court Appointed Special Advocates provides volunteer advocates for children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect. Call Becky Reid at (805) 739-9102 for more information or to sign up.

Red Cross volunteers – Call Pat Nuth at 605-0042 or e-mail

tesee1@juno.com for more information or to sign up.

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SAT
Stinky's Bar and Grill – DJ and dancing 9 p.m. Saturdays. 2430 South Broadway St., Santa Maria.

Rancho de Guadalupe Historical Museum – 1 to 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays or by appointment. Call (805) 343-5901 for more information.

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SUN
Global Hearts Group – 5 p.m. Sundays Global Hearts invites eligible spouses and their families for dinner at Beachcomber dining facility. Call Tech. Sgt. Sheila White at 606-0039 for more information.

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MON
Military Parents of the Central Coast – 6:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at United Methodist Church. 1515 Fredericks St., San Luis Obispo. Call Janice Somers at (805) 549-9199 or Sharon Livsey at (805) 544-3930 for more information.

Computer resource room – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday in the family support

center. Computers are available to those who need access to the Internet for job searches, relocation assistance, or to stay in touch with family separated by military service.

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TUE
Moms, Pops & Tots – get together for playgroup from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the fitness center annex. Call 734-2448 or 734-0020 for more information.

School bus registration – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in building 10728.

Word Wizards – 7 p.m. Tuesdays. 519 West Taylor St., Santa Maria. Writers of any genre meet for reading and critiquing. Call (805) 929-2140 for more information.

Star performers at Bill's Place – 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays. 112 East Branch St., Arroyo Grande. Call (805) 489-9989 for more information.

Disabled American Veterans – 9 a.m. Tuesdays in the Lompoc Veterans Memorial Building. 108 East Locus St., Lompoc. Rides are available to various appointments. Call Dan Contreras

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WED

Reggae night – Wednesdays at the Frog and Peach Pub. 728 Higuera Rd., San Luis Obispo. Call (805) 595-3764 for more information.

Central Coast Chapter of the Society of Military Widows – 1 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the retirees' center here. Call (805) 937-6747 for more information.

Baby Meet – 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesdays in the Vandenberg Library. Participants should use the staff entrance. The group meets for discussion and socialization for expectant parents and those with babies, newborn through two years old. Call 734-6606 for more information.

Special needs information network – 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the library. Call 734-2282 for information.

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THU
Women Infants and Children (WIC) – is moving to the Health and Wellness Center beginning Thursday.

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FRI

Breast Cancer Awareness – Oct. 15 at the commissary a booth will be set up to educate women about breast care education.

Golfers needed – 11:30 a.m. Oct. 15 at the base golf course. Call 606-5814 for more information.

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SAT
Chili Cook-off – 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 16 at the base exchange. Call 606-2538 for more information.

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TUE
Death by Chocolate – 7 p.m. Oct. 19 at the Chapel 1 annex for a chocoholics dream. The cost for this event is \$5:00. Call Leigh Ann at 734-1911 for reservations by Oct. 15.

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FRI
Vandemblood Horror Camp – 7 p.m. to midnight Oct. 22 and 23, 7 to 11 p.m. Oct. 27 and 28, 7 p.m. to midnight Oct. 29 and 30 and 7 to 11 p.m. Oct. 31 on San Antonio Road West off of Highway 1. Signs will be posted providing further directions.

Movie



Corner

BASE THEATER

SUSPECT ZERO R
7 p.m. TODAY
EXCORISIT: THE BEGINNING R
7 p.m. SAT
BABY GENIUSES 2 PG
2 p.m. SUN

Hi-Way Drive-in

Santa Maria Ph. 937-3515
SHARK TALE PG
SKY CAPTAIN PG
DAILY 7:15 p.m.

Movies Lompoc

THE FORGOTTEN PG-13
DAILY 4:45, 7:15 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

SAT-MON 11:45 a.m. and 2:15 p.m.
FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS PG-13
DAILY 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
SAT-MON 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.
SHARK TALE PG
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TAXI PG-13
DAILY 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
SAT-MON 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Movies Gemini

LADDER 49 PG-13
DAILY 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.
SAT-MON 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.
NAPOLEAN DYNAMITE PG
DAILY 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.
SAT-MON 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Parks Plaza Buellton

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SAT-MON 11:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.

General Admission \$7.50; children and seniors \$5.50; 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

Sunday
8:30 a.m. Praise and Worship*, Chapel 2
10 a.m. Catholic Mass, Chapel 1
11:30 a.m. Traditional Protestant*, Chapel 1
11:30 a.m. Gospel*, Chapel 2

Monday - Friday
11:30 a.m. Catholic Mass, Chapel 2
Saturday
5 p.m. Catholic Mass, Chapel 2

*Only the traditional service in Chapel 1 will be held on 3-day holiday weekends.



Yom Kippur - 10 a.m. Saturday at the Chapel 1 annex.

30th Services News

2004 Family & Teen

Talent Contest!



Are you a teen, husband and wife or child who has talent? We are looking vocalists, dancers, instrumentalists, comedians and dramatists to audition for the 2004 Family & Teen Talent Show. Deadline to apply: Oct. 25. Call Lynn Warner for your private audition at 606-0276.

LEISURE TRAVEL

Fall Escapes HAWAII

from \$449

Includes hotel and round-trip air. Rates are for Los Angeles departures. **50% OFF second person fare!** Limited availability, book now until early December. Call 606-1675 for more information.

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.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Woodworking for the Beginner

Oct. 16 & 23 • 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Total of 4-hours over 2-days

Cost of the class is \$35, materials included. Maximum 5 students

Projects will be choice of student and instructor. The 2-part class will cover safety and operation of table saw, drill press, disc and belt sanders, band saws, compound-angle sliding mitre saw and router. Call Ted Denesha at 606-8885 to sign up today for your spot!

YOUTH CENTER



Registration

is now being taken for our upcoming 4-H projects. Register at the Youth Center through Oct. 15. Cost is \$10 per person plus supplies.

- Rabbits
- Chickens
- Photography
- Sewing
- Quilting
- Goats
- Dairy Cows

Small animals must be housed by participants. Please call Kristi Bonneau for more information at 606-2152.

It's coming....the Youth Center's **Harvest Festival**
Oct. 30th • 7 to 9 p.m.

Marshallia Ranch Golf Course

Golf Kids

USAF SERVICES

ATTENTION GOLFERS!

The 'Kids-4-Golf and Parent Golf Outing' Special

Oct. 17 • 2:30 p.m.

Special price for 9 holes:

- 1 Kid & Parent - \$18
- 2 Kids & Parents - \$20
- 1 Kid & 2 Parents - \$23
- 2 Kids & 2 Parent - \$25

Includes green fees, cart and range balls for each golfer.

Call the golf course for more information at 734-1333/606-6262.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The winter art fair is coming Nov. 6th!

CRAFTERS Sign up to reserve your space today!

All are welcome! \$25 one space • \$35 two spaces

- Pottery
- Painting
- Stained Glass
- Quilting
- Jewelry
- Needlework
- Woodwork

Hand-crafted items only, please.

Sign up at Skills Development, Bldg. 11193 no later than Oct. 23. Fair to be held on grassy area adjacent to Surf Lanes bowling center. Call 606-9487 for more information.



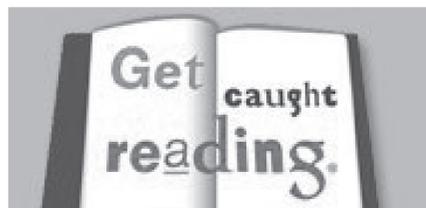
LIBRARY

Do you like to read? Do you like to have fun? Are you in grades 6th to 12th? Or age 12 to 18?

Then join the Vandenberg Base Library for TEEN READ WEEKS and...



Come by the library Saturday...



for details and instructions on the two contests to 'get caught reading'.



GET CAUGHT READING PHOTO CONTEST: Take a picture of someone you catch in the act of reading. You must get their permission to use their photo.

GET CAUGHT READING ESSAY CONTEST: Write a short essay in 25 to 100 words about what book you would most like to get caught reading and why.

Turn in your photograph and/or typed essay to the library by Oct. 22. Entries will be judged in several categories and prizes awarded to best at the Pizza Party Finale.

SCAVENGER HUNT and PIZZA PARTY will be held on Oct. 24, 4 to 7 p.m. at the Base Library. Please sign up for the scavenger hunt and vote for your favorite flavor of pizza. Scavenger Hunt begins at 4 p.m. and Pizza Party at 5:30 p.m.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONTESTS TO ATTEND THE PIZZA PARTY, but please sign up prior to the party.

Come to or call the library at 606-6414 for further details and contest rules beginning Saturday.

YOUTH CENTER

Lights on Afterschool

A Rally for Afterschool Programs • Thursday • 4 to 6 p.m.

If you haven't had the opportunity to stop by your Vandenberg Youth Center, now's the time to do so! Come by Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. for the 'Lights on Afterschool, a Rally for Afterschool Programs' to see what we have to offer for afterschool activities. Call 606-2152 for more information.

OUTDOOR REC

Outdoor Recreation and Fitness Center will offer an introduction climbing wall training for all squadrons. This training is mandatory in order to use the wall for squadron functions. Please call Outdoor Recreation at 606-5908 to sign up.

When: Oct. 20. Where: Outdoor Recreation, Bldg. 10250. Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost: Free.