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MAIN GATE NEWS

During the road improvements to Travis Avenue, people are reminded to look to the *Tailwind* for current information.

The current phase involves the inbound lanes at the Main Gate, and runs from now until Dec. 13. Additional Travis Avenue work will begin in the Spring.

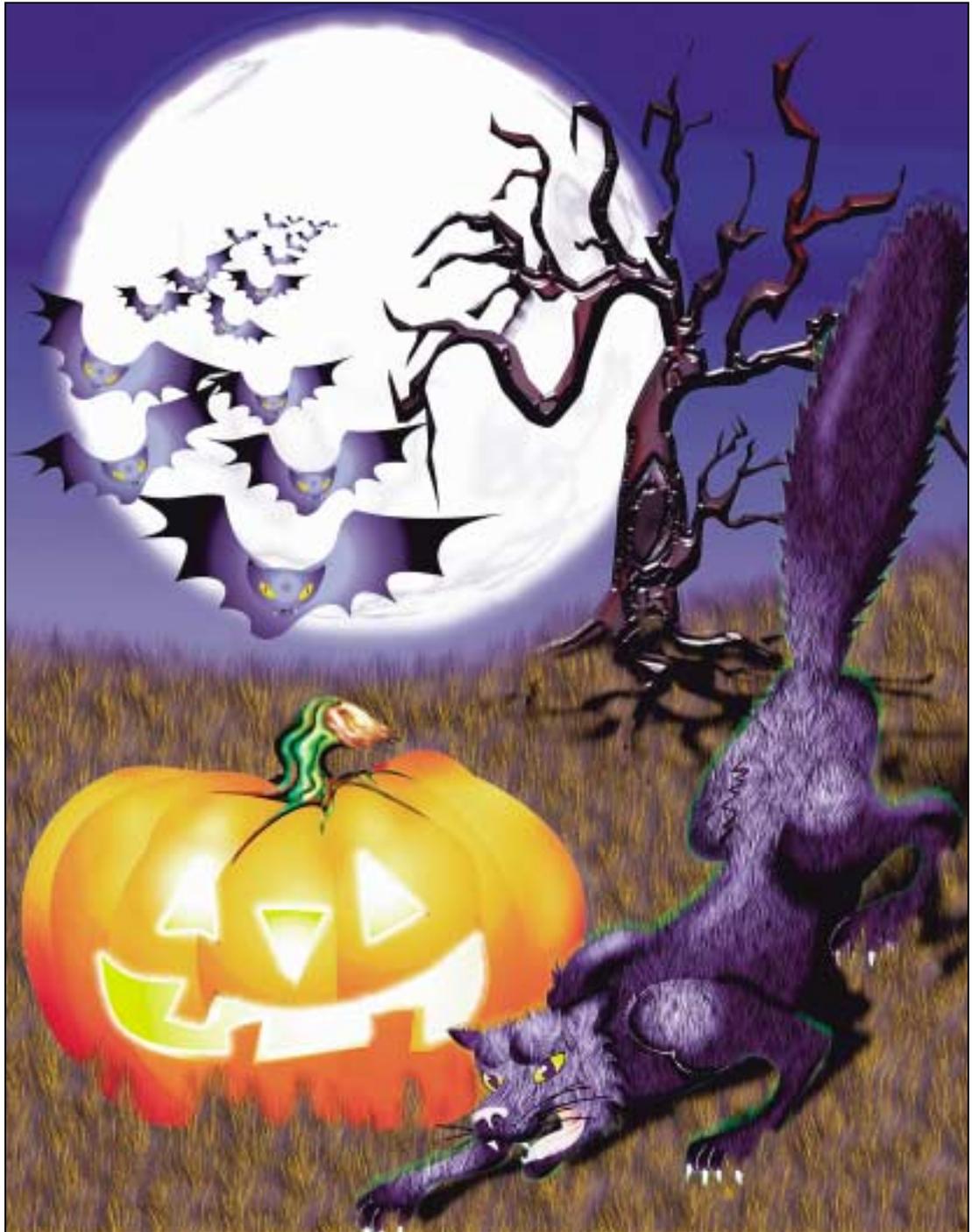
— During this initial phase, all visitors must report to the DGMC gate, which is open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day.

From now until Nov. 20:

— Two lanes of traffic at the Main gate will be open from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m.

— From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Main Gate will go to one lane of incoming traffic.

Beginning Nov. 20 look for additional traffic changes during the Main Gate construction status in the *Tailwind*.



Words from the top...

Team Travis supports World Series, nation

By Col. Michael Sevier
60th AMW vice commander

Team Travis was a heavy hitter in Game 3 of the World Series ... providing most of the more than 200 people from all military branches at the event, unfurling the flag, carrying the streamers, out in front on national television ... my hat's off to those who made this possible, to include **Command Chief Master Sgt. Dan Johnson, 1st Lt. Angela Arredondo and Tech. Sgt. Scott King** of the 60th Air Mobility Wing.

It was just spectacular as the Thunderbirds, after being air refueled by one of Travis' KC-10s, roared overhead following Tony Bennett's rendition of "America the Beautiful" and soon thereafter the game began.

Sports and the military have long been complimentary American traditions. For example, in most Professional Military Education courses, academies, ROTC, and just about every military base ... we play sports bringing home Gen. Douglas MacArthur's famed quote that "Upon the fields of friendly strife, are sown the seeds that, upon other fields, on other days, will bear the fruit of victory."

As you know so well ... we're at war and Travis is leading the way in accomplishing AMC's mission. However, fulfilling this duty doesn't mean we can't bring bat and glove to the field ... and in this spirit the eagles are going to square off against the chiefs in a softball game at 5 p.m. Wednesday at Johnson Field.

This game between the colonels and chiefs should be fairly entertaining so come out and watch the base leadership vie for victory. Fortunately, the only agonizing will be in the days following as sore muscles

and bruised egos will need to be tended to.

It's more than just a game — when we're talking about sports, we're also talking about fitness and camaraderie. When brought together they help us to keep our balance — mind, body and spirit-in keeping with Gen. John W. Handy's flight plan that outlines "people first." Our **60th Services Squadron** is out in front in this effort, trying to provide a variety of activities and amenities for fun

Along these same lines, we're trying to improve Travis' quality of work and home life basewide. One of the most visible projects is the construction work on Travis Avenue from the main gate to Bldg. 381. Fortunately, the construction has had minimal impact on inbound traffic at the main and medical gates. Be sure to keep checking the *Tailwind* weekly for the latest updates on this and other construction projects.

These base improvements would not have been possible without the coordinated effort by many agencies and organizations. Our Civil Engineers are at the helm of the effort, while several other agencies worked diligently behind the scenes to help bring these benefits to Travis, to include our **Comptroller, Contracting and Legal offices.**

Our Combined Federal Campaign is well underway-with many kudos due to **Maj. Del Jones** of the 60th Communications Squadron, and his team of CFC volunteers. They have made more than 65 percent contact across the base and have collected an astonishing \$101,626 ... however, we still have a long way to go. If you haven't been contacted by your unit's CFC monitor, please be sure to seek him or her out, because this is a great way to make a charitable difference.

In addition to our ongoing campaign, we



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have more events for the week in front of us. Be sure to check out the Childcare Development centers Thursday for Travis' "Harvest Festival" which will include crafts, food, fun and games, the Haunted House at the old base gym (Bldg. 230) today through Thursday or "Monte Carlo Night" at the Delta Breeze Club, Nov. 1.

As you know we are also preparing for the AEF seven to eight deployments in November. I can't thank you, Team Travis, enough for your steady focus on this and other aspects of our mission. Travis has a reputation for excellence because of great people ... like our home run king, **Command Chief Johnson**, who retires during a wing retreat ceremony today at 4 p.m. We wish him and his wife Jill the best ... and thank them for their lifelong commitment to the world's best air and space force!

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Excellent service

I want to compliment a customer service commissary employee, Donna Flamon. She helped me find an out-of-stock plastic item I'd borrowed from a neighbor and had to replace. She went out of her way, working, looking, checking, and found it within two days. She had it ready at the door for me when I went back to the store. She

went beyond what most would do and she is completely outstanding. Would you please give her a pat on the back, because she is certainly the kind of person we need working at the base.



Thanks for taking the time to let me know about exceptional service from an exceptional employee at the commissary. Travis has a reputation for excellence and the commissary is no exception. Mitch Kennerly, the commissary Store Director, was delighted you were pleased and wanted me to assure you this "kudo" was passed along to Ms. Flamon.



Motorcycle safety

I would like to know where are the motorcycle safety enforcers are? This afternoon, I observed a young man on a bright yellow motorcycle, on base, riding with shorts and shower clogs on. I used to be with the 349th wing motorcycle safety office and the regulation was "over the ankle boots or shoes, long sleeve shirt and long pants." Did this change?



Thank you for your concern and the opportunity to use this forum as a catalyst to educate Team Travis. Motorcycle operators are required to wear personal protective equipment which includes: a safety helmet fastened under the chin, eye protection (tinted face shields and glasses are prohibited at night), full fingered gloves, foot protection, full length long trousers, brightly colored long-sleeved shirt or jacket, and reflective material (during hours of darkness) visible from all sides. As for the "enforcers," safety is everyone's business. Traditionally, Security Forces and the Safety Office are viewed as the primary enforcers; however, as we continue to increase security measures to protect our base and its people, our entire Travis team serves as an essential force-multiplier. If you witness a violation, please file a Traffic Complaint with the Security Forces Control Center located in Bldg. 380A. As a minimum, the license plate number and state in which it was issued will be required to take action.



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ON THE COVER:

Graphic represents the mood that's felt during the Halloween season. For more on Halloween, see Pages 19 & 20.

Command chief bids fond farewell after 27 years of service to U.S.

1st Lt. Angela Arredondo
60th AMW Public Affairs

60th Air Mobility Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Dan Johnson has very mixed emotions about retirement and prefers "see you later" rather than "good-bye."

"I plan to stay involved with the Air Force somehow," Johnson said. "I don't know what I will do or how I am going to do it or where it will be ... but I will be retiring in the local area. It's a great community and great base. You couldn't ask for a better place to settle down. I look forward to staying engaged with Travis, the Air Force, the local community and doing whatever I can in my capacity as a retired Air Force member."

After four years of serving as the 60th AMW command chief master sergeant, Johnson is ready to hand the reins over to his successor, Chief Master Sgt. Kirk Whitman, who is currently the command chief master sergeant of the 22nd Air Refueling Wing, McConnell AFB, Kan.

Making strides, meeting goals

"We have largely met most of the goals that were established when I first got here in August 1998, such as quality of life improvements, but we are not all the way there yet and we still have more to go," Johnson said. "The new leadership team in place right now knows that and is still working towards that end. Over the past four years, the leadership teams we have had at Travis have done some very positive things."

Significant quality of life improvements include whole-dormitory upgrades, housing renovation, new homes, large-scale construction projects like the complete renovation of the Airman Leadership School, and multiple double-digit increases in the basic allowance for housing.

"A lot of people got involved with improving housing," Johnson said. "From across the base, people spoke to visiting congressional delegations or went downtown and spoke to the community about the problems we were having with affordable and available housing. It was definitely not one person. It was a concerted effort across all of the Travis Team. I am confident that the new leadership team will continue to get people in the housing they deserve for what they do. They deserve a whole lot more."

Johnson has worked for three different 60th AMW commanders, Brig Gen. Steven Roser, Brig. Gen. Thomas Kane and Col. David Leforge. He feels all three made people their top priority.

"I greatly respected and enjoyed the times we had together," the command

chief said. "They truly cared about people and worked tirelessly to improve people's lives. In the very short time I have known Brig. Gen. Baker, the new 60th AMW commander, I have no doubt that he and Chief Whitman are dedicated to continue improving the quality of life of our people. They will quickly zero in on things that still need to be addressed. With new people comes new sets of eyes that can see things from different perspectives — and that's a good thing."

Johnson feels the incoming command chief will have several challenging issues to take on as well.

"I know the new command chief will be greeted and accepted very warmly by the people of Travis," Johnson said.

"Some of the issues he is going to face right away include the unknown — what is going to happen to our people regarding Iraq and the war on terrorism? That will continue to be a tough one to work. I also think the pace of our operations tempo here is another concern. We need to continue letting Air Mobility Command and the chain of command understand the impact it has on our people and their families. We hear all the time about how we enlist the person but retain the family and that has never been more true than now with the unknown future and the high operations tempo. Keeping our people focused on the positive and letting them know we appreciate what they do for our nation will be an extremely important thing too. In my mind, those will be major issues to work — keeping people focused, letting leadership know how hard and long people are working and of course recognizing their commitment, performance and professionalism."

Looking back at 27 years

Johnson served the first ten years of his career as a security police specialist and to this day feels a strong bond to that career field. He then spent almost 12 years as a first sergeant and believes "once a shirt, always a shirt." His last six years has been as a command chief master sergeant. His previous assignment before Travis was at MacDill AFB, Fla. "If it wasn't for Maj. Gen. Becker, 15th Air Force Commander, I wouldn't be here today. He was the one who gave me a shot at being his command chief at MacDill AFB. So, it was great to see him and Mrs. Becker when they came to Travis." As he looks back upon his 27 years and four months of service, Johnson can't help but notice how things have changed.

"When I came in you never wanted to go to a 1st shirt or commander's office," the command chief said. "If you went to their office it was because someone had

done something wrong. I have seen that change tremendously. In addition to ensuring mission accomplishment, I think most 1st shirts and commanders out there today truly do care about the welfare, morale and discipline of our enlisted force."

"I am extremely proud of what the 60th AMW and the Travis Team has accomplished these past four years. I feel very fortunate to have been a small part of the great mission and people accomplishments we have achieved. Gen. Roser, Gen. Kane and Col. Leforge knew that taking care of the people really does impact how successful mission accomplishment is and they were awesome to work for. The men and women of the Travis Team are the best our nation has and they proved it time and time again, no matter where they were sent or if here at Travis, they performed superbly."

The chief is looking forward to retirement life.

"I want to spend more time with my family" Johnson said. "I think every person wearing this uniform and their loved ones know what they are giving up — the birthdays missed, the ball games missed, the births — all of those significant events in life. In four years you also meet a lot of people and make a lot of friends and acquaintances. We have met some tremendous people — off base and on base — who care a lot. I am looking forward to spending time with those friends and those who retired in this area."

Thanks for making a difference

Johnson would like to thank the local community leaders and supporters of the Travis Team, including the Travis Regional Armed Forces Committee and all the private organizations both on and off base that support the men and women at Travis. He also wants to say thank you to several organizations that make a huge impact at Travis — the 1st Sergeants, the Chief's Group, Top Three, Rising Six and Air Force Sergeants Association.

"They really look out for issues that affect everyone and they have done a tremendous job," the retiring chief said. "Another small group of professionals who rarely get the credit they deserve are the Group superintendents. They are trusted advisors, confidants, and friends who really made things happen within their groups. Without them, any command chief master sergeant, including myself would have been dead in the water. I also have had the great fortune to be surrounded by superior administrative assistants in this position — Staff Sgt. Brandy Erven, Staff Sgt.



Chief Master Sgt. Dan Johnson

James Hendrix ... now Lt. Hendrix ... and Staff Sgt. Jason Lowery have been the glue and substance keeping me pointed in the right direction with a calendar and workload that is especially tough to control. They became the experts for me in many areas when I could not be there to answer the question and they represented you, me and the Air Force in first-class fashion whenever and wherever duty called. I couldn't have asked or gotten better support from anyone!"

"Each of these groups and people here at Travis have been thoroughly engaged and helped make great things happen for our people and the Air Force," Johnson said. "In looking back over 27 years, I can't think of a better group of professionals and caring people. To the men and women of the Travis Team, whether enlisted, officer or civilian, it has been my honor, privilege and pleasure to have served with and for you. I was taught a long time ago by another chief to always give credit where credit was due and ensure that those people who work tirelessly behind the scenes are recognized. I hope in some fashion that I have done that in my tour at Travis. My only regret is not having more time to see more people more often. Lastly but certainly not least, to my wife Jill, and kids, Kristi and Todd, thank you for giving up such precious time with me for the Air Force. You have stood by me through it all and I know it isn't always easy to understand why I am the way I am. You each know what you mean to me. Much love and thanks to you. I hope to start

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NEWS NOTES

Command chief retirement

A retirement ceremony honoring the 60th Air Mobility Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Dan Johnson, is scheduled for 4 p.m. today at the Base Flagpole. Retired Brig. Gen. Steven Roser and Col. David Lefforge, former 60th AMW commander, will officiate the ceremony. For more information, call Master Sgt. Sylvia Crowder at 424-8115.

Retirement ceremony

A retirement ceremony honoring Tech. Sgt. Scotty Greene of the 815th Air Mobility Squadron is scheduled for 11 a.m. today at the Travis Conference Center. Refreshments will immediately follow. Dress for the ceremony is Uniform of the Day. For more information, call Master Sgt. Jeff Rutter at 424-7359.

CFC underway

The Combined Federal Campaign is well underway at Travis, but the 60th Air Mobility Wing still has some distance to go to achieve its goal of \$257,000 dollars. See your unit's CFC representative to donate to any charity of your choice, including those non profit, base affiliated organizations. The 60th AMW has collected more than \$101,00 to date.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to assist with diverse aspects of event planning for the upcoming Doolittle Raiders reunion scheduled for April 15 to 18, 2003. Military personnel, dependents, and their friends in either military or civilian communities are urged to call Cathleen Handlin, the project manager, for a list of volunteer positions available. Call 424-4670 or e-mail Doolittlemuseum@aol.com.

Job opportunity

The Base Education Center has two VA Work Study positions open for individuals who are receiving VA educational benefits throughout their academic enrollment. Applicants must be attending school at least ¾ time.

The primary purpose of these positions are to provide support to active duty, retired and separated personnel seeking information or assistance using VA benefits at Travis.

Applications are available at the Base Education Center, 530 Hickam Ave., Bldg. 249, A Bay. Submit application and resume to the Education Center, 60 MSS/DPE. For more information, call 424-1728.

Academy and AFROTC

Are you interested in an opportunity to attend the Air Force Academy? Have you considered Air Force ROTC as a means for earning a college degree and an Air Force commission? Now is the time to start the application process to enter the Air Force Academy or Prep School. The next deadline for the Academy is Jan. 31, 2003. If interested in AFROTC, the next deadline is Oct. 15, 2003, for Fall 2004 school entry. Representatives from the Air Force Academy and AFROTC will be on hand to answer questions on Nov. 1 at 10 a.m. at the Education Center, Bldg. 249. For more information, call 424-1727.

Team Travis competes for Hennessy Trophy

Linda C. Mann-Iames
60th Services Squadron

The food service personnel at Travis proved their excellence by winning the coveted 2001 Air Mobility Command's John L. Hennessy Award and they plan to defend their trophy this year.

"We are more than ready," said Food Service Superintendent Master Sgt. George Stewart. "We already showed what we could do, and we have continued to meet or exceed the Air Force Golden Eagle standards set for Air Force Food Service facilities. Now we just have to show the Hennessy team what we are made of."

Travis is competing in the multiple-facility category and all its dining facilities will be evaluated as one unit. The evaluation team will visit Sierra Inn, Golden Hills, the Fire Station Kitchen, Flight Kitchen, Readiness Office and the Food Service Staff Office. They will judge six key areas: kitchen operations, serving and dining operations, training (to include personnel and readiness), sanitation, maintenance of the facility and overall management practices.

The team that will decide the winner of the 47th AMC Hennessy award comes to Travis from Scott Air Force Base, Ill. The evaluators are: Senior Master Sgt. Shelia Knox, Command Food Service Superintendent; Lawrence Krauss, Deputy Director of Services; and Randolph Rose, Nightingale Inn Dining Facility manager, 375th Services Squadron.

The AF Hennessy team will visit Travis from Oct. 30 to Nov. 2. They will take a whirlwind tour of all the dining facilities at Travis — eating, observing, and asking questions for two days. The team will also be eval-

uating other multiple-category facilities, which are competing for the "Best in the Air Mobility Command" title.

The evaluation team will scrutinize every aspect of the food service operation to determine an overall AMC champion.

"We have done very well on the AMC level in the past and plan to show them that we have only improved over the last year," Stewart said. "It's the little things that make a difference."

Those little things include the way the employees interact with customers, the cleanliness and attractiveness of the facility, and the appetizing presentation of the food. In addition to meal preparation and the quality of the dining facilities, the team will also be looking at the business end of running the facility and judging how well it is managed.

"Evaluators will be looking at our financial, purchasing, and receiving records as well as how the managers have trained their employees. I have great confidence in our team and the way our managers run all of our facilities," said 60th Services Squadron Superintendent Chief Master Sgt. William Garner.

Travis is part of an exciting food service training program that is unique to the Air Force. Chefs from the Culinary Institute of America in Napa teach selected Travis food service personnel ways to improve upon menus and food presentation. Those employees then bring what they have learned back to base. The program has only been in place for a about a year, but they are already creating tasty results.

"The personnel that are selected to go to the CIA are the top performers



Courtesy photo

Senior Airman Noel Madlangbayan prepares dessert for the Air Force Anniversary Meal at the Sierra Inn. Travis dining facilities have specialty meals every month to celebrate holidays, honor airmen and add a little something special to the daily menu.

selected by management. After attending the CIA, they are empowered to come back and implement new ideas and techniques amongst co-workers and management. The C-5 Cookies, KC-10 Brownies, entrée and plate presentation are examples of how the CIA training has paid off," Stewart said.

Golden Hills Manager, Tech. Sgt. David Wisecarver, knows all the food service employees play an important role in quality and readiness.

"We couldn't have won Best in AMC three years in a row if we didn't have a quality staff. That includes active duty, reservists, civil service and PRIDE employees — we all work together as a team," Wisecarver said.

The commanders at Travis believe that quality food service is important to the morale of their troops and have given support and encouragement during the 2002 AMC Hennessy preparation.

"The wing and squadron leaders have been very supportive of our efforts," Stewart said. "They notice how hard we work to go the extra mile for our customers."

What is the Hennessy Program?

Airman Ises Tyler dumps a finished batch of onion rings during lunchtime at the Sierra Inn. Military and civilian Pride employees work side-by-side at Travis dining facilities to offer quality food at low prices to military 365 days a year.



Courtesy photo

The John L. Hennessy trophy is an annual award presented to the Air Force installation, in single and multiple-facility categories, having the best food service program in the Air Force. The award is based on the entire scope of an installation's food service program exhibiting excellence in management effectiveness, force readiness support, food quality, employee and customer relations, resource conservation, training and safely

awareness.

The Hennessy Trophy Awards Program was established in 1956 by the Air Force, National Restaurant Association, Society for Food-service Management and International Food Service Executives Association to promote excellence in customer service and meal quality and inspire high morale, motivation, mission support and a professional image through pride and spirited competition.

AMC/CV answers AEF questions

By Cynthia Bauer
Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AMCNS) — Every other month, Air Force major command vice commanders, a group of Air Staff lieutenant generals, and Air and Space Expeditionary Force Center representatives, meet with Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Robert "Doc" Foglesong to review and refine the AEF structure. Lt. Gen. John Baker, Air Mobility Command's vice commander, a member of this AEF Forum, had this to say about the forum's progress:

Q. General Baker, what was the main issue of discussion at the September meeting of the AEF Forum?

A. We continue to discuss the stressed career fields with the experts from the Air Staff and the Air Force Personnel Center. We want to stay on track, and keep closer account of our deployed forces so we don't have a "lost patrol." In addition, we've prioritized what occupations our airmen go into after basic military training to add more personnel to the stressed career fields. The Air Force is looking at adding 1,000 this year and another 2,400 next year to those career fields that are hurting the most. Although we are putting more people into those stressed career fields, it will take two years or more to see the results. You can't just take one person and instantly recreate all the experience and skill necessary immediately for that airman to function successfully in a stressed career field. It will take some time.

Q. What else has the Air Force done to reduce the stress on those career fields that have fewer people than necessary to meet deployment requirements?

A. When we started on the Air Expeditionary Wing construct several years ago, no one had a crystal ball that could have foretold the global war on terrorism. We have found the basic structure does work, but because of the demands on our forces after the Sept. 11 attacks, the system did get stressed. One solution has been to roll

the two Air Expeditionary Wings into the 10 AEFs while continuing to work toward getting expeditionary combat support leveled throughout the Air Force. This will help us even out the distribution of personnel in the AEFs and provide us with a more rational approach to the deployment cycle. But this only solves part of the problem.

Another area of improvement is that overseas joint exercises of more than 30 days will no longer be treated differently than deployments. They shouldn't be. A person vulnerable to deploy may be called on to support the global war on terrorism or a major joint exercise. As I mentioned earlier, we need to track our forces, and we need to track these exercises because we don't want to be caught short in supporting contingencies. The best way to do this is to use the AEF system. It will take a while for this to get entrenched in our operations, but the only way to build confidence in the AEF is to work within the system.

Q. What is the future of Phoenix Readiness at the Air Mobility Warfare Center at Fort Dix, N.J., now that it's a flag-level expeditionary combat support exercise?

A. Now that Phoenix Readiness will be constituted as a flag-level exercise and the concept is approved, we'll put the flesh on the bones to increase staff and develop courseware. We will expand and construct new facilities to increase the number of classes and add more Air Force specialty codes to the training program. We are working closely with Air Combat Command and the Air Staff to put the expansion in place sooner rather than later. We're looking at less than a year. Phoenix Readiness is an important part of the Global Mobility Task Force concept. For GMTF, we need the right kind of people to build up bases and the follow-on forces to sustain operations. The GMTF is part of the CSAF's plan to focus our efforts on capabilities, not just platforms. Developing clearly understood concepts of operations for each task force is a major part of our efforts at transforming our culture

into an expeditionary mindset.

Where the Global Strike Task Force "kicks down the door," the GMTF opens the base. AMC tanker airlift control elements, the TALCEs, have been in the base-opening business for several decades but may need to be expanded to meet a new mission. Our focus in the past has been on opening bases for primarily AMC operations. Future GMTF focus needs to include the beddow of any weapon system — including joint or coalition forces. Also, we will need to review how we work with the Army and Marines when we have to open the base under adverse conditions. This will involve integrating with U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Pacific Air Forces' recently created contingency response groups that have similar missions but with a robust security and civil engineer capability. They all have the same objective, to go into any location and rapidly build up a bare base or runway so we can go in to support the theater commanders for either military or humanitarian operations.

As we discovered during the early stages of the GWOT, there are not enough TALCEs to support the simultaneous build up of more than a few bases, much less sustain combat operations for an extended period of time. Other commands and organizations will be brought together and trained to help, especially in the sustainment phase, so that the TALCEs can regroup and be retasked to open other bases. The GMTF goes across the Air Force as a part of the Air and Space Expeditionary Force concept, and Phoenix Readiness will play an important role in building the Air Force GMTF.

Q. What are the significant issues facing the Guard and Reserve?

A. The contributions of the Guard and Reserve have been simply amazing, especially for AMC. We could not have achieved the success we have achieved without their support for our mission. There have been challenges with the recent demobilization and a reduction in available man-days. Activating large

numbers of the Air Reserve Component for the past year has been difficult on their employers and families. Needless to say, we appreciate their support. The Air Force is distributing the workload for our Guard and Reserve partners across the AEFs for more consistency. We are also looking to more rationally "smooth-flow" Guard and Reserve expeditionary combat support capabilities into the AEFs in the same manner we are working the active duty.

Q. Where does the focus at wing level need to be?

A. Our airmen must be prepared for deployment. With the predictability we are growing with the AEFs, there is no reason they shouldn't be. Airmen must depart their home station with the right orders, equipment, clothes, records and training and qualifications. There have been more than a few instances, too many in my view, where airmen are not bringing everything they should. There have been issues not only at the departure point, but also at the reception location. There needs to be increased emphasis at our wings on routine training for our folks running our mobility processing activities. There is also an effort to ensure those at the reception locations have the right training and are focused on the "must haves" for deployments.

Q. What has been the assessment of the performance of AMC airmen in supporting the AEF?

A. The Chief of Staff and Secretary of the Air Force have said recently and more than once how proud they are of the effort and dedication of our folks. Our folks are working hard and have achieved a remarkable record. It's important to hear and remember this as we move forward after the one-year anniversary of the Global War on Terrorism. We all understand that refining the AEFs has taken time and has caused some frustration. But the Air Force leadership is working hard to solve the challenges we have faced.



Courtesy photo

In addition to games, crafts and fun activities, each child will be able to take home a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch at one of the three Harvest Festivals at Travis Halloween.

Travis Harvest Festival marks changing times

By Linda Mann
60th Services Squadron

The annual Harvest Festival is one of those moments when a child's growth becomes noticeable. The infant who watched the activities last year with big eyes is toddling from pumpkin to pumpkin this year.

The toddler has gotten big enough to choose his own pumpkin and carry it to mom; while the preschooler is moving from activity to activity so quickly, Dad can't keep up.

On Halloween, there will be three separate festivals filled with games, arts and crafts and autumn activities. Children from Child Development Centers 1, 2 and the Family Childcare Program are invited to CDC2 for the combined Harvest Festival.

CDC 3 will have a separate Harvest Festival for its children. Both events will run from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. and parents are invited to attend.

There will be age-appropriate games including a beanbag toss and a fishing game. Children will also be invited to make autumn crafts and get their face painted.

Each child will be able to pick his or her own pumpkin to take home from hundreds in each "pumpkin patch." Cookies and root beer floats will be provided for all children and their parents.

The CDCs can always use volunteers to clean up, help children with the activities and to set up the pumpkin patch.

Snapple Beverages Co. is providing many of the prizes and the Stuart Root Beer for the floats at the CDCs.

The Teen Zone and Youth Center will have a Harvest Festival for the older children from 3:30 to 5:30 in the Youth Center gym. The children have planned the activities and games and



Courtesy photo

One-year-old Dylan Dyke explores the pumpkins at the Child Development Centers' Harvest Festival last year. This year all three CDCs, Family Child Care, the Youth Center and the Teen Zone are participating in Halloween festivals.

designed the booths themselves for the event.

"I gave the children a bunch of materials and supplies and let them use their imagination and do their own thing," said School Age coordinator Joe Kennedy.

All four festivals are free and open to all children currently enrolled in one of Travis' youth programs.

Call Linda Wherry at 424-0399, Alan Tornay at 424-2603, Shantel Chapman at 437-0553, or Josephine Kennedy at 424-5392 for more information or to volunteer.

DBC holds Monte Carlo masquerade

By Linda Mann
60th Services Squadron

All Hallows Eve isn't just for kids ... the Delta Breeze Club is getting into the spirit of things with two costume parties during Halloween week — the Monte Carlo Masquerade on Nov. 1 and Costume Karaoke Wednesday.

"Part of the mission of the Club is to create recreational events for our military members. Halloween is the perfect opportunity to shed the uniform and socialize," said Mark Larios, DBC manager.

Every Wednesday, the Gold Rush Lounge is packed with people for karaoke and dancing from 8 p.m. to midnight. The music is pumping, the karaoke list is expansive and the hottest music videos are playing on the big screen. The night before Halloween is Costume Karaoke with prizes being given to the patrons with the best costumes. As always, club members get in free and guests pay \$3.

On Halloween, mom and dad

take the kids trick-or-treating, so Friday night is the parents' turn to celebrate. Monte Carlo night is always a favorite on base with casino card games and craps tables and a chance to win fantastic prizes. This time, DBC members of all ranks and their guests are invited to dress in costume for a little added excitement.

Come in masks, Halloween costumes or dressed up for a night on the town from 7 p.m. to midnight in the main dining room.

The \$10 admission (\$8 members first price) covers \$500 in gaming tokens to play with and food and beverage coupons. Anyone who dresses in costume gets an extra \$100 in tokens. At the end of the night all tokens are turned in for chances to win great prizes.

The DBC is still looking for volunteer dealers for Monte Carlo Night. All dealers will be fed dinner on Friday night and given \$30 in DBC coupons. Training is earlier in the day on Nov. 1. Call 437-3711 to sign up.

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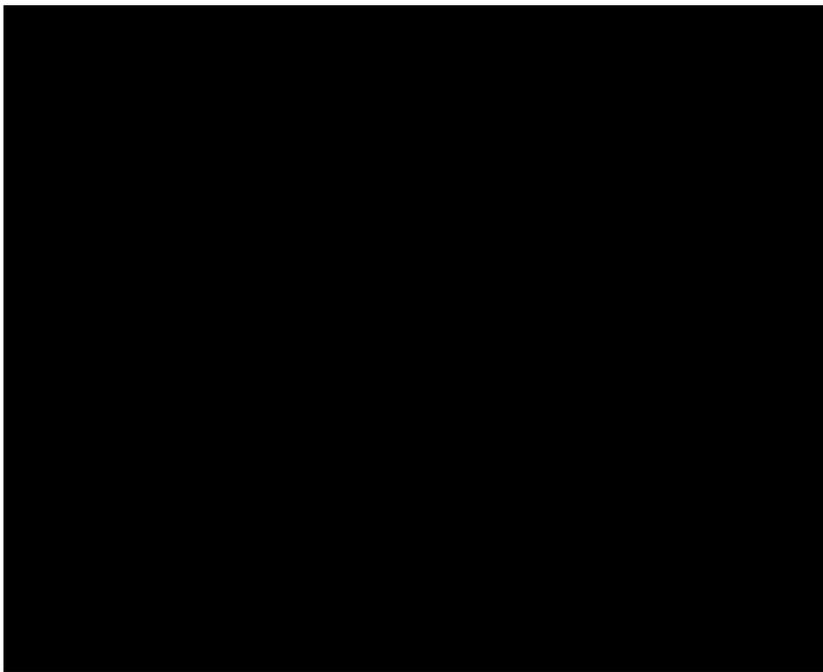
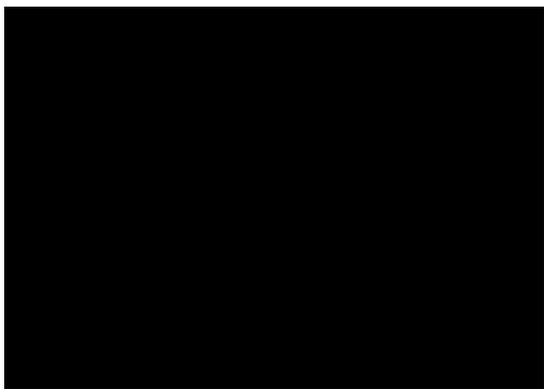
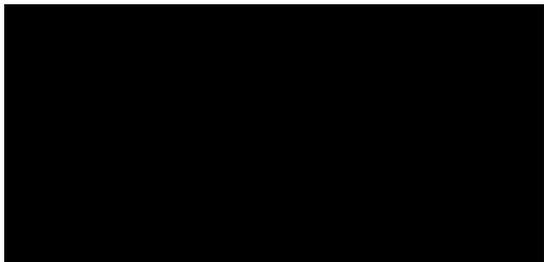
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SQUADRON SPOTLIGHT

22nd Airlift Squadron

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Commander:

Lt. Col. Mark Dillon

First Sergeant:

Master Sgt. Mark Stevenson

Mission:

One of two combat-ready, combat-proven C-5 squadrons in the 60th Air Mobility Wing — the largest wing in Air Mobility Command. The squadron trains and equips more than 230 personnel consisting of 29 aircrews and support personnel employing 16 aircraft in worldwide strategic airlift operations.

Capabilities & Recent Significant Events:

In the past 12 months, the 22nd AS has doubled its annual flying hour program and tripled its TDY rate. The tireless warriors of the 22nd AS have flown nearly 12,000 hours, more than 2,300 sorties, and delivered more than 80,000,000 pounds of cargo. This leap in operations tempo began during the summer of 2001 when the 22nd AS assisted Air Mobility Command with its under-flown Transportation Working Capital Fund flying hour program by adding more than 850 hours in three months. The terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, accelerated this summer-time surge. Within four hours of the attacks on the World Trade Center, a C-5 commanded by Capt. Mike Tison and a crew from the 22nd AS was airborne en route to Arizona, the only AMC aircraft airborne over the United States. Later that same day, the 22nd AS delivered heli-

copters and crucial rescue equipment to patrol the New York City skies. Also that day, a 22nd AS crew commanded by Capt. Aaron Tucker made history by delivering NATO E-3 aircrews and equipment to the United States — the first foreign defense of U.S. soil since the War of 1812.

This past July and August, the 22nd AS fulfilled Gen. John W. Handy's vision of bringing the C-5 Galaxy into the Expeditionary Air Force with its first-ever combat deployment into Kandahar, Afghanistan. The 22nd AS commander, Lt. Col. Mark Dillon, led seven aircrews from Travis and Dover as the 782nd Expeditionary AS established a perfect mark of 28 consecutive, on-time C-5 combat missions. Despite grueling 20-hour days, nighttime operations into the dangerous Kandahar combat zone, and landing on a bombed-out runway, Dillon's team safely delivered the 843 troops and their 3.2 million pounds of war-making equipment an impressive 30 percent earlier than planned.

Unit Recognition:

2001 — Fifteenth Air Force nominee for General Joseph Smith Trophy; Best Airlift Squadron in AMC.

Individual Recognition:

2001 — Air Force Association Lt. Gen. William H. Tunner Best Strategic Airlift Aircrew Award: Capt. Mark Flanders and crew.

2001 — Fifteenth Air Force Aircrew of the Year Award and Air Force Association



Capt. Kim Garbett / 60th AMW Public Affairs

Loadmaster trainer Tech. Sgt. Eric Davis (standing) instructs Airman 1st Class Matt Free on the proper procedures to accomplish a C-5 kneel. Both airmen are assigned to the 22nd Airlift Squadron.

Outstanding Aircrew Excellence Award: Maj. James Sheridan and crew.

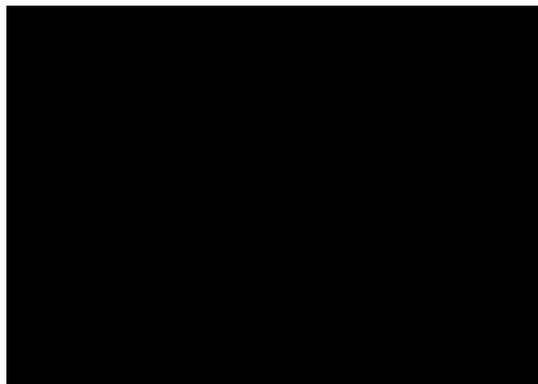
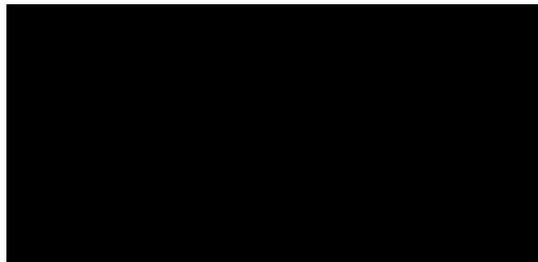
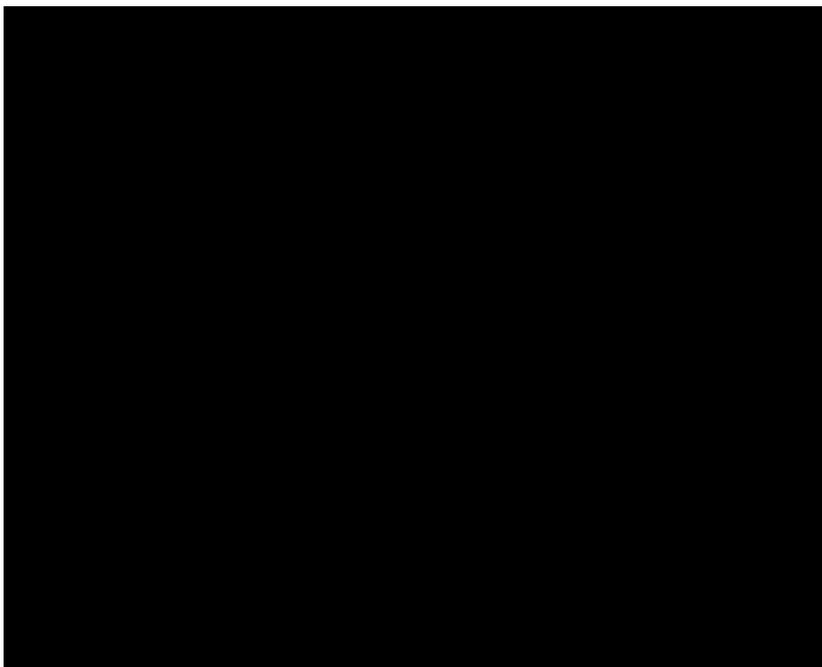
2001 — Fifteenth Air Force General Robert "Dutch" Huyser nominee: Master Sgt. Michael Roe.

2001 — Fifteenth Air Force Staff Sgt. Henry E. "Red" Erwin Outstanding Enlisted Aircrew Airmen of the Year: Senior Airman

Mike Turner.

2001 — 60th Air Mobility Wing Senior Company Grade Officer of the Year: Capt. Aaron Tucker.

Below-The-Zone Recipients: Senior Airman Timothy Fitts, Senior Airman Mike Turner, and Airman 1st Class Joseph Bradshaw.



I SEE YOU: Technology means better care for deployed forces

Lt. Col. Les Folio (left), 363rd Expeditionary Medical Group chief of aerospace medicine, and Tech. Sgt. Kieran Carolan, 363rd EMDG X-ray technician, both from Travis, prepare a patient for an X-ray examination at the Prince Sultan Air Base hospital. With the recent implementation of teleradiology technology, patients at PSAB will now get their X-ray results faster.



By Senior Airman Nicole Bickford
363rd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

PRINCE SULTAN AIR BASE, SAUDI ARABIA — Patients here no longer have to wait seven to 14 days for an expert radiology consultation thanks to the recent implementation of teleradiology technology.

Teleradiology enables the 363rd Expeditionary Medical Group to send digital images through satellite communications to the 74th Medical Group at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Now medical providers are able to receive results within one to two days and treat their patients more timely.

"Our previous process took up to two weeks using a host-nation hospital," said Lt. Col. Les Folio, chief of aerospace medicine with the 363rd EMDG from Travis AFB, Calif. "This is not only a first for PSAB, but also for Air Force military medical facilities in the Middle East and the AOR."

Not only will the new technology increase the speed of delivery, but will also save the wing more than \$52,000 a

year in professional fees. It also saves more than 1,000 man-hours annually from performing printing, transfers and picking up X-Rays from the local community.

"This capability also enhances our medical force's wartime readiness by enabling us to deliver definitive healthcare in a contingency environment," said Folio.

Multiple and large image files can now be sent across thousands of miles in 14 minutes or less.

Folio has also established a working group that is helping other bases in the AOR achieve similar capabilities. At least one other base recently established teleradiology connectivity with the United States, and Seeb is right around the corner.

"Within minutes of taking an X-ray, a radiologist at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base can see the same image as our doctor at PSAB," said Col. Mark Ediger, 363rd EMDG commander. "Communication technology is enhancing our doctors' ability to consult distant specialists when caring for the forces at PSAB."

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CORE VALUES

They don't include drinking underage

By Maj. Dean Cusanek
81st Security Forces Squadron

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. (AFPN) — It used to be that having a couple of drinks after work was the thing to do. A whole group would head from the dorms to the Airman's Club and drink the night away.

In the early 1980s, things started to change. The drinking age was changed to 19, then 20 and then 21. People were upset.

I hear the same complaints today that I heard then: "If I am old enough to fight and die for my country, I should be old enough to have a drink whenever I want one."

That sounds all "hooah," but when you give it a sanity check, it isn't. To die for your country is one thing, but to die because you made a poor choice to break the law and drink underage is quite another.

Underage drinking is against the law.

So, what's so special about 21? It isn't just an age lawmakers pulled out of a hat. According to information posted on the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Web site, in the late 1960s and early 1970s, several states lowered their drinking age from 21 to 18. Research indicated a significant increase in highway deaths of the teens affected by these laws.

Therefore, in the early '80s, a movement began to raise the drinking age back to 21. States monitored the difference in highway fatalities. Research found that teen-age deaths in fatal car crashes dropped up to 28 percent. In 1982, when many states had a minimum drinking age of 18, 55 percent of all fatal crashes involving young drivers also involved alcohol. Since then, the alcohol-related traffic fatality rate has been cut

in half and more than 17,000 lives have been saved.

Alcohol has also been proven to have adverse affects on the brains of young people. Young brains don't finish developing until about the age of 20, and the last regions of the brain to mature involve the ability to plan and make complex judgments. Young brains are vulnerable to the dangerous effects of alcohol, especially their learning and memory functions.

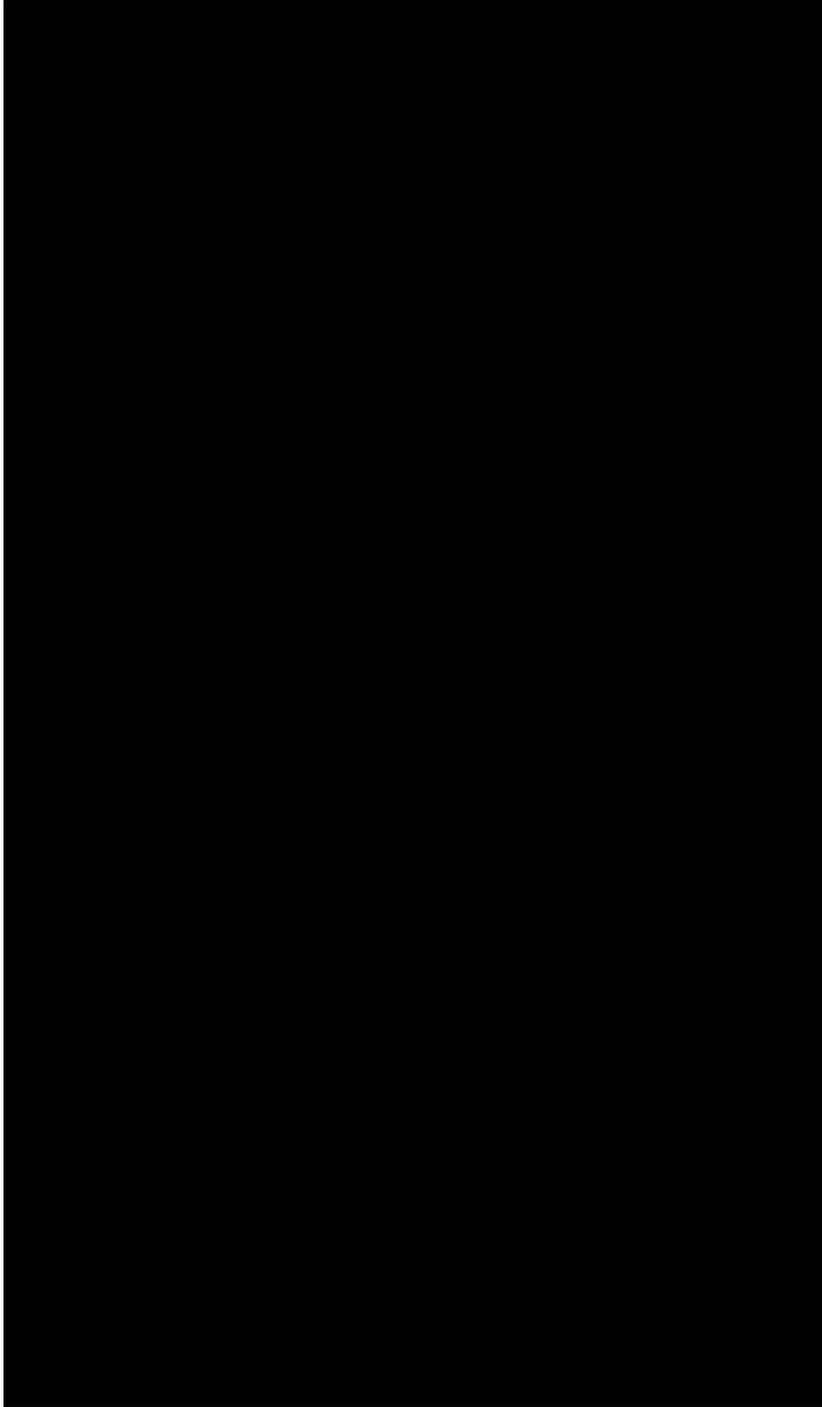
Young people who drink impair the brain functions they rely on so heavily for learning and making split-second decisions that could affect their lives and the lives of those around them.

As military members, we're held to the highest standards. We're expected to be mature, productive members of society, to make sound decisions and live by our core values — regardless of our age. The core values of integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do are much more than minimum standards. They remind us what it takes to get the mission done. They inspire us to do our very best at all times. They are the common bond among all comrades in arms.

We rely on each other to build and sustain the world's most respected air and space force. If we use the core values as our compass, together we'll get the mission done.

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Travis team on fire

Travis firefighters test real-world skills at competition



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Team Travis firefighters. (from left) Staff Sgt. Mike Melton, Senior Airmen Vince Clark, Mike Romano, Staff Sgt. A.J. Eversley and Senior Airman Harry Meyers take time to pose for a team picture.

Capt. Kim Garbett
60th AMW Public Affairs

A team of five Travis firefighters demonstrated they are among the best of the best this year. They have worked hard to become the number one firefighting team in the United States and have the number two team time in the world, just seconds behind the Canadian team.

Their final proving ground will be at the World Firefighter Combat Challenge hosted this year Oct. 29 to Nov. 3 in Deer Field Beach, Fla.

The mission of Firefighter Combat Challenge is to test and hone the physical capabilities and firefighting skills of the firefighter. More than 100 military and civilian teams participate annually in this intense and spirited competition, said Peter Dolan, Travis fire chief. Not everyone makes it to the world competition.

This year's team includes five Team Travis firefighters: Staff Sgt. A.J. Eversley, Senior Airmen Mike Romano, Harry Myers, Vince Clark and Staff Sgt. Mike Melton. Melton is with the 349th Air Mobility Wing, but has been a member of the team since he was assigned as a firefighter with the 60th, a true team effort.

The team also has the first and second place grand-national champions as they go into the world competition. Staff Sgt. Mike Melton is in the number one place for individual times, and Senior Airman Harry Myers

is in second place.

At the world Firefighter Combat Challenge, competitors will gear up in full bunker gear and breathing apparatus and test the physical demands of real-life firefighting by competing through a series of events. "The bunker gear and breathing apparatus adds perhaps another 60 to 70 pounds," said Clark, another of Travis' firefighting competition team.

In one event the firefighters will participate in, competitors climb to the top of a five story tower carrying a 45-pound hose pack then hoist a 45-pound hose roll to the top as if at an actual fire scene, explained team member Myers. Another event simulates chopping into a roof or door by swinging a nine-pound mallet on the end of a steel beam. Next, firefighting teams walk 140 feet to the fourth station where they advance a fully charged hose a distance of 75 feet. For the final event, they drag a life-sized 175-pound "victim" a distance of 100 feet, simulating extracting a victim from the fire scene.

"The level of physical fitness needed for these events is pretty high," said Romano. "We've been training for this competition since January pretty regularly. Some of our training includes weights, cardio and going through simulations of the various events we will ultimately compete in," he said.

Because of Travis firefighter's team record this year, they are guaranteed to make it to finals.

"Most Air Force teams don't

make it to the final day of the world competitions," said Eversley.

Going into the world competition, Travis' team says they feel confident and excited. "We plan to represent Travis, the Air Force and DoD very well," said Eversley. "This will be the fastest team time the Air Force has ever seen; nobody will see us coming. It will be a definite team effort; no one person can do it alone."

"That doesn't mean we won't have butterflies right up until each event begins, when we need to maintain focus," said Myers.

What makes this year's firefighter team particularly strong, said Melton, is chemistry.

"Keeping our focus is important, as well as having a strategy and staying tight as a team, but the chemistry of the this year's team is critical," he said. "We have the ability to share constructive criticism, we know our strengths and weaknesses, and with this, we make each other better as a team. There are no boundaries, no egos."

"If there is a team to take first place in the world competition from Travis and from the Air Force and Department of Defense, it's this year's team," Dolan said. "I'm proud of them and hope they take first place at the world competition. More than that, though, this is a true testament to the excellent firefighters and capabilities we have right here at Travis. They are the best."

Mass casualty exercise focuses on readiness, teamwork

By Staff Sgt. Oshawn Jefferson

363rd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

PRINCE SULTAN AIR BASE, Saudi Arabia — The 363rd Expeditionary Medical Group got an edge on readiness and teamwork during a mass casualty exercise recently.

"Exercises like this keep us prepared for anything," said Lt. Col. Les Folio, 363rd EMDG chief of aerospace medicine and exercise coordinator from Travis Air Force Base, Calif. "We have three goals in any exercise, first is to be safe, second is to acquire learning that can be applied to any real-world situation and third is to have fun."

Before people deploy from their home station, they go through a thorough checklist to ensure they have all the training and equipment they require to accomplish their mission. But with people coming from many different bases from all over the world, exercises not only serve as a refresher, but also as a way to foster teamwork, said Folio.

"We have active-duty and guardsmen from the U.S. Air Force, French air force, British forces and U.S. Army, who all have to come together in a deployed location and work as a unit," said Capt. Madeline Sumera, 363rd AEW chief of the biological augmentation team and an exercise evaluation team member from Andrews AFB, Md. "Team work is critical for our mission to go smoothly here or anywhere in the world."

The exercise was temporarily interrupted when the

medical staff was put on alert for an incoming flight emergency on the flightline.

"Mass casualties are unpredictable," Folio said. "We were in the middle of training for the possibility of a mass casualty and we get put on alert. That just emphasizes that even though you are taught everything you need to know before you deploy, you have to stay prepared for anything."

One airmen participating in the exercise knows all too well the importance of being prepared. She was part of the team at Cannon AFB, N.M., that had to assist thirty-five children when the school bus they were traveling in crashed.

"Anytime you have to deal with an injured person it is difficult, whether it's children, adults, family members or passers by," said Staff Sgt. Angela Mitchell, 363rd EMDG aero medical technician from Andrews AFB, Md. "So exercises like this help give me confidence that the people around me will be able to do the job if an unfortunate circumstance arises."

Even though people deployed are already prepared for anything, the importance of knowing the people around you can accomplish the mission is one of the keys to PSAB's success.

"We hope nothing like the exercise we conducted ever happens," Folio said. "But people here can rest assure that the men and women of the 363rd MDG are ready for the unexpected and ready to meet any challenge as a team."



Senior Airman Valerie Freshour / 363rd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

(Left) Lt. Col. Eli Powell, 363rd Expeditionary Medical Group chief of the medical staff from the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo., gets a medical assessment from 1st Lt. Sarah Huffman, 363rd EMDG nurse from Travis, during a mass casualty exercise.



Sheriff Sgt. Mark Diamond / 60th AMW Public Affairs

Thunder in the sky: A two seated F-16 Falcon used by the Air Force Thunderbirds visited Travis Tuesday in preparation for a fly-over of Game 3 of the World Series at Pacific Bell Park. The Thunderbirds are the Air Force's premier aerial demonstration team and are based out of Nellis AFB, NV.

New command policy allows passengers to fly with more pets

By Cynthia Bauer

Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AFP) — Passengers traveling on permanent change-of-station orders between the United States and overseas bases on Patriot Express flights now have the opportunity to move more than two pets per family.

Air Mobility Command officials have instituted a new policy allowing passengers the opportunity to move additional pets on a space-available basis.

Cindy Rothenbach, program manager for Patriot Express with AMC's logistics directorate, said that 15 days prior to flight departures, if pet spaces are open, they will be available for passengers to move additional pets.

"Passengers need to contact their local transportation office to request additional space or spaces," Rothenbach said. "In turn, the transportation office will contact the global channel operations reservation section at Air Mobility Command's Tanker Airlift Control Center (here) to arrange for the additional space. After booking, the transportation office will print out a confirmation for the passenger. The passenger will be required to present this confirmation to the passenger terminal personnel as the authorization to move these additional pets."

She said that pets moved overseas under this policy can only be moved back to the United States under the space available pet program, provided pet spaces are available.

Travis Red Ribbon Week promotes anti-drug message



Photos by 1st Lt. Angela Arredondo / 60th AMW Public Affairs

(Above) 2nd Lt. Adam Bryant, 60th Communications Squadron, speaks to a group of girls from Golden West Middle School during lunch time. (Right) A student from Golden West shows off her enthusiasm for Red Ribbon Week.



By 1st Lt. Angela Arredondo
60th AMW Public Affairs

Travis members enhanced anti-drug awareness and education by visiting local schools this week to commemorate the 12th annual Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon Week is a nationally recognized tradition throughout the drug prevention community and the Department of Defense.

"The Travis Drug Demand Reduction office sponsors Travis employees and military members to visit local schools to reach out to children and let them know we are positive role models," said Jane White, Travis AFB Drug Demand Reduction Office coordinator. "Our goal is to reach all children and let them know about the positive directions they can take as they get older in life. We also want to teach kids how to work with each other and avoid teasing and bullying."

Red Ribbon began as a tribute for Drug Enforcement Agency Special Agent Enrique Camarena. Camarena was kidnapped, tortured and murdered by drug traffickers in

1985 while serving in Guadalajara, Mexico. People from his hometown of Calexico, Calif., began to wear red ribbons to honor his sacrifice. The anti-drug message slowly spread and eventually became the Red Ribbon Week Campaign. In 1990, the Secretary of Defense designated Red Ribbon Week as a fitting time to recognize the department's community drug awareness efforts and promote demand reduction within the DoD.

Members from Travis, including mentors from the Travis Drug Education for Youth program, visited Golden West Middle, Cambridge Elementary, Center Elementary and Travis Elementary Schools. They did presentations for students ranging from 4th to 8th grade during classes, assemblies and lunch times. Activities focused on remaining drug free, pledging to live drug-free lives and remembering those who have lost their lives in the fight against drugs.

"I want to be a good role model for my daughter, especially since we're going to visit her school," said Staff Sgt.

Mistie Morgan, a Red Ribbon Week volunteer from the 21st Airlift Squadron. "I want to promote no drugs and alcohol too. I also want to get a feel for the kind of pressures my daughter's age group faces. You don't get that by just talking to kids — you have to see it."

This year's Red Ribbon theme is "Freedom is Drug Free: Plant the Promise." Many children feel living drug free lives lets them pursue other goals.

"I believe Red Ribbon Week is about a time when you can stay away from drugs and other bad things. Being drug free lets you spend time with your friends and do the right thing," said Catrina Bedansky, 12.

"It's all about the kids and keeping them safe. I am glad to have so many Red Ribbon volunteers this year but I really hope we have more next year," White said.

For more information about Travis anti-drug programs, contact the Travis Drug Demand Reduction office at 424-0154.

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making up for lost time soon.”

“One of my credos for people has always been to not just be someone who does their ‘job’ but be someone who makes a difference,” Johnson added. “That is what matters most. Over the next few days, as I leave the active side of the Air Force, people will feel the need to say many kind and wonderful things about me. It wasn’t me.

It was the people around me — hundreds of names I can’t even begin to list. If I did, I would certainly leave out someone who is very deserving of mention. I just had the great fortune of being in the seat as the command chief of the best wing and Team in the Air Force. Best wishes to each of you and ... I’ll see you later!” Johnson said.

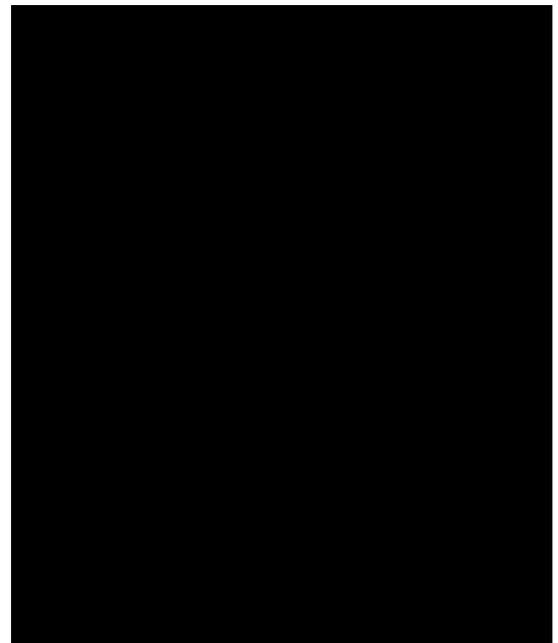
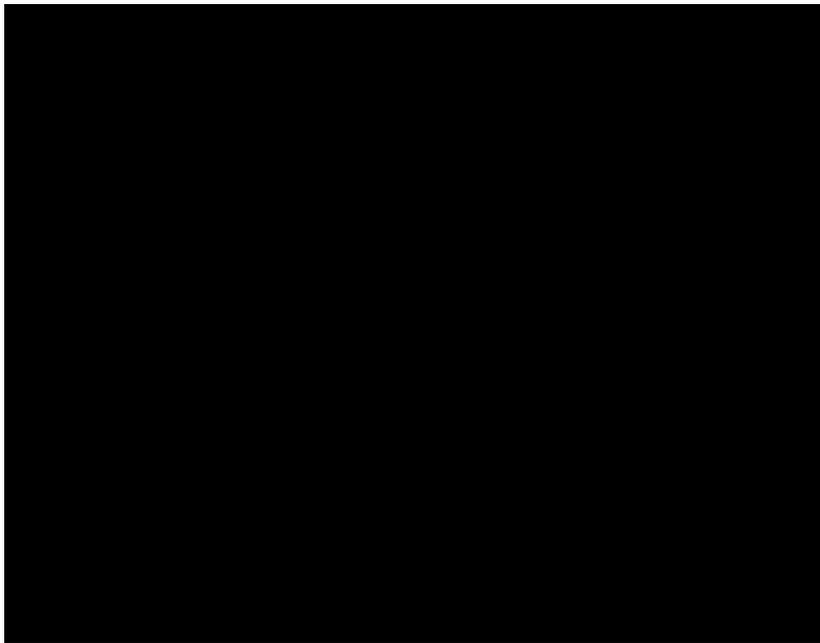
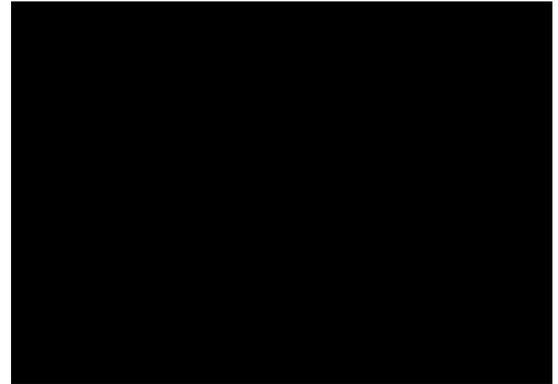
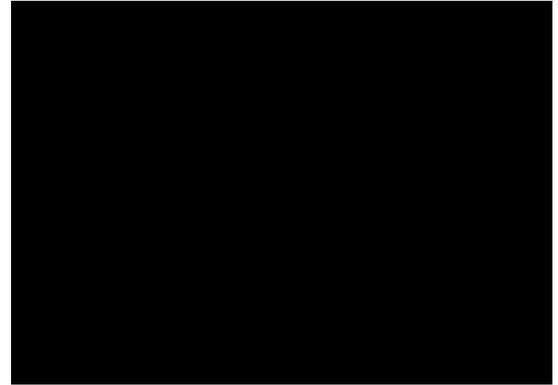


Bob Feininger / AFPN

Home improvement: “Trading Spaces” participants, Maj. Peter and Bernadette Mastroianni, repaint a piece of furniture belonging to Capt. Patrick and Ruth Schlichenmeyer as the video crew tapes their activity. The couples at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., will be featured in a December episode of the decorating show on The Learning Channel.

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Fill out the Department of Defense Form 2266 and bring it in to the Public Affairs Office in Bldg. 51, Room 232.



Announcements

Childcare training

Sign up by Monday to attend the Family Child Care orientation from Nov. 4 to 6. This course is required to become a home daycare provider on base. The base currently has a shortage of daycare providers and substitute providers to meet the current need. For more information, call 424-4585.

Membership drive

The Air Force Clubs Membership Drive is on offering extra incentives, including coupons and prize drawings for Department of Defense civilians, active duty, reservists and retired military who join the Delta Breeze Club before December 20. Call the DBC at 437-3711 for more information.

Crud teams

The DBC is hosting Boss and Buddy Night Crud tournaments beginning Nov. 5, with the winning team taking home a trophy. Gather teammates and learn the rules in advance. Show up at the club at 4 p.m. to learn, at 5 p.m. to compete.

Services

Today

▲ The Jazzed Up Super Social is in the Gold Rush Lounge. There are free snacks, from 5 to 6 p.m., bar bingo from 7 to 8 p.m., jazz from 8 to 10 p.m. and top 40 hits from 10 p.m. to midnight.

Saturday

▲ The Halloween Fun Run/Walk is for all ages. Sign up at the Fitness Center at 9:30 a.m. The race starts at 10 a.m. Call 424-8002 for details.

▲ The Late Niter is at the Delta Breeze Club from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. in the Gold Rush Lounge. There is a \$6 cover. The Members First price is \$2. Call 437-3711 for details.

▲ Go with Outdoor Recreation on a Reno-Turnaround to Silver Legacy. Pay for transportation and get coupons for food and beverages. Call 424-5240 for more information.

Monday

▲ Monday Night Football is at 5 p.m. at the DBC Gold Rush Lounge. The event is open to all ranks.

▲ It's the last day to sign up for Family Child Care Orientation from Nov. 4 to Nov. 7. This course is required to become a full-time or substitute home day care provider on base. For more information, call 424-4585.

Tuesday

▲ Autumn Story Time for preschoolers is from 9:30 to 10 a.m. at the Mitchell Memorial Library. A seasonal craft project will follow the story reading.

▲ Stop by the DBC for the Club Card drawing from 5 to 6 p.m. The enlisted jackpot is \$400 and the officer jackpot is \$600.

▲ It's the last day to turn in entry forms and all photos to the Skills Development Center for the Travis Photo and Craftsman contest. Call 424-2929 for information.

Wednesday

▲ Costume Karaoke is from 8 p.m. to midnight in the DBC's Gold Rush Lounge. There is a \$3 cover. The Members First price is free. Prizes awarded for the best costume.

Tuesday

▲ Come view the entries and pick the "people's choice" winner at the annual Travis Photo and Craftsman contest from 9 a.m. to noon at the Travis Conference Center's Daedalian room. Call 424-2929 for more information.

Family Support

Monday

▲ Spouse orientation is from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Family Support Center and is for newly arriving spouses, spouses returning to work or spouses wishing to explore new career opportunities. Tap into the Career Focus networking, look at hundreds of job opportunities and learn about the career development classes at the FSC. Call 424-2486.

▲ The TAP VA briefing is from 10 a.m. to noon. The VA will provide information on VA benefits for separating and retiring members.

Tuesday

▲ The Bundles 'n Books for Babies class from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the FSC. Call 424-2486.

Thursday

▲ The Informed Decisions class is from 8 a.m. to noon. It is a mandatory seminar for all first- and second-term enlisted within 15 months of date of separation. Topics will include AF benefits, retraining, TRICARE and Guard/Reserve opportunities. Call 424-2486.

Weekly

▲ The FSC is holding a Military Family Month contest, "What Family Means to Me." Participants are asked to sub-



Having a ball: Alexis Hughes, in back, and Kelly Summ, both 13, participate in the Phat Fitness class for teens, which began in May and is offered at the Travis Fitness Center.

Lynn Lassen / 60th Services Squadron

mit a poem, essay, photo or artwork to depict the theme.

There will be three categories: adult, teen and child. Best entries in each category will receive \$50 in Services Bucks. Second place winners will receive \$25 in Services Bucks. Submit entries to the FSC by Tuesday. Indicate the category and a daytime phone number.

▲ The Air Force Aid Society and Family Advocacy work together to help families who are eligible for respite care. Following an assessment to determine eligibility, funds are made available to families so they may hire someone for short periods of time to look after those in their care. For more information, contact the Exceptional Family Member Program manager at David Grant Medical Center, 423-5168.

Family Advocacy

Dads' boot camp

The Boot Camp for Dads is a program in which veterans (new fathers) show rookies (fathers-to-be) the ropes of fatherhood. The program is for men only and is currently recruiting for new fathers-to-be. This three-hour workshop is held the second Friday of every month. For more information, please call 423-5168

Parenting class

The parenting class is a program for parents of children three and older. Topics include peer pressure, corrective teaching, preventing problems before

they occur, family meetings and stopping problem behavior.

Classes are held at David Grant Medical Center for six weeks. Call the Family Advocacy office to register at 423-5168.

Parent support

The New Parent Support Program is for parents with a children up to 3 years of age. The NPSP offers support, referral services, education and information on a variety of subjects such as pregnancy, childbirth, fatherhood, newborn care, mother/baby care, growth and development, playgroups, breast/bottle feeding, parenting and more. For more information, call 423-5168

Playgroups

Playgroups are for parents and their children and are held at the Chapel One Annex on First Street. The Toddlers Playgroup is held Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. for children 18 months to 3 years. Tuesdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. is the Time For Us Playgroup for children 3 to 5. Thursdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. is the Rattles To Raspberries Playgroup for infants up to 18 months old. The children enjoy crafts, guest speakers, music and free play. Registration is not necessary. Call 423-5168.

Chapel

Catholic services

▲ Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m., communion service or Mass, Chapel Center.

▲ Thursday, noon, Catholic communion service, DGMC Chapel.

▲ Saturday, 4 to 4:45 p.m., confessions, Chapel One.

▲ Saturday Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel One.

▲ Sunday Mass, 9 a.m., Chapel One.

▲ Sunday, 9 a.m. children's liturgy of the Word, Chapel One.

▲ Sunday Mass, 12:30 p.m., Chapel Center.

Protestant services

▲ Friday, noon, 30-minute worship service, DGMC Chapel.

▲ Sunday, 8 a.m., community, praise and worship service, Chapel Center.

▲ Sunday, 10:30 a.m., community worship service, Chapel Center. Nursery class for kids 3 months to 3 years.

▲ Sunday, 11 a.m., community Gospel service, Chapel One.

Contemporary

Sundays, 5 p.m., Inside Out, Chapel Center. Children's program provided. For more information, contact Chaplain (Capt.) Herb Shao at 424-3943.

Wicca classes

Classes are held at various locations and times due to deployments. E-mail Beltane@prodigy.net for current information.

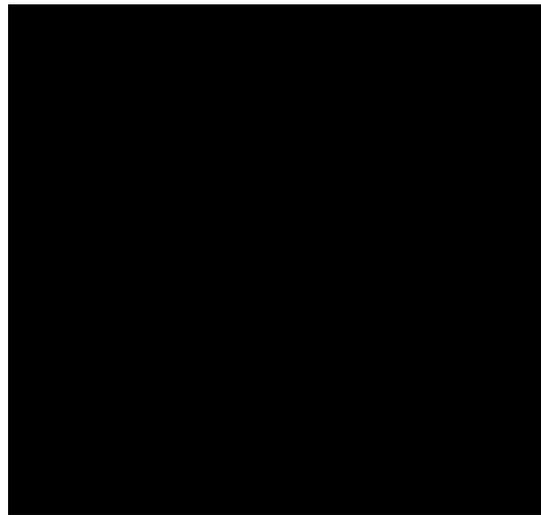
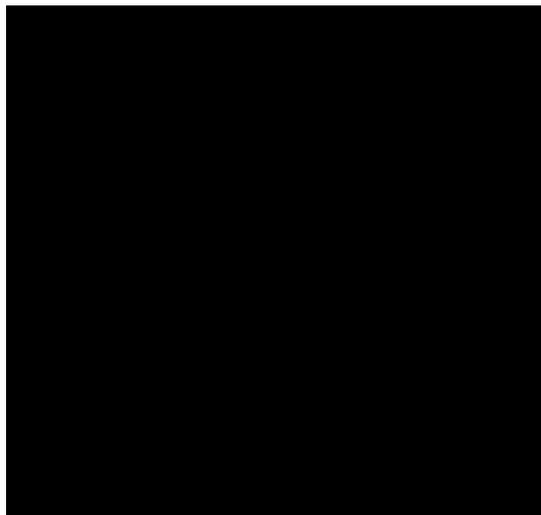
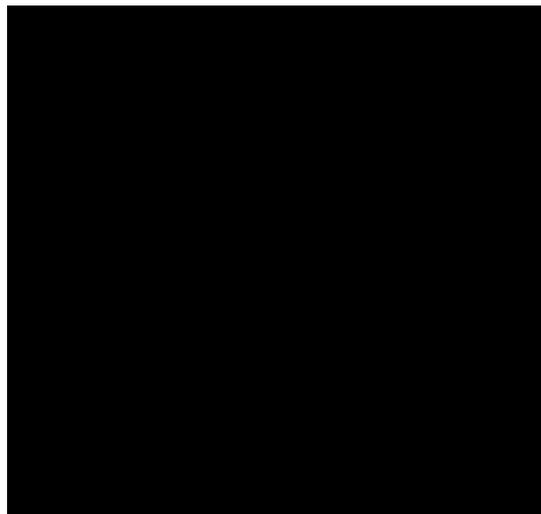
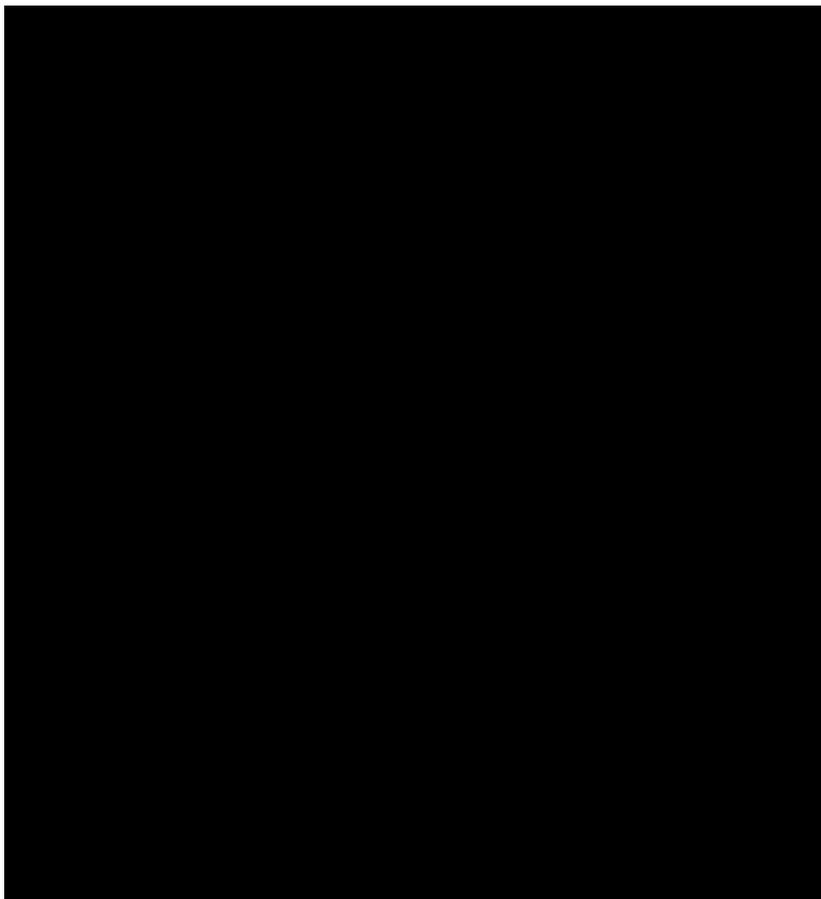
Prayer meeting

The Protestant Women of the Chapel meet for prayer Mondays from 11 a.m. to noon in Chapel One.



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Construction abound: *With the ongoing construction to the parking lot at Bldg. 51, Wing Headquarters, personnel are reminded to park at the Travis Air Museum. There are several phases of construction to improve the quality of life at Travis. Keep an eye on the Tailwind for current information.*



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Add 'safety' to this year's bag of treats

Tailwind Staff

Halloween is fast approaching and — although ghosts and goblins are fictional creatures — there are many real hazards that could turn an enjoyable night of costumes and candy collection into a frightful evening.

However, if everyone plays by the rules and keeps safety a top priority, all of Travis' trick-or-treaters can have fun and safely return home to enjoy their loot.

Trick-or-treating hours

Halloween trick-or-treat hours on Travis are 6 to 8 p.m.

Travis Security Forces personnel will be protecting Travis children from "ghosts and goblins" this Halloween by providing additional foot patrols throughout base housing. If you see any suspicious activity or crimes, contact any patrol, or call the Crime Stopper hotline at 424-2000.

Candy X-ray

The 60th Aerial Port Squadron will be X-raying Halloween candy for Travis trick-or-treaters on Halloween from 7 to 9 p.m.

Trick-or-treaters can bring their Halloween loot to the Passenger Terminal's baggage claim area on Halloween where volunteers will scan their candy through an X-ray machine to ensure it's safe for consumption.

Halloween Safety Tips

The following is a list of Halloween safety tips for children, parents, drivers and homeowners:

Tips for Trick-or-Treater's

- Carry a flashlight.
- Walk, don't run.
- Walk, slither and sneak on sidewalks, not in the street.
- Look both ways before crossing a street to — check for cars, trucks and low-flying brooms.
- Use face paint rather than masks or other materials that cover the face.
- If you do wear a mask, avoid wearing it while walking from house to house.
- Obey traffic signals.
- Stay in familiar neighborhoods.
- Don't cut across yards or driveways.
- Wear a watch that you can

read in the dark.

— Ensure costumes don't drag on the ground.

— Ensure shoes should fit properly, even if they don't match the costume.

— Carry only flexible swords, knives or other costume props.

— When no sidewalk is available, walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic.

— Wear clothing with reflective markings or tape.

— Approach only houses that are lit.

— Young children, 12 and under, should always go trick-or-treating with an adult.

— Children should wait until they get home and have their parents check their candy before they eat it.

— Be cautious of strangers.

— Accept treats in doorways only; never enter a house.

— Be cautious of animals.

Tips for Parents

— Make your child eat dinner before they begin trick-or-treating.

— Children should carry quarters in case they need to call home.

— When buying a costume, look for one made of flame-retardant material.

— Older children should know how and where to reach you and what time they should return home.

— Tell children to bring their candy home to be inspected before they eat it.

— Inspect candy wrapping carefully and toss out anything suspect.

Tips for Homeowners

— Make sure your yard is clear of obstacles that young children could trip over.

— Battery powered candles are safer than real flames.

— If flaming candles are used (refer to above tip), make sure paper or cloth decorations won't be blown into a the flames.

— Offer healthy food alternatives such as raisins, mini boxes of cereal, fruit rolls, and so forth.

Tips for Drivers

— Drive slow.

— Keep an eye out for children crossing the street and darting from behind vehicles.

— If you plan on drinking, have a designated driver.

Knights of the Galaxy

Providing maximum scare factor for Team Travis

Photo and story by Capt. Kim Garbett

60th AMW Public Affairs

The 60th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron invites young and old to come if you dare to their annual Knights of the Galaxy Haunted House 6 to 10 p.m. tonight to Oct. 31 at the old base gym, Bldg. 230.

An evening of fun and excitement and full of scares will get everyone in the Halloween spirit, with heart stopping moments around every corner, Tech. Sgt. Charles Langbehn, project manager for this year's haunted house.

"There is only one scare level here: maximum," said Debbie Langbehn, Langbehn's wife and one of many who've invested hours into developing this year's Knights Inn. "Expert tour guides will take you through the rooms of the inn for Halloween scaring pleasure and fun."

In a sneak preview of what scares will come to folks who enter this Haunted Inn, various rooms include a skeleton closet, a poltergeist room, a spider room, a conservatory, a witches corner, an animal lab, various graveyard scenes and a pumpkin patch, to name a few hair-raisers.

"The main objective of the haunted house is to scare some people," said Langbehn, as chainsaws blared in the background.

"This haunted inn is all just for fun and to give folk a break," said Airman 1st Class Robert Blackall, a 60th AMXS crew chief. "We hope to have as great if not better turnouts this year than we have in the past. And I can't wait to scare people; I'm going to have a really great time. It's been fun piecing the Inn together to make sure it provides maximum scare factor. Everyone has been working really hard on it."

Retired Tech. Sgt. Beto Jurado, original founder of the 60th AMXS's haunted house, said the funds from the haunted house go toward several good causes. "It (the funds raised) provides folks with a good scare and acts as a morale booster for the community. A percentage goes to the Fisher House for the Christmas season," he said. The haunted inn also acts as a fundraiser for the squadron's Christmas party, subsidizing the cost for the troops who are able to attend.

"We're trying to keep costs down this year despite rising costs so as many people can come out as possible," said Technical Sgt. Langbehn. Entrance fees to the Haunted Inn this year are a nominal \$5 for adults 13 and over and \$2 per child 12 and under. Ages 5 and under are free.



Keeping Travis healthy



(Left) After changing Jiyah Hogue's diaper, CDC provider Julia Agadep first washes her own hands and then washes the infant's. Jiyah is the daughter of Airman 1st Class Lindsey Hogue from the 815th Air Mobility Squadron. **(Top)** Senior Airman Brooke Brownlee from 60th Medical Group Public Health goes over the Sierra Inn health inspection report with Master Sgt. Matt Morgan, Sierra Inn manager.

Photos by Senior Airman Jennifer Glaser / 60th AMW Public Affairs

Military health inspectors ensure Travis' food safety

By Senior Airman Jennifer Glaser
60th AMW Public Affairs

Patrons may not think twice about the health quality of their food when they dine at Travis facilities, but a group of people on base make it their business to know.

The 60th Medical Group Public Health Flight is responsible for inspecting and reviewing health standards at every food facility on base from Burger King and dining facilities to the child development centers and commissary.

Senior Airman Brooke Brownlee is currently the main inspector at Travis and is responsible for making surprise inspections at different places. The number of regular customers and recent health trends determine the frequency of inspections. Most high-traffic facilities on base are inspected monthly, she said.

"The Sierra Inn dining facility just received an excellent rating and they have a long trend of great inspections, so we may be able to inspect them less frequently," Brownlee said. "They've proven that they are meeting requirements. They're a really good facility."

"We serve between 1,200 and 1,500 people a day," said Master Sgt. Matt Morgan, Sierra Inn dining facility manager. "We constantly work to keep our health standards met because we don't want to be responsible for that many people getting sick."

"It's good we can inspect that frequently," said 2nd Lt. Shane Sims, Public Health officer. "Most civilian places are lucky to be inspected once a year."

Sims said the reason for the higher frequency on base is because with so many members deploying,

it's especially important to make sure the chance of food poisoning is eliminated. Each facility is also responsible for doing their own self-evaluations each week.

The Public Health office follows the Air Force's standardized checklist when performing inspections, which also complies with the Food and Drug Administration food code.

"Most of our facilities do really well, but we do occasionally have a problem," Sims said. "The most common problem is seasonal ... in the spring and fall when rodent and insect problems increase."

Public Health officials work hard to build a rapport with all facilities on base and keep them in the loop of recent trends by sending out a newsletter. Public Health also provides regular food handling training for supervisors. The training allows supervisors to teach their employees how to inspect food when they receive it and holding temperatures for various cooked items. Every quarter, food handlers answer five questions to ensure they know basic food safety policies.

In addition to inspecting various kitchens throughout the base, inspectors also do sanitation and immunization checks at family home daycare and the child development centers.

Sims said one of the more complex food facilities is the food court at the base exchange because there are so many different brands.

"Although all the restaurants are under the Army Air Force Exchange Service, each facility has their own manager and company policies," Brownlee said. "Most of the time, their own health standards exceed ours so they typically do well during inspections."

In addition to inspecting various kitchens throughout the base, inspectors also do sanitation and immunization checks at family home daycare and the child development centers.

"We have about 150 employees and 11 different managers working to bring it all together," said Ed Torres, AAFES food element manager and is responsible for all AAFES facilities with the exception of Burger King.

After each inspection, Brownlee sits down with the manager and goes over her rating. There are four ratings: excellent, satisfactory, marginal and unsatisfactory. If a facility receives a marginal or unsatisfactory, they facility has a certain amount of time to fix the problem — ranging from 24 hours to five days — before the inspector will come back to check and make sure the problem is resolved.

All inspection reports are a matter of public record. For more information, contact the Public Health office at 423-5464.

Travis skater earns national title shot

By Senior Airman Jennifer Glaser
60th AMW Public Affairs

Just three-and-a-half years after learning how to ice skate, 13-year-old Victoria Muniz is competing at the Junior Nationals at Lake Placid, New York, Dec. 10 through 14.

She earned the chance by coming in third out of 36 girls at the Intermediate Ladies Central Pacific Region Championship that took place in Salt Lake City, Utah, in October. The top four places in each of the nine regions earn a chance to compete at the junior nationals in New York. The Central Pacific region includes Northern California, Nevada (except Las Vegas), Utah and Hawaii.

Victoria, daughter of Tenshi and Master Sgt. Alexander Muniz, the 60th Air Mobility Wing deputy inspector general, said she is excited about the upcoming competition, but not nervous.

"It's just another competition," she said modestly.

Muniz said Victoria doesn't seem to get nervous anymore and takes each competition in stride.

"She takes them one hurdle at a time," he said. "When she skates to qualify, she just thinks of it as just another competition."

In New York, she'll have to do a long program to qualify. Once a skater qualifies, they are judged and ranked on their short program and then the final round, they perform their long program.

The Muniz's said they are very proud of their daughter's accomplishment but financially, figure skating is a very difficult sport.

"The expense is phenomenal," Muniz said. "Boots can cost \$500 and the blades are another \$300, so she's wearing \$800 on her feet. Then there are ice fees and coach fees that charge by the minute. It can all add up. Victoria practices with her coach for almost two hours Monday through Friday.

"During a competition, we are responsible for our own airfare and hotel bills, plus those of the coach," he said.

With one daughter in college, and another in high school, the Muniz's said it's hard, but they have somehow managed to find the money to allow their youngest daughter to compete in out-of-state competitions.

"We told her if she made it to the nationals, we would find a way to raise the money," Muniz said.

The Muniz's never thought that when Victoria discovered her interest in ice skating while at a birthday party in the Vacaville Skating Rink, that she would be competing at the national level less than four years later.

"We were stationed in Guam before we moved to Travis," said Tenshi Muniz, Victoria's mom. "There were no ice skating rinks there, but when we came to Travis, Victoria went to a birthday ice skating party in Vacaville and saw a sign for skating lessons."

The skating lessons were a hit with Victoria and after a few months, she began private lessons with coach Marisol Brilliant in November 1999.

Victoria also works with two other coaches to help mold her into a great figure skater. One of the coaches she works with, who also serves as her choreographer, is in Los Angeles.

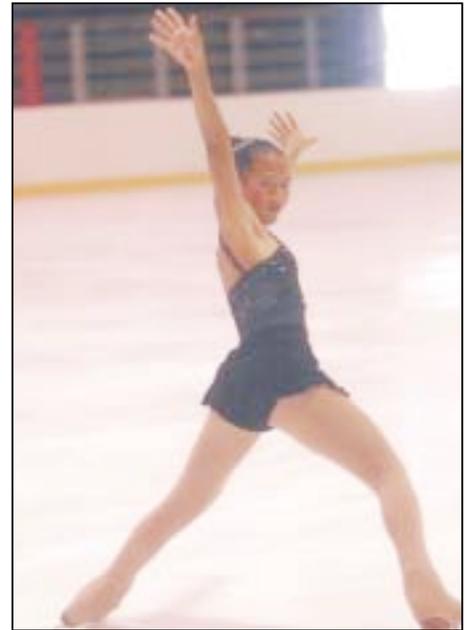
"She loves skating down in LA because that's where Michelle Kwan and few of the other greats train," Tenshi said. "She has met Michelle a few times, and has been able to meet a lot of the other professional skaters."

Victoria also works on her moves with Andre Khvalko. Khvalko and Elena Leonova, who also coaches and trains at the Vacaville Skating Rink, are two-time defending pair champions of the World Professional Championships. They have also won the 2001 American Open Champions, the 2000 Hallmark World Professional Champions, the 1999 World Professional Pairs Champions, World Master Cup Pro Champions, U.S. Open Pairs Champions, Challenge Cup Gold Medalists and Jefferson Pilot Professional Championship Champions.

Victoria has been competing since 2000 and now competes at the intermediate level. The next level is novice, followed by junior and senior. Most skaters on TV or those who try out for the Olympics typically are at the senior level, and skaters are eligible to coach at the novice level. Victoria hopes to test for the novice level next year.

"Her face lights up when she's competing," Muniz said. "She used to be nervous before competing, but she has gained a lot more confidence in the last four months. It's a cool transformation because I know her as a shy, soft-spoken person, but when she's on the ice, she's very aggressive."

"She's a tough athlete," Muniz said. "I don't think I'd have the nerve to jump on that little blade and land on



Courtesy photo

Victoria Muniz, 13, slides into a pose during the Central Pacific Championships in Salt Lake City, Utah. Muniz is the daughter of Tenshi and Master Sgt. Alexander Muniz from the 60th Air Mobility Wing Inspector General Office.

ice." "She's always been very athletic," Muniz said. "She even started riding a two-wheel bicycle when she was 2 years old — she's very athletically inclined. Her two older sisters were always into little league and soccer, but Victoria was never interested in those types of sports.

For more information about the Vaca Valley Figure Skating Club, or to find out about sponsoring or donations, visit <http://www.vacavalleyfsc.org>.

Team Travis shines at World Series



Kathy Kruczk / Visual Information

Travis members help support a giant American Flag during the opening ceremony of World Series Game 3.

By 1st Lt. Angela Arredondo
60th AMW Public Affairs

Two hundred Team Travis members were part of the pregame show for Game 3 of the World Series held Tuesday night as the San Francisco Giants hosted the Anaheim Angels at Pacific Bell Park. About 100 people helped carry and unfold a giant U.S. flag over the field as Tony Bennett sang "God Bless America." The rest of the contingent fired streamers into the crowd as the song ended and the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds zoomed overhead.

As the doors opened up to the baseball field, Master Sgt. Jairo Santa felt like a gladiator stepping out into an arena.

"Walking on to the field was

incredible," Santa said. "It was like being a gladiator because there were so many people. I know not everyone was looking at me but it felt like they were! I'm honored to represent the Air Force and being at the World Series is awesome." Santa is a flight engineer in the 6th Aerial Refueling Squadron.

"I have never been to a World Series and this is a once in a lifetime chance," said Master Sgt. Janet Cook from the 60th Operations Support Squadron. "I helped with the streamers and it was so incredible to watch them fly up as the people cheered us on."

The Travis contingent included members from throughout the base such as representatives from the Army 3rd Brigade, 91st Division, Navy personnel from the "Take



1st Lt. Paula Creamer / contributing photographer

The San Francisco Giants and the Anaheim Angels watch as Tony Bennett, standing on the pitcher's mound, sings "God Bless America." One hundred Air Force members support the giant American flag.

Charge and Move Out" unit and even a Coast Guardsman from the 60th Comptroller Squadron.

"This means a lot and I am excited to be part of the presentation. I am really excited to represent the 3rd Brigade," said Army Sgt. 1st Class Ricardo

Manuson, a logistics noncommissioned officer.

Unfortunately for local fans, the Giants lost 10 to 4.

"That's okay. I am from California so it's great to see two teams from here meet in the series," Santa said.