

## Base Briefs

### FAREWELL DINNER

A farewell dinner for 30th Space Wing Commander Col. Robert M. Worley II begins at 7 p.m., following a 6 p.m. social hour June 9 in the Pacific Coast Club. For more information and tickets, call Capt. Jerry Norwood at 606-0370.

### FAREWELL BARBECUE

A farewell barbecue for 30th Space Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Michael Morey begins at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Cocheo Park. For more information or tickets, call Master Sgt. Charles Smith at 605-6207.

### HERITAGE BANQUET

The Asian Pacific Heritage Banquet begins at 6 p.m. today in the Pacific Coast Club. For more information, call 1st Lt. Peter Kim at 606-6832.

### CEREMONY PRACTICES

The following is a list of practices for the 30th Space Wing change of command ceremony at 10 a.m. June 16.

- 9 a.m. today: key personnel practice – uniform of the day
- 3:30 p.m. Tuesday: key personnel practice – uniform of the day
- 9 a.m. June 9: all personnel practice – service dress
- 7:30 a.m. June 13: key personnel practice – uniform of the day
- 8:30 a.m. June 16: key personnel practice – service dress

### RETIREMENT

Barbara Mock retires from civil service at 10 a.m. today in the Western Range Operations Control Center auditorium.

### PROMOTION

Team V's June promotion ceremony begins at 3 p.m. Monday in the Pacific Coast Club. Those being inducted or promoted should be in place at 2 p.m. Staff sergeant inductees will wear service dress, all others will wear blue service uniform with tie or tab and ribbons. For more information, call unit first sergeants or Master Sgt. Dennis Wingett at 606-9600.

### COMMISSARY CLOSING

The commissary closes Monday for formal inventory. The mini-com is open from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

### PARENT PINS

The Air Force recognizes parents of America's airmen by sending a personalized letter and an Air Force Parent Pin to two parents or guardians. Register online at [www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com](http://www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com).

### SHOT RECORDS

Vandenberg parents must bring their children's shot records to the 30th Medical Group for review prior to their next medical appointment. The group is updating the Air Force Immunization Tracking Application database. For more information, call the immunization clinic at 606-8474.

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PHOTO BY AIRMAN KURT GIBBONS

Senior Airman Sung Park (left) and Airman 1st Class Jose Manrique, 30th Medical Group Bioenvironmental Flight, use Direct Reading Instrumentation to simulate detecting toxic gases during a launch disaster response exercise Tuesday. Inspectors from the 30th Space Wing used a smoke machine during the exercise to lend realism to the simulated destruction of a Titan II rocket.

## Wing drills launch mishap

By AIRMAN JUANIKA GLOVER

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

The 30th Space Wing Inspections and Evaluations section conducted a launch mishap simulation here Tuesday to measure Team Vandenberg's emergency responses and preparedness in reaction to a major accident involving a launch.

The scenario involved the simulated pre-launch and launch operation of a Titan II rocket carrying a Defense

Meteorological Satellite Program payload.

After lift-off, the simulated launch vehicle became unstable and had to be destroyed.

"This scenario provides (the) opportunity (to) evaluate responses and learn the recovery process of a big accident," said Edward Rambus, 30th SW Inspections and Evaluations team chief.

Vandenberg's mission includes launch operations. "Sometimes things don't go

exactly as planned and we have to be prepared to deal with that. Exercises are one tool by which we can measure our readiness," he said.

Base leaders intend for this exercise to improve communications between each of the units involved in aspects of launch operations, Rambus said.

According to Rambus, the results obtained from the scenario will be distributed, evaluated and identified to make corrections for future simulations.

The inspection and evaluation section conducts this type of training every 12 to 15 months. Usually they are simply discussed between the key players in a 'tabletop' forum.

This year the inspectors took the exercise on the road with real-time simulations and actual responses.

Information taken from Tuesday's exercise will be used as a learning tool to help prevent and prepare for any real world-launch disasters, Rambus said.

## So help me God



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. QUINTON RUSS

Future airmen raise their right hands at a mass swearing-in ceremony Saturday at Cocheo Park. High school students from throughout the Central Coast gathered here to take their oath of enlistment in front of family and friends.

## Civilian employees eligible for flexible spending accounts

■ **AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER** – Most Air Force civilian employees are now eligible to contribute to a flexible spending account which allows money to be set aside tax-free for certain health care and eligible dependent care expenses.

An open season enrollment period began May 19 and runs through June 20. The effective date for Department of Defense employees is Sept. 1. Only expenses incurred September through December are reimbursable.

FSA is a new employee benefit that allows federal employees to set aside dollars, on a pre-tax basis, for many common expenses not covered by the

Federal Employees Health Benefit program or any other source, said Janet Thomas, human resources specialist here.

"With an FSA, you can reduce your taxes and increase your take-home pay while paying for services you'd have to pay for anyway," she said. The Office of Personnel Management awarded the contract to SHPS, Inc., to administer the FSA program for federal employees.

There are two types of FSA accounts: **Health Care FSAs** — may be

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## Team V provides presidential support

### 30th Space Wing units provide airfield support for President Bush's backup aircraft

By 2ND LT. MICHELLE MAYO

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

It's not every day that members of Air Force Space Command get the opportunity to provide aircraft support for the president, but 25 Team Vandenberg members did just that May 1 and 2.

Vandenberg was designated as backup airfield support for Air Force One.

"They chose Vandenberg because of the outstanding support Team V provided the last time the president was in the area," said Tech. Sgt. Darryl Revier, deputy chief of airfield management.

The base provided similar support two years ago.

"Vandenberg is always the first choice," Revier said.

The president's team could have chosen to land at any airfield within close proximity of San Diego where the president was welcoming home the USS Abraham Lincoln. The choices included Los Angeles International Airport, Edwards AFB and Point Mugu NAS among others. However, security concerns and minimal air traffic made Vandenberg the ideal choice, Revier said.

The airfield was given seven days notice that they were to provide presidential aircraft support.

In one short week, they had to develop a no-notice flight plan, vacate the 76th Helicopter Flight from their hangar, setup complex communications

to the White House and bring working dogs from the 30th Security Forces Squadron out to inspect the area.

It was a challenge to prepare on such short notice.

"But it was a challenge Team Vandenberg met head on," Revier said. The base was prepared two days ahead of the secondary Air Force One's arrival.

The preparations were a success due to the joint efforts of the 30th Operations Support Squadron; 30th SFS; 30th Services Squadron, which provided billeting for the incoming crew; and 30th Logistics Readiness Squadron, which provided transportation and fuel support.

Once the initial setup was complete, it was business as usual at the airfield with the exception of the 76th HF, which had to move from one side of their hangar to another to make room for the president's aircraft.

Maintenance teams, security crews and pilots flew in with the president's plane.

Once on the ground, they took care of all business pertaining to Air Force One.

"In fact, once the plane was on the ground, we were not allowed near it," Revier said.

The crew was appreciative of the support they received from Vandenberg's people.

"All I heard from the Presidential Support Team was that our airfield experts were 'outstanding,' 'great' and 'best support,'" said Lt. Col. Lee-Volker Cox, 30th OSS commander. "You come to expect that from a team that's won 14 Air Force Space Command and Air Force awards in the last two years. We're fortunate to have the best team in the command right here at Vandenberg."

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Team V member meets Conan O'Brien during a USO-sponsored morale visit near Iraq. See Page A4.



Destinations Central Coast rolls to Vandenberg's Surf Lanes for an evening of family fun. See Page B1.

Weekend forecast  
Partly cloudy Friday  
and Saturday.

Low/High  
49/67

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

# Safety officer touts risk management during 101 Critical Days of Summer

By Lt. Col. Mark Schoning  
30th Space Wing Ground Safety

It's that time of year again – the 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign, which started May 23 and ends after Labor Day, Sept. 1.

We invariably provide you with messages and crosstells warning of the dangers that plague everyone during this season. But what has worked tremendously for Air Force Space Command are the face-to-face

briefings that group and unit commanders continually conduct to ensure that everyone comes back to work after a weekend or holiday.

Each year, Air Force personnel and their families ratchet up the death statistics on private motor vehicle mishaps and water-related activities. But what makes all of this such a tragedy, is that most of the fatalities are preventable.

Take the time to recognize the risks involved in whatever you

do – whether on or off duty – and particularly, when operating a vehicle.

Here are the basics:

- ♦ Plan ahead and keep your schedule flexible.
- ♦ Be aware of and anticipate change, and adjust your attitude and behavior accordingly.
- ♦ Assess the risks associated with change. If the four Ds apply – Is what you're doing dumb, dangerous, different or dull? – use Personal Risk Management

to mitigate the risks.

♦ Stay alert. Wear your seatbelts. And drive defensively. This is your best line of defense when on the road.

♦ Alcohol doesn't mix with most activities. If you drink alcohol, drink responsibly – Don't drink and drive. Don't drink and swim. Don't drink and horseplay – you get the picture.

Summer should be a time of joy with family and friends, so take care of each other.

## Letters to the editor ...

It is with much thanks to your family support center and Master Sgt. Jamie Lopez that I was able to fulfill a wish for my son Ryan, who has been in and out of school with his illness for the past three years.

While at home with a major flare up of his illness in March, Ryan asked that I find a soldier that he could adopt and write to. I had no idea who to contact and started with Vandenberg.

I was connected with Master Sgt. Lopez. I told him about my son and his desire to send letters to the troops. He instructed me to send the letters to his attention and he would put them in care packages. We mailed fifty letters.

Ryan has received such heartfelt responses from all over the world. We never expected any letters and to receive the letters that we have, is amazing to say the least.

He heard from Senior Airman Yasmin Reis, Maj. Christopher Keane, Director of Personnel for Air Force Space Command and two of his support team, Tech. Sgt. Julie Kaechle

and Senior Airman Thamara Mercado.

Ryan has also being e-mailing Staff Sgt. Carlos Najera who works on computers, which is Ryan's passion.

Ryan was on the front page of the San Luis Obispo Tribune this morning. There were a few excerpts from the service men and women who have written Ryan, including those from Vandenberg. I would like to thank the men and women who have taken their time to write letters of encouragement to my son especially during this time of war.

As a family we are so impressed with the quality of service people serving in our military. On behalf of the Smith Family in Arroyo Grande, thank you for taking the time to respond to our son in such uplifting ways and for the service you provide to our country.

**God bless you – Ryan's Mom**

I just wanted to comment on the outstanding support I received from the auto hobby shop staff. When my 1988 Jeep Wrangler spun an engine main bearing, I decided to do an engine swap from a 1992 Mustang.

I went to the auto hobby shop for advice. Throughout this project, the support was outstanding.

I had several setbacks with this unique engine swap and was always offered encouragement and support by the staff. I was concerned about leaving my jeep and engine at the shop during the three-month swap, but I always knew the "Godfather" was keeping an eye on it.

Near the end of the project, I had to have new motor mounts welded to the frame. The auto hobby shop personnel put me in contact with Rick Maffei. Rick volunteered his time to help with the installation. He modified the motor mounts, prepped the frame and welded in the mounts. I could not have completed this project without him. It is great to have an auto hobby shop to assist.

In my 18 years in the military, I have used several different auto hobby shops and determined that it is the staff that makes a shop great. Vandenberg is fortunate to have such outstanding people working to make everyone's experience great. I have noticed a distinct improvement in the work area since the first of this year. Thanks for all your support.

**Master Sgt. Matthew Dodds,  
30th Space Communications Squadron**



Call 606-7850  
or  
E-mail your message to  
[actionline@vandenberg.af.mil](mailto:actionline@vandenberg.af.mil)

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

While the action line is



**Col. Robert M. Worley II  
Commander**

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

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

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

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# Tax office clears \$2.5 million in returns for Team Vandenberg

By 2nd Lt. Nicolas Livingston  
30th Space Wing legal office

■ Vandenberg's tax office and volunteer income tax assistants wrapped up a record-setting year for client assistance April 15, saving Team V more than \$2.5 million in tax refunds.

The team prepared 2,073 federal returns worth \$2,698,432 in refunds for their customers. That's an increase of 175 returns from last year, for an extra \$419,123 refunded to clients.

According to the Internal Revenue Service, total filing across the country decreased from last year, making the tax team's success even more impressive. Returns came from as far away as Bahrain, where Vandenberg volunteers assisted 65 servicemembers.

According to Ann Fox, base tax coordinator, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program is a great deal for Team V.

"We were able to e-file federal and state returns at no charge, and our clients received their refunds in their accounts in as little as 10 days," she said.

The tax team here provided services worth \$302,000 with an average savings per client of \$146 versus a commercial preparing service.

And now families can expect an additional refund check in the mail, Fox said.

The newly passed tax package will immediately boost the child tax credit to \$1,000, up from a current \$600. Some 24.4 million families will get a \$400 rebate

check sometime this summer.

"You can also expect a little larger refund due to the increase in the standard deduction for married people," Fox added.

Even with the end of the tax season, community members need to remain wary of tax scams. The IRS recently reported scams targeting military families. Individuals claiming to be from the IRS tell family members of a bogus \$4000 deduction and ask for a credit card number to pay for a processing fee.

Real IRS employees will never ask for a credit card number, and the IRS does not charge for refunds. People should always be wary of giving out personal information over the phone or via email.

Many military clients received a surprise bonus in their refund checks this year.

For the first time, tax laws did not consider housing and other allowances as income, which meant many military members qualified for the Earned Income Credit.

Eligible customers received thousands of dollars extra in their refunds as a result. Members may prefer to have the EIC money sent to them each month instead of as a lump sum. Those interested can call finance customer service.

The EIC qualification and other changes to tax laws were covered during a two-week training course for the VITA volunteers in January. More than 50 volunteers from across the base joined the tax team

and learned the ins and outs of tax preparation from IRS and California representatives.

"The volunteers are the key to this program's success," Fox said. "The thanks we get from the community is what keeps our volunteers coming back," she added.

The 2003 volunteer tax assistants were:

Jody Bacon, Evelyn Banks, Maureen Burt, Ann Fox, Pam Lane, Mark Shervanick, Chiara Yates, Capt. Scott Anderson, Capt. Michael Campbell, Capt. Paul Cazier, Capt. Louis Debiase, Capt. John Patrick, 1st Lt. Michael Walter, 1st Lt. Kevin Wolf, 2nd Lt. Christopher Cropper, 2nd Lt. David Giongco, 2nd Lt. Ron Hilliard, 2nd Lt. Nicolas Livingston, 2nd Lt. Chalene Ogilvie, 2nd Lt. Delvin Ricks, Senior Master Sgt. Timothy Zywicki, Master Sgt. Frank Barbosa, Master Sgt. Richard Eckert, Master Sgt. Richard Hazen, Master Sgt. Albert Johnson, Master Sgt. Robert Lepper, Master Sgt. Eric Mercado, Master Sgt. Sydney Sheridan, Master Sgt. Sherman Wiggin, Master Sgt. Mark Woodbury, Tech. Sgt. Aaron Chase, Tech. Sgt. Mark Frye, Tech. Sgt. Matthew Guiles, Tech. Sgt. Mitchell Little, Staff Sgt. Paul Dryja, Staff Sgt. Brian Gregory, Staff Sgt. Richard Rio, Staff Sgt. Monty StJohn, Staff Sgt. Kevin Tadder, Staff Sgt. Jason Vanderworth, Senior Airman David Choy, Senior Airman Evan Simpson, Airman 1st Class Joy Dobbins, Airman 1st Class Timothy Nicolazzi, Airman 1st Class Erica Shamma and Airman 1st Class Jeffrey Vega.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. JAMES WILLIAMS

**Airman 1st Class Jose Manrique, 30th Medical Group Bioenvironmental Flight, fit tests a gas mask for Master Sgt. Robert Hargreaves, 30th Space Communications Squadron. Hargreaves is preparing for an upcoming deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.**

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not deploy will likely be the most vulnerable to deploy with the blue or silver AEFs.

"Ideally, as we go through the process (of matching people to these AEFs), those who have been home the longest from a previous deployment will be matched to deploy first," he said. "There may be some exceptions but I certainly hope not many. We will start with AEFs 9/10 and reach forward, as needed, to fill requirements."

Airmen selected to support the blue AEF can expect to be notified of their deployment vulnerability over the next few weeks, Peppe said.

AEF blue is scheduled between July and November, Koester said. Vandenberg has positions in the bucket for AEF silver. They'll be on call from November through March.

Individuals who were postured to deploy in AEF 9/10 have been held in a larger window of opportunity to deploy than others.

These people were ready to deploy back in the March through May time frame and are now on tap to deploy again, Koester said.

"Most of the major command deployment tasking will be made by June 10 and airmen should receive their notifications soon after," Peppe said. "However, if a (major command) cannot fill a particular tasking, the AEF Center (at Langley AFB, Va.) will have to source it to another (major command), which may delay some individual notifications." These transitional AEFs will allow the Air Force to get currently deployed airmen back home to their families, he said.

Airman Juanika Glover, 30th Space Wing Public Affairs, contributed to this story.

# Surf club does more than just ride waves

**Base waveriders look out for each other, cleanup beaches, report trespassers**

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

When the marine layer doesn't seem like pea soup and the sun comes out and warms the air, surfers head to the beach. Some go to Pismo Beach, others head south toward Santa Barbara, but some stay here and ride the waves of the pristine beaches at Vandenberg.

The surfers who use the Vandenberg beaches are part of the Vandenberg Surfing Association.

The VSA began almost seven years ago. "People wanted to surf on Vandenberg so they got together and worked out a deal with the base that would allow them access the Vandenberg beaches," said 1st Lt. Dewey Lively, 2nd Space Launch Squadron and three-year VSA member.

In order to receive permission to use the secluded beaches of Vandenberg, the VSA had to negotiate with the base on rules and regulations, locations and criteria for joining the VSA.

VSA members must take a water safety course and complete a written test. The test reviews basic surfing knowledge and water safety. Once they pass the test, people complete their membership by paying an annual fee of \$12, Lively said.

Membership in the VSA allows people to surf at

Wall Beach and at the Boat House. Non-members are prohibited from surfing anywhere on Vandenberg.

In the past three years, the VSA has grown from 35 members to more than 100, Lively said. More members mean larger crowds at the two surf spots.

Vandenberg is not the ideal spot for beginners, Lively said.

For learning the craft, he recommends Pismo Beach. The water is warmer and the surf is more predictable, said the veteran waverider. Base beaches are subject to ocean swells and high winds. They also have rock reefs under the water line.

The surf association is more than just a recreational club. The VSA has also done its part environmentally by having two beach clean-ups every year.

The group was also responsible for the Wall Beach restoration project, Lively said.

"The goal of the project was to repair the benches at Wall Beach. We received more than \$1,000 for repairs to the bench seats," he said. The surfers then completed the work themselves.

Not only does the VSA help with environmental concerns but they also lend a hand with security as well.

Trespassing on the base is a concern for all Team Vandenberg members, but the VSA does its part by helping police the beaches.

"The club is still small enough that everyone knows everyone else," he said. "When we notice

something or someone who doesn't belong, we inform security forces immediately."

Last year a surfer retrieved a drowning victim's body from the ocean. They've also reported many trespassers who may have otherwise gone unnoticed.

Safety is one of the most important parts of the surf club's philosophy. Members are required to surf with a buddy and they must sign in at the game warden's office before heading out.

Although accidents can happen, using the buddy system can prevent minor accidents from becoming serious, Lively said. The VSA hasn't had an accident in more than three years.

Cooperation between Vandenberg and the VSA has given members the opportunity to enjoy surfing on some virtually unspoiled beaches. The extra sets of eyes out there have also helped to protect the beaches.

"I think we have a great relationship with Vandenberg because we care about the base and appreciate what we're allowed to do," said Capt. Todd Moore, 534th Training Squadron and VSA veteran. "In the water, the members are dedicated to safety and ensuring everyone in the water abides by the club by-laws. Out of the water, the membership is dedicated to the base environment, security, and community initiatives. We have great members who really care about what we have."

For more information on membership in the Vandenberg Surfing Association, call VSA treasurer Steven Renz at (805) 598-9060.

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used to pay for health care expenses of employees and their dependents not reimbursed by health insurance or any other source and not claimed on the participant's income tax return. Expenses include deductibles, co-insurance and insurance co-payments, as well as services not generally covered like dental care, orthodontic treatment, hearing aids, physician-directed weight-loss

programs, and laser eye correction. To participate, federal civilian employees must be eligible to enroll in the FEHB program.

**Dependent Care FSAs** — may be used to pay for eligible dependent care expenses when such care is necessary to enable the employee and spouse to work, or allow the spouse to attend school full time.

Expenses can be paid for the care of children under age 13 and adults who qualify as dependents.

Temporary employees with no fixed work schedule whose tour of duty is six

months or less, are not eligible.

Employees can enroll directly with the contract administrator at [www.fsafeds.com](http://www.fsafeds.com) or toll-free at (877) 372-3337 between 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern time, weekdays. After the initial open season, employees will need to make an election each year during the FSA open season, which will coincide with the FEHB open season.

Program information is available from the contract administrator and OPM's FSA web site at [www.opm.gov/insure/pretax/fsa/index.asp](http://www.opm.gov/insure/pretax/fsa/index.asp).



**Team Vandenberg Warrior Barbara Mock**  
30th Range Squadron

PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN JONATHAN POMEROY

**Hometown:** Hinesville, Ga.  
**Time in service:** 30 years  
**Time on station:** 21 years  
**Role in mission:** I'm the executive secretary to the 30th Range Squadron commander  
**How do you contribute to the wing mission?** I'm the front door to the commander, keeping him organized and on time and enabling him to do his job for the squadron, group, base and country.  
**What do you like best about the Air Force?** Everything! Its well organized. The Air Force cares for people, and the education of its members is important.  
**If you could change one thing about the Air Force what would it be?** I'd keep personnel stationed at one base longer than two years and provide better pay for junior enlisted members.  
**How do you fulfill core values?** I

serve and help anyone who comes into my office to the best of my ability, with courtesy and a smile.  
**What's the most exciting experience you've had so far in the AF?** Seeing the first Peace-keeper launched from Vandenberg and watching the Titan launches.  
**How would you improve life at Vandenberg?** I'd pipe in warmer weather.  
**Who is your role model and why?** I have no one particular role model, but as a whole, my family is because of their love, honor for, and dedicated service to our country. Military, civil and postal service combined equals close to a combined 200 years for my entire family's contributions to this country.  
**Favorite movie/book:** "Gone With the Wind" (book and movie)  
**Hobbies:** reading, crocheting and cooking

**Vandenberg Thrift Shop**  
The shop is located next to the skills development center in Bldg. 11180. Volunteers are always needed.

**The Vandenberg Thrift Shop has new hours June 1!**  
Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m.  
Call 606-3128 to find out more.

**ALCON: Bravo** Days since last DUI: 5  
DUI totals for the year: 10  
AADD saves this year: 123  
A DUI or alcohol related incident has occurred with no injuries.

30th OG	0	14th AF	0
30th MXG	1	381st TRG	1
30th MSG	4	576th FLTS	1
30th MDG	0	Det. 9	1
30th SW Staff	0	Others	2

**For a free and confidential ride home, call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 605-AADD (2233).**

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### DEACTIVATION

The 381st Training Group deactivates the 534th Training Squadron at 10:30 a.m. June 12 at the 381st TRG flagpole. All 534th TRS functions will realign under the 533rd Training Squadron.

### FACILITY CLOSURE

The base dry cleaning facility, is closed due to bankruptcy. Customers who have not picked up their items must pick them up by 5 p.m. today, from customer service at the main exchange.

### ELECTRONIC WASTE

Unwanted TV's, computer monitors, microwave ovens, and stereos are considered electronic waste and cannot be disposed of in trashcans or the base landfill. Vandenberg family housing residents can recycle e-waste items at the collection accumulation point in building 6830. Office hours are

Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 606-8438 with questions.

### NEW FENCE

The existing wrought iron fence in main base housing is being replaced with a new wood-aluminum fence. Phase one of construction is planned for completion in August. For more information, call 605-4759.

### SEWER CLEANING

Crews are cleaning and inspecting sewer lines in main base housing through June 3. Call 605-2968 with questions.

### DINING FACILITY MEETING

The Dining Facility Advisory Board meets at 10 a.m. June 11 at Breakers. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Daniel Miller at 606-3219.

### OFFICE CLOSURE

The 30th Space Wing Public Affairs office is closed Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. For emergency assistance, contact the on-call PA through the command post at 606-9961.

### PHYSICAL THERAPY SHORTAGE

Active-duty personnel are given priority access appointments in physical therapy June 13 to Sept. 1. For more information, call Bonnie Robles at 606-7483.

### MEDICAL GROUP OPENS LATE

The 30th Medical Group opens at 10:30 a.m. June 10 and 16. For emergencies, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room. For urgent care, call (800) 252-3299 or 606-CARE. For more information, call Capt. Vernon Swinton at 606-9076.

### APPOINTMENT-BASED CARE

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# Soldier rescues girl from attempted rape

By MAJ. LAURA KENNEY  
Army Space Command

In the dark hours of an early March morning, on a deserted stretch of road without streetlights, an Army Space Command soldier risked his own safety when he pulled over thinking, initially, to help a stranded motorist.

Events took an unexpected turn, and 1st Lt. Jeff Maranich ended up rescuing a young woman from attempted rape.

Maranich, executive officer for Delta Company, 1st Satellite Control Battalion at Camp Roberts, Calif., was driving home around 3 a.m. along a road he described as "out in the boonies." He spotted a car with a flat tire, and a juvenile female by the side of the road attempting to wave him down. A man stood at the rear of the red sport utility vehicle, next to its flat.

The events of the next thirty minutes cycled through confusion to violence, and ended with an arrest. The Paso Robles Police Department charged the man Maranich stopped to assist with sexual battery on the young teenager.

"I wasn't thinking any of those things when I stopped to help, though the thought did cross my mind that this was a set-up, similar to the terrible thing that happened to Bill Cosby's son, but I've always believed that choosing to live your life by not getting involved is really a choice to stop living. I had to stop and help, but, I admit, I did think I was only stopping to fix a flat tire," Maranich said.

Parking so that his car's lights shown on the disabled vehicle, Maranich said he was somewhat surprised when the girl immediately requested that he give her a ride home. Thinking that alcohol was involved, he agreed, but first offered to help her male companion fix the flat.

Tire change accomplished, the young



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**Army 1st Lt. Jeff Maranich, executive officer for Delta Company, 1st Satellite Control Battalion at Camp Roberts, Calif., rescued a girl from an attempted rape.**

woman, crying, begged Maranich to take her home. That's when things took that unexpected turn.

"The male ordered her to get in his car. I assured him that I would get her home safely, but he continued to yell at her. I tried to calm him down, telling him he could call her the next day, but I really felt I should take her home since that was what she wanted. He then got

and Maranich pulled him to the side of the road in front of the formerly disabled vehicle, leaving him safely outlined by its headlights.

Maranich and the woman then left the scene, fearful that the man would follow them and offer further violence.

During the ensuing ride to the woman's home, she told Maranich that the man had attempted to rape her.

angry with me and told me to (expletive) mind my own business, and that the girl was going home with him."

Maranich attempted to close the door of his vehicle, in which both he and the girl were sitting, but the man blocked its closing. The verbal altercation continued, and events became violent when the man swung at Maranich, bloodying his lip.

Maranich, who'd boxed in college, reacted in self-defense. Blows were exchanged, and Maranich was eventually able to subdue his assailant with what he termed a 'sleeper-hold/head lock.' The man lost consciousness,

Maranich tried to convince her to call the police and report the incident, but she was hysterical and too frightened of the man to do so initially.

"I found out later that her dad convinced her to call the police, which is the right thing to do. The man was arrested, and I expect to testify at his upcoming trial," Maranich said.

"The lieutenant stopping to help undoubtedly kept that young girl from being raped," said Detective Rick Ince, Paso Robles Police Department. "As it is, her assailant will be charged with sexual battery." The man will also be charged with assaulting Maranich.

"The man was a gang member, who the girl inadvisably accepted a ride home from," Ince added. "As police, we'd like to see more people step forward like this young Army officer did. I'm not recommending putting yourself in danger, but, if you have a cell phone, at least when you see someone needing assistance, call Highway Patrol.

"What's really terrible is that the victim told me that quite a few other cars passed her when she was stranded, and not one person made an assisting call. She's very lucky that Maranich stopped. She's extremely grateful, and we at the police department are glad we didn't have something worse to handle, thanks to the bravery of this young man," Ince said.

The roadside rescue wasn't the lieutenant's first. During his high school years, he and friends found themselves driving behind a vehicle that was swerving all over the road. They pulled up next to it to see what was wrong, and found a man slumped over the wheel, while his wife was attempting to reach the brake and steer.

The woman was able to slow the car down considerably, and Maranich, who

had pulled his own car over by this time, was able to jump into the car and bring it to a halt. He then gave the driver, who had suffered a heart attack, Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation. Other passers-by also stopped to assist. The man survived.

Maranich's parents, Sharon and Sonny Maranich of Grapevine, Texas, said they sometimes wish their son wouldn't endanger himself to the extent that he does, but they're certainly proud.

"The first time he did something like this, in high school, we attributed it to his Boy Scout training, and were, of course, very proud of him," Sharon Maranich said. "This time, hearing about the circumstances, and what danger he'd placed himself in, I was more concerned. I know it'll sound prejudiced, but, I think he's remarkable. Both of my children are in the Army, and my daughter will soon be commissioned in the medical corps. I support them completely, but I don't know that I'll ever get used to the extra worry."

"He did the right thing, said Delta Co. 1st Sgt. Otis Pledger. "We're glad he was able to stop something worse from happening. It's unfortunate that violence became necessary, but the circumstances dictated that he had to act in self-defense. We could wish that the police had been called immediately, but respect that the young lady was confused, and we're glad that she eventually reported it."

"I do have a feeling of satisfaction that I was able to help," Maranich said. "Sure, pieces of that night were scary, but I believe I would have stopped anyway, even knowing that it was far more than just a flat tire. It goes back to choosing not to just stand by and be safe and 'un-involved.' I look forward to testifying."

## Chapel staff helps families by building connections

By 2ND LT. JENNIFER WHITAKER  
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

When a loved one deploys, goes on a long tour of temporary duty, or heads off on a remote assignment, the family members left behind often don't know where to turn.

The 30th Space Wing chapel staff offers many opportunities for family members to get involved, helping them cope with the stress and uncertainty of separation.

"There are many opportunities within the chapel - women's groups, men's groups, youth groups - for people to get out of the house and make connections with other people," said Chaplain (Maj.) David Terrinoni, 30th SW Chapel. "People need to connect."

Chaplain (1st Lt.) Michael Martin, 30th SW Chapel, said G.I. Java is one such opportunity. The program, open to dorm residents, offers singles a chance to get out of their rooms, relax, and fellowship with other people. Terrinoni said the program also allows individuals and groups to get involved by volunteering.

"Groups can sponsor a night, and people with deployed spouses can get out and help others," Terrinoni said. "Our society says, 'Stay on your computer. Stay in front of your T.V. Don't go out.' But, that's lonely, and if you realize that you're lonely, volunteering is a way to get out of the house and interact, making connections."

Martin said the chapel extended its hours in light of

recent world events. The new hours are 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., with a chaplain on-call for emergencies after hours.

"We've opened the chapel for people to come and pray or talk to a chaplain," Martin said. "We wanted a place where people could feel comfortable and a place people know will be open when they have a spiritual need."

Prayer is one way the chapel helps meet spiritual needs. The chapel staff hung a banner in Chapel 1 filled with the names of people deployed. Terrinoni said anyone can have the name of anyone deployed, TDY, or remotely assigned placed on the banner.

Another program designed specifically to network families of deployed, TDY, and remote assigned family members is Global Hearts.

Terrinoni said the program began as a brainstorm in August 2001, and the events of Sept. 11, 2001 kicked it into gear. Global Hearts pools the resources of the Vandenberg Family Support Center, 30th Services Squadron, and 30th SW Chapel.

"The chapel has volunteers, a mission for ministry, and funding for Global Hearts," Terrinoni said, adding that chapel funds are excellent for this type of program because chapel funds don't carry the same types of restrictions as other organizations' money.

He said the goal of the program is to have an organized social activity one time per month, with quarterly orientations for spouses of

recently deployed members and welcome home gatherings when deployed troops return. With recent deployment extensions, they're trying to do more long-term care.

"I try to find out who the veterans of deployments are, and pair them up with the newbies. This way, the veterans can mentor them," Terrinoni said.

Global Hearts is always looking for volunteers to mow lawns for spouses of deployed members. To volunteer, call Master Sgt. Todd Lefebvre at 606-0039 or Capt. Todd Moore at 606-1542, ext. 3204.

Another chapel program supporting deployed members' families is Meals on Wheels. Various chapel women's groups make meals for family members who are sick and deliver the meals to their homes.

"Sometimes, people get the impression that asking for help is weak. But, if you don't let someone know your needs, you deprive them of their Christian stewardship," Terrinoni said.

He said the most common trap spouses of deployed members fall into is becoming obsessed with the news and glued to the television set. He added that feelings of anger and resentment are normal, and people should vent to a close friend or the chaplain.

"Make that spiritual connection, because faith carries through to hope, and hope gets us through," Terrinoni said. "The chapel is here to help you get involved."

### Late night



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. DAN NEELY

**OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM -- Conan O'Brien, host of NBC's Late Night with Conan O'Brien, jokes with dining facility patrons off camera after autographing a hat for Staff Sgt. Tonya Jones, 386th Expeditionary Operations Group airfield manager, at an air base near the Iraqi border, part of a USO-sponsored morale visit May 16. (The name of the base is undisclosed due to host nation sensitivities.) To show his support, the celebrity joked and shared lunch with several hundred airmen, soldiers, sailors and Marines. During the visit, he also signed autographs and posed for photos with his military fans. Jones is deployed from the 30th Operations Support Squadron at Vandenberg AFB, Calif.**

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## Crimebeat ...

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May 22

**Vandalism - 9:18 a.m.**

An employee of Miranda's Landscaping called the Vandenberg Security Forces Control Center to report vandalism at Chapel 1. A witness saw two children breaking PVC pipes with a baseball bat at approximately 4 p.m. May 21 at the chapel.

**Vehicle accident - 1:37 p.m.**

The base game warden notified the SFCC of a vehicle accident at the intersection of 13th and Nevada streets. Investigation revealed a 30th Security Forces Squadron airman first class failed to stop at a stop sign while driving westbound on Nevada Street. The airman's car hit the car of an MCA Engineering employee. That car then slid, hitting the vehicle of a 30th Civil Engineer Squadron civilian employee. The airman and the MCA employee were transported to

Lompoc Hospital.

May 23

**Medical emergency - 11:53 p.m.**

A Vandenberg family member called the SFCC to report she was having extreme trouble breathing. A base ambulance transported the woman to Lompoc Hospital.

May 24

**Arrest - 7:40 a.m.**

A patrolman stopped a civilian on Santa Lucia Canyon Road at Highway 1 for speeding. A driver's license check revealed a \$2,500 warrant for the man in Santa Barbara County for failure to pay a fine. A SBC Sheriff's Department deputy responded and took custody of the man.

**Found property - 9:52 a.m.**

A military member telephoned the SFCC to report women's undergarments attached to a bush at Oceanview and Utah avenues. A patrolman took custody of the property via Air Force Form 52 and

stored it in an evidence locker.

**Deer strike - 9:10 p.m.**

A Marine Corps major telephoned the SFCC to report he hit a deer with his car at El Rancho and Orion roads. The front end of the major's Dodge was badly damaged.

May 25

**Trespassing - 3:46 a.m.**

Billeting staff telephoned the SFCC to report a possible trespasser in the area of Thor Dormitory. Patrolmen contacted a group of people walking in the area. They said they were being loud but were not fighting. The patrolmen checked identification and found a civilian female was not authorized on the installation. She was escorted off the base and issued cited for trespassing.

**Off-base arrest/DUI - 1:20 p.m.**

A 30th MSG airman first class was arrested at 6:30 a.m. in Pismo Beach for driving under the influence of alcohol.

**Assault - 7:15 p.m.**

A 30th SFS NCO reported to the SFCC he was assaulted by a 30th SFCC senior airman May 17. The NCO further reported that while he

was entering the main gate, the airman threatened him.

May 26

**Curfew violation - 2:50 a.m.**

The Pacific Coast Club manager reported to the SFCC that three intoxicated men were adjacent to the PCC. One of the men was found to be a juvenile.

May 27

**Animal neglect - 11:03 a.m.**

A patrolman found a dog unattended in a privately owned vehicle at the base clinic. The owner, a Defense Commissary Agency employee, returned to the vehicle at noon. The patrolman briefed the man on proper care of his animal.

May 28

**Vehicle accident - 11 a.m.**

A Vandenberg Family Housing resident telephoned the SFCC to report a minor vehicle accident on Parkview Court. The woman said she saw a van from Clean Concepts strike a parked vehicle, but the driver did not realize it and drove away. She called the cleaning company and the driver returned. Responding patrolmen completed the appropriate reports.

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## Ridge outlines how, why terror threat level was raised

By GERRY GILMORE  
*American Forces Press Service*  
■ WASHINGTON — Federal law enforcement organizations — and some state and local authorities — ramped up vigilance when the Department of Homeland Security's color-coded national terror alert level was raised May 20 from "elevated," or yellow, to "high," or orange, the top domestic anti-terrorism official said today on Capitol Hill.

When the terror alert level went to orange, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge remarked, the amount of protection at federal government buildings and facilities nationwide was enhanced and increased.

These activities follow reports that a senior al Qaeda official purportedly issued an audiotape May 21 that encourages Muslims to kill Americans and Israelis in additional attacks.

Consequently, "one of our biggest challenges, I think, as a country," Ridge said, "is to accept the notion that from time to time we want to give general information to the public" regarding the terror threat status in the U.S.

When analysts come across credible information suggesting a terrorist attack on America is imminent, Ridge said, the President's Homeland Security Council is called together," the secretary said.

Ridge pointed out that the information possessed by U.S. officials doesn't specify the exact "time, place and manner" of a potential terror attack on America.

## Iraq remains dangerous for U.S. troops

By GERRY GILMORE  
*American Forces Press Service*  
■ WASHINGTON — Several U.S.

troops were killed by hostile action or accidents in Iraq over the past few days as U.S., coalition and Iraqi operations to enhance law and order in that Middle East country continued.

Two U.S. Army soldiers were killed and nine injured during a May 27 firefight with hostile forces near Fallujah, according to a U.S. Central Command press release. The release noted the aggressors attacked the American troops with rocket-propelled grenades and small-arms fire from a mosque, which is a violation of the law of war.

The U.S. soldiers' response killed two enemy troops, according to the release, while six were captured.

CENTCOM reported another soldier drowned May 26 after diving into an aqueduct located south of the Iraqi town of Kirkuk.

Also on May 26, the command reported one American soldier was killed and three injured when a Humvee apparently ran over a land mine or unexploded ordnance.

In a separate incident on the same day, CENTCOM reported a collision between a U.S. forces' Humvee and a tractor-trailer killed one American soldier and injured two.

In addition, a U.S. military convoy was attacked May 26 near Hadithah, about 120 miles northwest of Baghdad, according to Central Command. One American soldier was killed and another was wounded during the attack, a command release stated, during which the enemy employed rocket-propelled grenades.

CENTCOM also reported one American soldier was killed and another injured May 25 in southern Iraq during an apparently accidental explosion at an Iraqi ammo dump. The American troops were pulling guard duty at the facility at the time of the incident, according to a press release.

The killed and injured soldiers' names are withheld pending notification of next of kin.

## Rumsfeld says Iraqi problems real but workable

By JIM GARAMONE  
*American Forces Press Service*  
■ WASHINGTON — Iraq, with the help of the Coalition Provisional Authority, will work past its current problems, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said to the Council on Foreign Relations in New York May 27.

Rumsfeld said Iraq's problems are real, but shouldn't be blown out of proportion.

Every country making a break with its past has gone through similar trauma.

Rumsfeld talked about a country that faced "looting, crime and mobs storming government buildings, the breakdown of government structures and institutions that maintained civil order (and) rampant inflation caused by the lack of a stable currency."

That country, the secretary pointed out, was the United States at the end of the American Revolution.

"Our first effort at a governing charter — the Articles of Confederation — failed miserably, and it took eight years of contentious debate before we finally adopted our Constitution and inaugurated our first president," he said.

But, the secretary said, the Iraqis have an advantage over early Americans. The war plan to topple Hussein was such that most of the infrastructure is undamaged.

The oil fields — the Iraqi source of wealth — are safe and will soon begin pumping. Coalition forces safeguarded Iraqi dams and worked to limit civilian casualties.

"Iraq could conceivably become a model — proof that a moderate Muslim state can succeed in the battle against extremism taking place in the Muslim world today," Rumsfeld said. "We are committed to helping

the Iraqi people get on the path to a free society."

The goal is a representative government for all of Iraq that protects the rights of all citizens, does not threaten its neighbors and believes in the rule of law, the secretary said.

He said 39 nations have offered stabilization forces or other needed assistance, and that number is growing.

Working with the Iraqis, the authority will continue rehabilitating basic services such as electrical power, pure water and sewage disposal — all neglected by the former regime.

The coalition will work to staff ministries quickly with competent, acceptable Iraqis. "The coalition will work with forward-looking Iraqis and actively oppose the old regime's enforcers — the Baath Party leaders, Fedayeen Saddam and other instruments of repression, and make clear that it will eliminate the remnants of Saddam's regime," Rumsfeld said.

"Those who committed war crimes or crimes against humanity will be tracked down and brought to justice."

The secretary stated that market systems are the best route forward for the country. Under Hussein, it was a command economy with all decisions made by a small circle in Baghdad.

## Marine tent becomes modern-day M-A-S-H

By CPL. JEREMY VOUGHT  
*U.S. Marine Corps News Service*

■ CAMP COYOTE, Kuwait — "Incoming helo, patient inbound" echoed through the small tent city of Bravo Surgical Company, Health Services Battalion, 1st Force Service Support Group in central Iraq. Soon the pulsing blades of an Army Black Hawk helicopter kicked up sand and dust as the "medivac" landed.

As Marines and sailors ran to the helicopter to retrieve the casualties, the "Devil Docs" of Bravo put on their war faces... "It's time to save some lives."

The Operation Iraqi Freedom battlefield spanned an area roughly the size of California. Instead of devising a quick way to transport the injured to the rear for care, Navy medical service providers have become more mobile themselves.

To support a fast-moving

## Child's play



PHOTO BY U.S. NAVY PHOTOGRAPHER'S MATE 1ST CLASS ARLO ABRAHAMSON  
**Al Hillah, Iraq -- Builder 2nd Class Bruce Schmiderer, a U.S. Navy Seabee assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 15, helps to build a playground at a school in Al Hillah, Iraq. NMCB-15 is forward deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and is involved in humanitarian assistance building projects throughout Iraq. The projects are aimed at improving the lives of the nation's citizens.**

battlefield, Bravo Surgical Company is able to break down and set up their mobile field hospital in less than a day.

More than 122 injured Marines, sailors, enemy prisoners of war and civilians were rushed to the shock, stabilization, and triage unit in need of life-saving care for four days during the climax of the war.

"That's more than one patient an hour; nonstop," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Sonya Hamrick, pharmacy technician.

The SST turns away no one and treats not by order of friend or foe but of "medical necessity" said Cmdr. Robert Hinks, officer in

charge of Forward Resuscitative Surgical System Team 2.

"We provide all the life sustaining needs for patients - basically an emergency room in the field," Hamrick said.

"It's really rewarding to see the Marines' faces and hear them say 'Doc, I'm going home.' I feel like I'm a Marine hero on a daily basis," Hamrick said.

Hamrick said courage is "the ability to overcome fear and complete the mission."

"Whenever I feel I can't go on I think of that and suck up some courage," she said. (Courtesy of USMC News Service)



## Space is ultimate high ground

By STAFF SGT. A.J. BOSKER  
*Air Force Print News*

■ **WASHINGTON** — Space is the ultimate high ground and gives American forces a tremendous advantage on the battlefield, according to the Air Force's director of space operations and integration at the Pentagon.

"We must dominate space," said Maj. Gen. Judd Blaisdell, "because it would be very difficult to conduct a war without our space assets and the capabilities they provide."

For example, he said, satellites allow American forces to communicate globally, providing "reach-back" capability and performing real time command and control and battle management.

"They also give us the bandwidth needed to operate our unmanned aerial vehicles," the general said.

Space platforms warn American forces of enemy missile launches, he said. The older systems, initially designed to detect strategic intercontinental ballistic missiles, were adapted in Operation Desert Storm to detect Iraqi Scud missile launches.

"We're now pushing to replace these with the new space-based infrared systems which would be able to more accurately detect the smaller tactical or theater ballistic missiles," he said. "(These systems) will also be able to relay this information to other assets enabling us to strike these launch platforms or (intercept the missiles in flight)."

The Air Force is using space to enhance its intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities, Blaisdell explained. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, various ISR assets provided information to the combined air operations centers, allowing them to make rapid battlefield decisions, putting coalition forces inside the enemy's decision cycle.

"Accurate timing information was used as the basis for all air and space tasking orders," he said.

Space assets enable the electronic distribution of the orders to the field, Blaisdell said.

"These communications satellites played a big role enabling joint communications and the transfer of targeting information to air, land and sea forces," he said.

In the future, the general believes the military's reliance on space, and the

capabilities it provides, will only increase. Blue Force Tracker, a system in development, is designed to identify and track friendly air and ground forces, reducing fratricide incidents. According to Blaisdell, space will not only help American forces win wars, but it may also help deter them.

"Education and the continuing development of a space cadre is important because we've barely scratched the surface on the capabilities that space can provide," he said.

"In order to dominate space, we need people who understand the importance of space and the capabilities that it can provide."

## SECAF, CSAF approve Air University test

By PHIL BERUBE  
*Air University Public Affairs*

■ **MAXWELL AFB, Ala.** — The secretary and chief of staff of the Air Force have approved the testing of an initiative designed to improve interaction between officers and enlisted members in the professional military education environment at Air University.

The plan calls for students attending the Air and Space Basic Course and Air Force Senior NCO Academy being matched together in teams for more than a week of instruction, said Col. Jonathan Klaaren, commandant of Squadron Officer School and acting commander of Squadron Officer College, the parent unit of ASBC.

"Specifically, the initiative would highlight the role of the company grade officer as a leader to enlisted members, and the role of the senior (noncommissioned officer) as a mentor to company grade officers," Klaaren said.

The test session begins July 21 when 600 lieutenants attending ASBC and 420 people attending the academy will be broken down into teams of nine officers and five NCOs, he said. A variety of instructional methods will be used during the week.

The expected outcome from this initiative goes beyond what can be derived from classroom lectures or a deployment exercise. Force development is the ultimate goal, said the commander of the College for Enlisted Professional Military Education, the parent unit of the academy.

"The academy will be able to utilize this initiative as a catalyst to move from a school of corporate management to a school of combat leadership," he said.

## Weathering the storm



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. ERIC M. GRILL

**OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM -- An American flag flies high above the air control tower after a storm at Bagram AB, Afghanistan, May 26. The tower is located inside Air Force Village, which is home to airmen from the 455th Expeditionary Operations Group. Pilots in the group fly A-10 Thunderbolt IIs supporting the war on terrorism.**

If deemed a success, the colonel said the combined operations session would be included as a block of instruction in both schools in January. (*Courtesy of AETC News Service*)

## Air boss conference discusses war plan

■ **OSAN AB, South Korea** — Leaders from around the world came together here May 22 to discuss deterrence and change the war plan regarding the North Korean threat.

The annual event provided an opportunity for coalition members, who would fight together if deterrence were to fail, to hear from the U.S. Forces Korea commander about his view of the plan.

"It's a great opportunity to bring all the members of the coalition together, the commanders of the units throughout the peninsula as well as the (Republic of Korea) and U.S. commanders on the peninsula," said Lt. Gen. Lance Smith, 7th Air Force commander. "We're pulling together to come up with ways and methods to execute (the war plan) more efficiently and discuss new technologies and tactics out there."

With Operation Iraqi Freedom coming to a close, the forces here will take the lessons and new technological advances,

like the unmanned aerial vehicles and ground tactics, and apply them in plans and strategies for 2003, the general said.

Learning lessons from contingency efforts around the world has a direct impact on the mission here, the general said. And, improving war plans and deterrence efforts will continue to keep the ROK and U.S. forces "ready to fight tonight." (*Courtesy of Air Force Print News*)

## Deployed airmen help Iraqi school

By CAPT. DAVID LESTER  
*380th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs*

■ **OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM** — Reaching out across miles of desert, a group of airmen helped Iraqi schoolchildren May 25 when it delivered the results of a "Win the Peace" program drive.

Nine men and women representing the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing traveled Baghdad from their forward-deployed location to deliver more than \$7,500 worth of school supplies.

The wing's "Win the Peace" program started in late April with the goal of collecting \$6,000 in three weeks. By the end of three weeks, there was more than \$7,500 in donations.

As the convoy arrived at the school, it was swarmed by dozens of children who were looking for candy. The school, which has been neglected for years, is located in a poor neighborhood and is shadowed by a tall burned-out building damaged in the war.

"You could see the light in their eyes and hear the excitement in their laughter," said Chaplain (Capt.) John Sackett. "In our discussions with the teachers, you could sense their love for the children and their desire to teach."

After visiting with the children, the airmen unloaded the donated materials. "Our goal was to make personal contact with the school and determine what they really needed," said Harrison. "But ultimately, our goal here was to deliver hope because the future of Iraq rests with its children."

The adopt-a-school program is intended to help reestablish adequate schools throughout Iraq.

"We know that our presence (at the school) cannot be fleeting," said Col. Greg Augst, 380th AEW commander. "The goal of this wing is to establish a long-lasting relationship, because we are here, we want to help, and we can make a difference." (*Courtesy of Air Force Print News*)

# Intramural Sports



## Over 30 basketball standings

Team	Wins	Losses
MSG	3	4
576TH	3	4
LRS	2	5
MDG	3	4
OG	4	3
SCS	6	0
14thAF/614th	3	4

## Volleyball standings



### National League

Team	Wins	Losses
576th No.1	9	3
CES	11	1
DET 9	7	3
14th AF	4	8
MSG	6	6
533rd	1	8
WS	1	10

### American League

Team	Wins	Losses
381st	12	0
576th No. 2	5	7
SCS	7	4
MDG	6	6
OG	6	6
LRS	2	10
CONS	3	8

## Golf standings

SW/SVS/MSS/CPTS	1	1
576th FLTS	0	2
533rd TRS	1	2
30th MSG	3	0
30th SCS	1	1

## Fitness day events

### ♦ Tug-a-truck

A team of 10 people will pull a fire truck a standard distance.

### ♦ Home Run Derby

A single person event. Each participant will try to make as many home runs as possible, with a five-out limit to the derby.

### ♦ Tug-a-war

A 10-person team. A bracket will show which teams will pull against each other. The winner of each pull will advance to the next round until there are two teams left.

### ♦ Three-Legged Race

A couples event or two-person event. The team will have their legs joined together by some means. The teams will then race down a course and back.

### ♦ Horseshoes

This event will be a basic horseshoe tournament on the honor system.

### ♦ Simon Says

The participants will listen to Simon and when he says, "Simon says," the participants do what he says. If you fail to listen then you are out.

### ♦ Sack Race

Participants will form flights by the order they sign up. The top two finishers for each flight will advance. This will continue until there is a final flight. The route will be a down, around the cones and back-type route.

### ♦ Wheelbarrow Race

Participants will pair up and race down the course holding their partner's feet. At the cones, they will switch and race back to the start line.

### ♦ Hula Hoop

Participants will keep their hula-hoops off the ground for as long as possible.

### ♦ 100-meter Dash

Participants will be in flights of six people. The top person from each flight will advance to the semis or final round. The fastest person will be named winner.

### ♦ Egg Toss

Two volunteers will stand four to six feet apart and have the participants mirror them. The participants will toss their eggs. Those who still have an egg, will step back with the volunteers and again mirror them to get the same distance as everyone else.

### ♦ Bench Press

All participants will weigh in at the area where the event takes place. Each participant has three lift attempts, the participants can move their weight up or down even if the previous attempt was failed. Participants must have the bar touch their chest.

### ♦ Dizzy Bat

Participants will spin around a bat 20 times and run the bases. A volunteer will start a stopwatch as soon as the participant starts to spin.

## Fitness day schedule

Event	Start time	End Time	Location
5-on-5 soccer	8:30	TBA	Track
Football throw	11	noon	Track
Home run derby	9	10:30	Softball Field 1
Horseshoes	10	TBA	Outside Track
Simon Says	noon	12:30	Track
Tug-a-truck	9	10	Outside Track
Sit ups/Push ups	12:30	1:30	Track
Sack race	12:30	1:30	Track
3-legged race	2:30	3:30	Track
Wheelbarrow race	10	10:30	Track
Tug-a-war	10	10:30	Track
Bench press	11	11:30	Track
Hula Hoop	10:30	11	Track
Dizzy bat	1:30	2	Track
5-on-5 football	8:30	TBA	Track
3-on-3 sand volleyball	8:30	TBA	Outside Track
5-k race	2:30	3:15	Outside Track
Roller hockey	9:30	TBA	Outside Track
1-pitch softball	10:30	TBA	Softball Field 2
100 meter dash	11:30	noon	Track
4 x 100 meter dash	2:30	3:30	Track
Egg toss	noon	noon	Track
3-on-3 basketball	8:30	TBA	Outside Track

# SPACE & MISSILE

## FEATURES

### Destinations Central Coast @ Vandenberg's Surf Lanes

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

With the snowy plovers running amok on the beaches and the base movie theater closed for repairs, family activities on base can be few and far between. The base playgrounds are great for children but sometimes even they can get boring. Where does a parent turn to give their children a new activity that doesn't cost a lot of money? Try Surf Lanes.

I was struggling with what to do with Alyssa, my three-year-old daughter, because she had been really good lately and I thought she deserved a treat. I wanted to make it something she and I could do together and I didn't think changing the oil in the car would cut it.

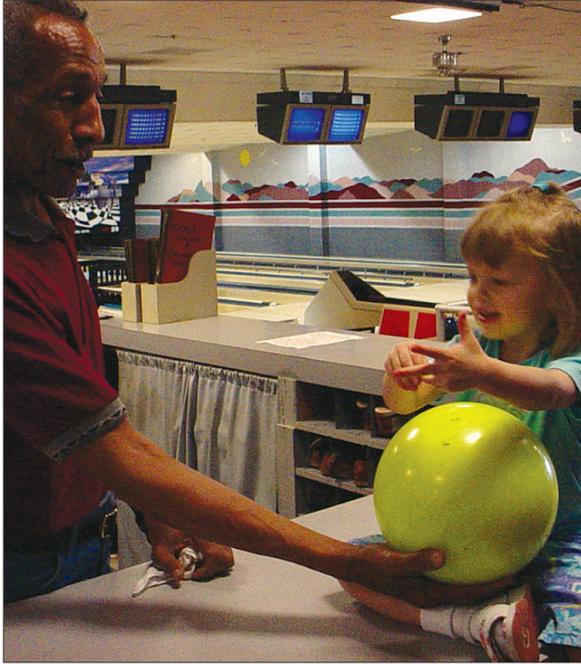
So when Carla began rocking the baby Alyvia to sleep, Alyssa and I bolted for the door.

Alyssa asked quietly, "Where are we going daddy?" I told her.

She answered back loudly, "The bowling alley!" I knew our cover was blown, but we took off nonetheless.

We got into the car and headed for Surf Lanes. When we arrived, Alyssa informed me we were at the BX. I explained that the bowling alley was by the BX. "Ohhh," she replied.

We walked over to Surf Lanes. It wasn't very crowded, mainly just a few people eating. We each picked out some shoes, although hers were two sizes too big. Then the man handed Alyssa, a six-pound ball from behind the counter. The ball,



Vince Culliver gives Alyssa Franks, 3, a six-pound bowling ball kept behind the counter specifically for Surf Lanes' smallest bowlers.

which was only 18 pounds lighter than Alyssa, overwhelmed her. With a grin from ear, to ear she slowly waddled the ball down the stairs to the lane.

Since this was the first time Alyssa had been bowling, I tried my best to explain bowling to a three-year-old.

"Alyssa, I want you to pick the ball up and take it to the line. When you get there put the ball down and push it toward those

white things called pins," I said.

I made sure she didn't drop the ball on her foot by spotting her to the line and she did just what I had said. Thirty seconds later when the ball finally reached the pins, seven of them went down. Two more went down on her next shot.

Understanding what to do now, she continued to bowl for five more frames. Then she wanted to bowl like daddy. On



Above, Alyssa Franks puts on a size nine shoe, the smallest shoe size available at Surf Lanes. The largest shoe size available is a men's size 15. Below, Alyssa attempts to make another strike with one of her expert bowling maneuvers.



the seventh frame she picked the ball up, put her fingers in the holes and tried hurling the ball down the lane. With two loud thuds the ball bounced down the lane with turtle-like speed. Bouncing off the rails, it struck down all 10 pins!

I couldn't believe it.

"I may have the Tiger Woods of bowling," I thought to myself. But I came back to reality quickly as Alyssa went on to pick up the 15-pound ball I was using.

We spent the next hour bowling and laughing, Alyssa enjoying the whole bowling experience. She even had her own bowling dance after each of her turns.

By the end of the second game, my arm was tired and Alyssa's attention was wearing thin. Deciding to call it quits, we put on our shoes, paid our tab and left.

By the time we arrived home, Alyssa was almost asleep. As I put her into bed for a nap, I asked her if she had fun. Nodding yes, she fell fast asleep. Leaving her room I thought to myself, "I'm Super Dad! Now where did I put my Icy Hot?"

### Surf Lanes

Surf Lanes serves fast food from 6:30 a.m. until closing Monday through Friday, and Saturday 8 a.m. until closing.

**Bowling Hours:**  
**Monday-Thursday** 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
**Friday - Saturday** 10:30 a.m. to midnight.  
Cosmic Bowling is every Friday and Saturday night from 9 p.m. to midnight.  
**Sunday** noon to 7 p.m.

**Cost:**  
\$2 per game until 5 p.m.  
\$3 per game after 5 p.m.  
\$1.50 per game Sundays  
\$2 shoes Monday - Saturday  
\$1 shoes Sunday

**Specials:**  
**Tuesday - Junior Day:** \$1.75 per game and free shoes for children 18 and below  
**Thursday - Airmen's Night:** \$1 per game for E-4 and below  
**Saturday:** groups can rent lanes for \$7 an hour plus shoes.  
**Seniors:** \$1.75 per game every day

**Eat and Bowl:** three games, hamburger, fries and drink for \$7, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Saturday

## Community Calendar

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**CAL-VET home loan class** - 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. today at the family support center. Learn application procedures and understand basics of this home loan process.

**Family readiness reunion briefing** - for servicemembers and their families who may have questions or concerns about planning the homecoming, reuniting and relationship building. Call 606-1607 for an appointment.

**The Vandenberg Top-3** - offers three \$200 educational scholarships. All enlisted members, regardless of rank, are eligible. Scholarships are awarded at the August general membership meeting. Call Senior Master Sgt. Paul McGinnis at 606-6571 or 606-3459 for more information and details.

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

**Marriage enrichment counseling** - offered on a one-on-

one basis for married and unmarried couples. Call 606-9958.

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

**Lompoc Mural Society fund raiser** - 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the old Ford Garage, Chestnut and H St. in Lompoc. There will be art displays, live music, rock climbing, a rope pulling contest, horse shoes, door prizes and food.

**Car wash** - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the Vandenberg Center parking lot. Donations are accepted.

**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - 7 to 8 p.m. Mondays at the Vandenberg Health and Wellness Center.

**Relaxation room** - 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday - Friday at the health and wellness center. Call 606-2221 for an appointment.

**Three-day TAP seminar** - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday at the family support center. The Transition Assistance Program is for those retiring or separating from the military within one year.

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**Pancake breakfast** - 6:45 to 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in Vandenberg's Chapel 1 Annex. Dine-in or carry out. Breakfast is \$4 presale or \$5 at the door. Buy tickets from any base chief master sergeant.

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

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

**Joint retiree activities center** - Open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday - Friday in building 10346 in the Vandenberg Base Exchange shopping center. Call 606-5474 for more information.

**Aqualliers Dive Club meeting** - 6 p.m. Wednesday in building 6436. Call Roy Wurzbach at 733-5026 for more information.

**Risk Reduction classes** - 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays at the HAWC. Call 606-2221 to sign up.

**Depression management group** - 10:30 a.m. to noon

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

**Southern California Special Olympics** - Thursday through June 8 in Long Beach, Calif. To volunteer, call Master Sgt. Mike Brown at 605-6281. Permissive temporary duty is authorized and lodging and meals are provided.

**Del Rio Cub Scout summer day camp** - June 9 - 13. Open to all boys entering 1st through 5th grades in fall '03. Call 746-5313 or 734-0128 to sign up.

**Dining facility advisory board meeting** - 10 a.m. June 11 at Breakers dining facility. This meeting gives patrons a chance to voice their opinions, questions and concerns.

**Summer reading program** - 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays June 18 through July 23 at the Lompoc Public Library. Call 736-3477 ext. 12 for more information.

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**Birthday meal** - June 25 for all enlisted members with birthdays in April, May and June. Call Staff Sgt. Jennifer Kottke at 606-3219 for more information.

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**National Veterans Wheelchair Games** - July 5 - 9. The Veteran Long Beach Healthcare System needs volunteers for the games. Call (562) 826-8000 to volunteer.

### MILITARY FREEBIES AND DISCOUNTS

**Vegas salutes the military** - through July 4 more than 70 Las Vegas resorts and hotels offer discounted room rates to active military personnel, their spouses and dependents. Visit the Web site at [www.vegasfreedom.com](http://www.vegasfreedom.com) or call (877) 847-4858.

**Utility assistance program** - This program assists active deployed military and Reservist dependents who need assistance paying their gas bills. Call Bobbi Thompson at 736-6226 for more information.

**Flight discounts** - U.S. Airways offers discounted fares for military members and their immediate family through Dec. 31. Call U.S. Airways at (800) 428-4322 or visit the Web site at [www.usair.com](http://www.usair.com) for more information.

**American Airlines flight discounts** - Discounted fares are available for active-duty and Reserve military members and their immediate family members through Dec. 31. Call American Airlines at (800) 433-7300 or visit the Web site at [www.aa.com](http://www.aa.com).

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

**Free Disneyland admission** - Disneyland offers one complimentary three-day pass to active-duty military members through Dec. 19. Active-duty personnel may also purchase tickets for \$39 for up to five family members. Call (714) 956-6424 or visit the Web site [www.disneyland.com/military](http://www.disneyland.com/military) for more information.

**Sandals Resorts** - offers free vacations for military members. Details are available at [www.sandals.com](http://www.sandals.com). The 30th Space Wing legal office advises that photocopying military identification cards for this purpose is prohibited by AF instruction. Sandals Resorts has indicated that a copy of military orders is an acceptable form of verification.

## Chapel Services & Events

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

♦ **G.I. Java** - opens 5 to 9 p.m. daily for dorm and billeting residents to enjoy free lattes, frappaccinos, sodas, chips and fellowship.

♦ **Carmelite outreach ministry** - meets at 9:30 a.m. Saturday in the Chapel 1 parking lot. All participants must bring a lunch. Call Samuel Warren at 734-7414 for more information.

♦ **Catholic parish appreciation lunch** - 11:30 a.m. Sunday at the Pacific Coast Club.

### WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

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

**Monday - Friday**  
11:30 a.m. Catholic Mass, Chapel 2

**Saturday**  
5 p.m. Catholic Mass, Chapel 2

Call Allison Harvey at 734-0933 for reservations.

♦ **Daily prayers** - 7:15 to 7:25 a.m. in Chapel 1. All of Vandenberg is invited to pray for the nation, troops and families.

♦ **Stitch in time** - 5 to 9 p.m. June 6 in G.I. Java for airmen E-4 and below needing rank sewn on. Call Staff Sgt. Jennifer Wilkins at 606-5773 for more information.

♦ **Vacation Bible School** - 1 to 4 p.m. June 16 through 20. Call 606-5773 for more information.

### Did You Know?

College level examination program paper-based exams are being incrementally withdrawn as the transition to computer-based testing takes place. Until the Department of Defense acquires the necessary infrastructure to support computer based testing, certain tests will not be available at the base education center after the withdrawal date. CLEP exams can be taken at Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo. For now, examinations takes place at the education center Monday and Wednesday at 1 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m. Call 605-5904 to reserve a slot for the limited testing seats.

### Vandenberg Thrift Shop

The Vandenberg Thrift Shop has new summer hours!

Open Tuesdays only from 9:30 to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The shop is located next to the skills development center in Bldg. 11180.

# 30th Services News

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## LAGUNA ARTS FESTIVAL & Pageant of the Masters



**July 11 and 12**  
**\$170** per person sharing,  
 \$225, single

- Includes:**
- Transportation
  - Lodging at the Countryside Inn plus buffet breakfast
  - Laguna Beach • Sawdust Festival
  - Huntington Museum and Gardens
- The Pageant is an incredible show featuring live models in famous works of art!**  
 For more information or reservations, call 606-7976.

SURF LANES

## FAST LANES

Race in to the bowling center snack bar to buy a large Coca-Cola fountain drink and get a game piece. The grand prize is a VIP trip to see auto races at Atlanta Motor Speedway and attend a private dinner with famous drivers at the Coca-Cola Racing Family Reunion! Get into the Fast Lanes scratch-off game... now through August 14th. Great weekly prizes!  
 For more information, call 606-3209.

## Don't miss out on the summer fun! ARENA SOCCER CLINIC June 23 to 28 • children ages 6 to 15

The clinic is broken into two three-day groups, ages 10 and under, and ages 11 and over.



Register through June 13, Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the youth center. Cost: \$15. (\$10 for youth center members). Celebrate the last day, June 28, with games, music, food and fun! For more information, call the youth center at 606-2152.

OUTDOOR REC



## Sailing at Santa Barbara with Steven Renz

10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. • \$45 per person.  
**TRIP DATES: Must sign up by:**  
 June 14 June 6  
 June 21 June 13  
 Trips continue through September. Bring a lunch, hat, sunscreen and wear layered clothing. For more information or to make reservations, call 606-5908.

30TH SERVICES SQUADRON



Team Vandenberg, get ready to play!

# ATWIND STARTS SUNDAY!

Week No. 1 places to play...

- Sunday**  
 Family swim - all day
- Monday**  
 Fitness center - all day  
 Surf Lanes - lunch  
 Pool - water aerobics, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.  
 Lunch and learn through June 13, learn, "Outlook delegating" 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
- Tuesday**  
 Surf Lanes - bowl all day  
 Transition assistance - 8 a.m., family support center  
 Lunch at the Pacific Coast Club  
 Services Center / ITT / Natural Knead - all day  
 AETC (Launch Pad) - lunch
- Wednesday**  
 Foggio's - lunch  
 Golf course - lunch  
 Rod and gun - all day  
 Outdoor rec - all day  
 Lunch and learn, "photo special effects" 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.  
 Services Center - indoor cycling, 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.
- Thursday**  
 Library - storytime, 10 a.m.  
 Surf Lanes - airman's night for E-1 - E-4  
 Foggio's - dinner  
 Youth center parent advisory board, 11:30 a.m.  
 FAMCAMP - all day  
 Breakers - lunch  
 Skills center arts and crafts - all day

Play ATWIND by logging onto [atwind.com](http://atwind.com) or call (888) 597-9960

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**Monthly \$1,000**  
**Winners**  
**for Vandenberg!**

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 Walk into any open services facility and say "ATWIND starts today!" to get an ATWIND game piece!

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June 6 • Noon to 5 p.m. at the Surf Lane's lawn area

## ATWIND Family PICNIC

★ Hot Dogs and Hamburgers \$1 ★  
 Chicken \$2

includes baked beans, chips and soda  
 Adult and Children's Games • Sponsor Booths  
**DUNK TANK • PRIZES • MUSIC with DJ**

FITNESS CENTER



## MAY FITNESS DAY

Come out for a great day of competition, fun and fitness! There is something for everyone!

- Sponsored by -



Call for more information at 606-3834.

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PACIFIC COAST CLUB

Pacific Coast Club and Radio 96.1 present **SLY 96.1 DANCE PARTY** featuring

## TOP 40 / Hip-Hop

with special DJ in the E-LOUNGE!

Call the PCC for details at 734-4375.

**TONIGHT!**  
 9 p.m. to ???

- Promo records
- Giveaways
- T-shirts



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