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DOUBLE DUTY

Travis family juggling duties during mom's deployment.

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PT VOLUNTEERS

The Travis Fitness Center is seeking squadron PT instructor volunteers for a new squadron exercise program.

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction continues on Travis Boulevard along the outbound (West) side lanes. This work is projected to take approximately four more weeks to complete in both directions. Travis residents should exercise caution while driving through these areas and, at times, can expect some minor delays.

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Commander's Corner

AEF: bending, but not broken

By Maj. Gen. Timothy A. Peppe

WASHINGTON — The air and space expeditionary forces concept survives, but both it and our airmen are being stressed to the limit.

Increased operations and the potential for more are placing demands on our armed forces like never before. In our Air Force, these demands exceed current steady-state requirements in operations Northern Watch and Southern Watch and in Bosnia. AEF 7 and 8 airmen are frozen in place, and some airmen in AEFs 9 and 10 have been tagged way ahead of schedule.

But despite these pressures, the AEF concept will survive.

The AEFs were created as an organizational and scheduling mechanism designed to spread Air Force capabilities across the force, and to produce scheduling predictability for our airmen.

The idea was to rotate airmen through these commitments on a 90-day cycle once every 15 months or so. Knowing when they were in a training mode or when they were on call well in

advance allowed airmen to plan their professional and personal lives around these obligations. This new AEF organizational "construct" was maturing well when world events caused the demand for Air Force capabilities to increase dramatically.

Today, because of the global war on terrorism, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Noble Eagle and other possible contingencies, the pressure on the Air Force has caused us to adjust procedures to meet the challenge.

AEF can function in two types of environments: steady-state and crisis. A single on-call AEF pairing (for example, AEFs 1 and 2) can meet steady-state requirements.

Crisis response requires resources beyond those available in a single "on-call" pair. This allows the Air Force to respond to any situation our leaders deem appropriate to achieve our national security objectives.

The rotational AEF construct was designed to support limited-scale requirements, and three-month rotations of one AEF pair became the

definition of steady-state. A situation demanding more than one AEF pair places the AEF into a "crisis" mode, whereby the AEF flexes, as necessary, to meet increased requirements. One of the measures available is to "reach forward" to the next, most available AEF pair or pairs before they would otherwise come up on the schedule.

Our Air Force currently operates at a much higher tempo than when AEFs were first devised. Many people are serving tours in excess of 135 days, i.e. mobility, special operations, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, and other stressed career fields.

Current demands are also pulling forces from more than one AEF pair. The procedures for meeting this challenge require forces to be drawn from the pairs closest to their vulnerability zone, typically done by exhausting forces from the previous AEF pair and/or dipping into the next AEF pair.

Senior Air Force leaders have initiated several short- and long-term solutions that will alleviate some of the strains



Maj. Gen. Peppe

placed upon our stressed career fields. These include retraining, reallocation of new airmen into different training pipelines, increasing the number of career field authorizations and changing the way we determine our manpower requirements.

Although we face changing AEF rotation timing, we make every effort to preserve the AEF sequence. This gives the Air Force the ability to sustain operations over the long term. When the world situation changes and

requirements for Air Force capabilities lessens, the Air Force will return to a more normalized three-month AEF battle rhythm.

The AEF system is bending, but it's not broken. And it's that ability to bend — or flex — that makes our Air Force and our airmen the best in the world. Our enormous ability to adapt to an incredibly wide array of options is why the U.S. Air Force is, more often than not, called on to be the first responder to national security challenges around the globe.

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On the Cover



Senior Airman Nicholas Olson / 60th AMW Public Affairs

Senior Airman Mikayle Dupree, 60th OSS weather observer, uses an anemometer to record wind speed.

ACTION LINE

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Call the Action Line at 424-3333

Q Army courtesy

I just want to compliment the Army on their outstanding appearance and attitude at the hospital gate. In fact, I have been pleasantly greeted everyday this week by the Army personnel ... it really makes a difference in starting your day at Travis when somebody makes a sincere effort to be pleasant. Outstanding!

A Thank you for your comments ... I couldn't agree with you more! As you have noticed, more than 100

California Army National Guardsmen are working alongside our security forces defending the people and property of Travis. All of these soldiers are volunteers who left behind their families and civilian jobs to provide force protection at Travis AFB for one year. Upon arrival to Travis AFB, these soldiers received training from our Travis security forces team. They'll now be working at all the installation gates, guarding the flightline, in addition to performing Random Antiterrorism Measures throughout the base. Please continue to let them know you appreciate their positive attitude and dedication to service.

Q CDC parking

My concern is that employees of the Childcare Development Center #3

park up closer to the building than I believe they should, causing parents to park farther away. It seems to be a hassle some times, getting the kids in and out, when we're parked so far away, and have to run through the rain, bringing them inside, getting them outside, etc.

A Thanks for your concern. We apologize for the miscommunication. A form (AF Form 332) requesting time limit signs for parking spaces nearest the entrance of Child Development #3 was submitted in February after receiving the initial comment card. The staff at Child Development #3 will start immediately to utilize the parking spaces that are farther from the entrance. Customer satisfaction is extremely important to us and we appreciate your patronage and value your comments.

SPORTS SHORTS

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Drivers needed

The Outdoor Adventure Program needs volunteer drivers and adventure guides for upcoming trips. Volunteers will be trained and make the trips free of charge. Call Brandon Lavin at 424-5240 for details.

Men's coach needed

The Men's varsity softball team needs a coach. Applications are available at the Fitness Center. The deadline for returning applications to the Fitness Center is April 11. Tryouts for the team will be scheduled immediately after

the selection of the coach.

Intramural Golf

Call the Fitness Center at 424-2008 to sign up and represent your squadron or unit in intramural golf at the Cypress Lakes Golf Course.

Youth competition

The Youth Fitness Authority local pentathlon competition is April 12 at the Fitness Center. Students ages 10 to 18 are eligible to compete. Registration is from noon to 12:30 p.m. before the event. Each event will be demonstrated at 12:35 p.m. and the competition will begin at 1

p.m. No late registration will be accepted. Call Larry Williams at 424-3131 for more information.

Women's softball

The women's varsity softball tryouts are at Johnson Softball Field on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning April 15 for two weeks. Call Jodi Thompson at 424-8614 for more information.

Greens fees

Log onto www.60thServices.com for the new price list of Cypress Lakes Golf Course greens fees.

FITNESS CENTER CLASSES

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Mondays

- » Core cycling from 5:30 to 6:30 a.m.
- » Cardio/sculpting from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- » Core step aerobics from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- » Introduction to Piyo in the martial arts dojo from noon to 1:30 p.m.
- » Phat Fitness for 12 and older from 4 to 5 p.m.
- » Core step aerobics from 5 to 6 p.m.
- » Butts-n-guts kickboxing aerobics from 6 to 7 p.m.
- » Kung Fu San Soo in the martial arts dojo from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- » Cycling from 7 to 8 p.m.
- » Kickboxing with Dan Stell from 7 to 9 p.m.

Tuesdays

- » Core step aerobics from 5:30 to 6:30 a.m.
- » Piyo in the martial arts dojo from 6 to 7 a.m.
- » Senior Fitness from 9 to 10 a.m.
- » Core cycling from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- » Piyo in the martial arts dojo from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
- » 15th AF squadron cycle from 3 to 4 p.m.
- » MDG squadron cycle from 4 to 5 p.m.
- » Core step aerobics from

5 to 6 p.m.

- » Kickboxing with Dan Stell from 5 to 7 p.m.
- » Core Power Blast from 6 to 7 p.m.
- » Wing Chun in the martial arts dojo from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- » Cycling from 7 to 8 p.m.

Wednesdays

- » Core cycling from 5:30 to 6:30 a.m.
- » Yoga from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- » Gym in a Bag in the martial arts dojo from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- » Core step aerobics from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- » Introduction to cycling from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
- » Phat Fitness for 12 and older from 4 to 5 p.m.
- » Core step aerobics from 5 to 6 p.m.
- » Kajukembo in the martial arts dojo from 5 to 6:30 p.m.
- » Kung Fu San Soo in the martial arts dojo from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- » Cycling from 7 to 8 p.m.
- » Kickboxing with Dan Stell from 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursdays

- » Core step aerobics from 5:30 to 6:30 a.m.

- » Piyo in the martial arts dojo from 6 to 7 a.m.
- » Senior Fitness from 9 to 10 a.m.
- » Core cycling from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- » Yoga in the martial arts dojo from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
- » 15th AF squadron cycle from 3 to 4 p.m.
- » MDG squadron cycle from 4 to 5 p.m.
- » Core cycling from 5 to 6 p.m.
- » Power Blast from 6 to 7 p.m.
- » Wing Chun in the martial arts dojo from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- » Cycling from 7 to 8 p.m.
- » Kickboxing with Dan Stell from 5 to 7 p.m.

Fridays

- » Piyo in the martial arts dojo from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.
- » Core step aerobics from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- » Kajukembo in the martial arts dojo from 4:30 to 8 p.m.
- » Core kickboxing aerobics from 5 to 6 p.m.
- » Yoga from 6 to 7 p.m.

Saturdays

- » Cycling from 8 to 9 a.m.
- » Total Fitness from 9 to 10 a.m.

TRAVIS CINEMA

The Travis theater will be closed for renovation from Feb. 3 to early August. During the renovation, seats will be upgraded, soundproofing will be incorporated, and the building will undergo upgrades to meet base standards. Watch the *Tailwind* for details on its re-opening.

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The best guests to invite to a party are the designated drivers.

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Check with the Fitness Center for updated seasonal changes for all fitness programs. Core classes are free for active-duty military, who must present a valid military ID in order to attend. All other classes are available to both active-duty and dependents, however, a pass purchased through the Fitness Center is required. For details, call 424-2008.

Travis Fitness Center seeking squadron PT instructor volunteers

60th Services Squadron

Not passing the Physical Training test or being put on a weight management program can be discouraging to many active military personnel. Finding the time and motivation to work out or attend exercise classes can also be difficult, but the Fitness Center is trying to make it easier for the troops to get and stay in shape.

The Fitness Center's squadron exercise program is for active duty military members who would like to volunteer to become PT instructors to teach and encourage other squadron members to exercise. They will, in turn, schedule classes at the center for their individual units on a regular basis and then direct the workouts.

"This means we can offer more classes and convenient times for each unit on base because we don't have to pay for the instructors," said Fitness Center director Tanya Graves.

Two Travis units — the 15th Air Force and David Grant Medical Center — have held squadron cycling classes for more

than a year. Capt. Eric Peipelman, from DGMCC, 1st Lt. Michelle Moreno and fitness specialist Barbara Hickenbottom have worked together to overcome obstacles such as instructors being deployed and transferred.

"Based on lessons learned, like rotating instructors due to TDY or PCS, we have worked to develop the current schedule so classes can adjust to the ops tempo on base by offering a wide range of squadron-only times," said Peipelman.

The reality is that some people will not be able to work out with their squadron because of scheduling conflicts or lack of a squadron trainer. For this reason, the squadron classes are open to all active duty or activated reservists, with priority to those on the squadron and Mandatory Fitness Improvement programs.

"It is good to have someone in your squadron to encourage and help you," said Hickenbottom. "I'd like to have PT instructors in every squadron."

"The aim of the program is to provide options for those mem-

bers who feel their weight or ergometry scores are boundaries to staying in the Air Force," Peipelman said. "The new schedule gives fitness program members more opportunities to attend classes."

New squadron cycling class times are: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3 to 4 p.m.; and Tuesday and Thursday from 4 to 5 p.m.

In addition to the squadron classes taught by volunteers and available only to military members, the Fitness Center offers other cycling classes open to civilians, retirees and dependents. Active duty military members can take these designated CORE classes for free, while other patrons must buy a pass. Fitness passes are available for \$25 per month and are good for most classes including cycling, yoga and aerobics.

Anyone interested in becoming a squadron PT instructor should inform his or her squadron commander. Call the Fitness Center at 424-2008 for more information or a schedule of classes.



Joe Allmorong / 60th SVS

Joan Wensen, professional cyclist from Lemond Fitness in Los Angeles, teaches a certification class for cycling instructors at Travis. Certified active duty volunteers teach squadron cycling classes at the Fitness Center for members of their unit and others on mandatory exercise programs.

Warren missileer crowned as DOD 'Kingpin'

By Master Sgt. Jeff Bohn
90th Space Wing Public Affairs

F.E. WARREN AIR FORCE BASE, Wyo. — To win a local sporting event is an achievement, to compete and win at Air Force level is a heralded milestone, and to take home the gold at a Department of Defense event is worthy of gladiator recognition.

Second Lt. Rickie Banister, a 319th Missile Squadron missileer, bowled over the competition overcoming a final day, 50-pin deficit and was crowned the best bowler in the U.S. Armed Forces at the DOD tournament March 20 at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

The four-day event brought together 24 of the finest bowlers from across America's military services.

Banister led the event the first two days, but slipped to second place on Day 3. He recovered, rocking a tournament-high 1,429 pins in six games of Day 4 to lead by a 90-pin margin.

Over the course of the tournament, Banister went from sixth to first place — beating three-time armed forces champion Ricky

Beck from Ellsworth AFB, S.D.

"It was the best feeling I've ever had since I started bowling," Banister said. "I couldn't have done it without the support of my squadron. They have been great to me. I never would have been able to achieve (this) without my family — the 319th."

Before competing at the DOD tournament, Banister had to vie for a position on the Air Force team, competing for one of only six positions. Seventeen of his competitors had been down this lane before as former Air Force team selectees and Banister was concerned about his chances of making the team against the veterans.

Fellow missileers, Frank Brooks and Christopher Williams, assured Banister that he belonged at the tournament.

"My confidence went way up," Banister said. "I never would have done it without my friends pulling me through like that."

With these accomplishments, it could be believed that Banister has been wearing bowling shoes all of his life. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

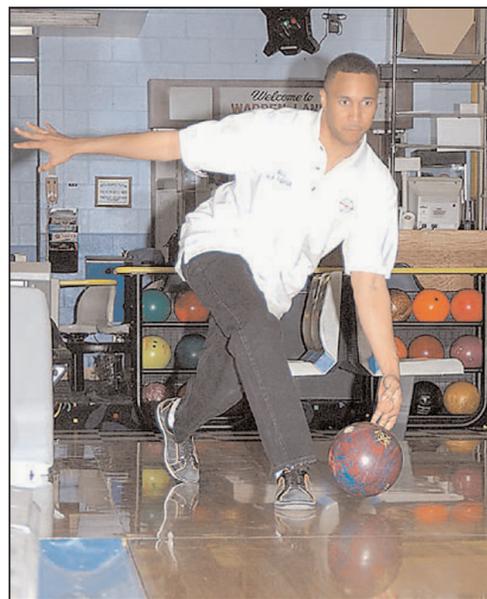
"Where I come from, they didn't have a bowling alley," he said of his childhood in an area near Hampton, Va.

Banister joined the Air Force in 1992 as an information manager and spent nine years enlisted before getting his commission. He picked up a bowling ball in 1995 at the encouragement of some friends, and found he had natural ability and raw talent. Over time, he improved his game with help and advice from professionals and mentors.

After he rolled his first perfect score of 300 in 1998, it "sparked something inside of me and I started practicing every day," he said. "The first one is always the hardest, after that it becomes easy."

Banister said he currently bowls in two leagues every day and free-bowls for 90 minutes — averaging 10 games a day.

The next stop for Banister is the Professional Bowlers Association regional competition. He plans to continue improving his bowling game and hopes to add a successful military career to his achievements.



Master Sgt. Jeff Bohn / AFPN

2nd Lt. Rickie Banister, 319th Missile Squadron, F. E. Warren AFB, Wyo., bowled over the competition overcoming a final day, 50-pin deficit and was crowned the best bowler in the U.S. Armed Forces at the Department of Defense tournament March 20 at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

B-52 pilot still flying high after 33 years

By Airman 1st Class Alice K. Moore
40th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM — During the evacuation of Quang Tri in 1972, 1st Lt. Bill Jankowski, an O2-A pilot, flew out of DaNang Air Base, Vietnam, to find enemy targets and bring air support assistance to South Vietnamese who were resisting North Vietnamese. Quang Tri had Americans within the area, and Jankowski's role was vital in trying to evacuate them.

There was a heavy North Vietnam push coming toward South Vietnam. While directing air support against the enemy, he began to look around and contacted a Republic of Vietnam army ranger battalion and began searching for additional targets for air strikes. After the evacuation was complete, he directed air strikes for the ranger battalion and then had to leave the area because of low fuel. As he turned to leave, the front engine exploded and he glided his plane near the ranger battalion on the ground. He then jettisoned the door and parachuted out of the burning O-2A.

After spending the night on the ground evading capture, two helicopters arrived to retrieve the downed pilot and some American advisers. Once they were in the air, one of the helicopters was hit by an SA-7, burst into flames and crashed. The helicopter carrying the lieutenant went into an auto-rotation and began to fly low. It flew right above enemy tanks on the ground and was shot down by machine gunfire, forcing Jankowski and the crew of the chopper to land in a rice paddy. Soon after, another helicopter came to retrieve them. Jankowski left Vietnam and returned home.

Thirty-one years later, Lt. Col. Bill Jankowski, who is now assigned to the 40th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron at a forward-deployed location, is still flying over targets supporting America's ideal of spreading freedom across the globe.

Jankowski, a Blue Island, Ill., native, received a bachelor's degree in zoology from Colorado College in Colorado Springs. While working on his graduate studies at the University of Wyoming, he decided to join the Air Force during the middle of the draft.

"Before I got drafted, I had already decided on volunteering for the Air Force," Jankowski said. "I wanted to fly."

Jankowski said he joined the Air Force through a delayed entry program in order to finish his graduate studies. After finishing his studies, he left to attend Officers Training School in 1969.

After graduating OTS in January 1970, Jankowski was sent to Laredo Air Force Base, Texas, for pilot training. He was then sent to fly in Vietnam in January 1972.

"When I was sent to Vietnam, there was no American ground troop support there," Jankowski said. "There were American advisers assisting the South Vietnamese army, so we were providing air support for them."

Jankowski returned home in July 1972.

He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross and three Air Medals. He continued on active duty until 1977 when he joined the Air National Guard. He was stationed at Battle Creek ANGB, Mich., where he flew the O-2 and the OA37 aircrafts until 1985.

"After I finished my active-duty com-



Master Sgt. Timothy E. Lancaster / AFPN

Lt. Col. Bill Jankowski, a pilot from the 40th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, talks with his navigator while on a combat-sortie mission. Jankowski was awarded several medals while flying during the Vietnam conflict in 1972. He is a Reserve technician activated from the 917th Wing at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

mitment, I still wanted to fly," Jankowski said. "I loved flying. That's what I cared about. The Guard allowed me to continue doing it. I also cared about my family, and with me being in the National Guard, I knew I wouldn't have to worry about changing stations every few years."

Eight years after joining the ANG, Jankowski said he wanted to work with fighters again. That desire led him to join the Air Force Reserves.

"I had a friend who had worked with a unit at Barksdale," Jankowski said. "He told me there were some openings for a fighter position with the A-10 (Thunderbolt II) school there. I applied for the position and got accepted."

Jankowski has been a member of the Air Force Reserves since 1985 and currently is an Air Reserve Technician instructor pilot assigned to the 93rd

Bomb Squadron, a unit of the 917th Wing at Barksdale, La. It was when the A-10 school closed down in 1994 that he switched over to fly the B-52 Stratofortress.

"I was actually supposed to retire in 2000. Due to pilot shortages, the Reserves offered a one-year extension," Jankowski said. "After my year was up, I was offered a 3-year extension which I decided to take."

In what looked like the sunset of his career, Jankowski was called again to active duty in February and sent to fly for the 40th EBS supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

"This is what I've trained for," Jankowski said. "There's always a possibility you're going to be called upon to go at a moment's notice. You just have to be ready to do your job. I was trained to fly and fight, and I was ready to go."

Keeping 'em in the air

A Boeing contractor carefully repairs a C-5 engine at the 60th Component Maintenance Squadron here Tuesday. The 60th CMS provides vital repair of avionics components and propulsion systems for 37 C-5 aircraft assigned to the base. The squadron inspects, services, and repairs 728 pieces of powered and non-powered aerospace ground equipment to support Air Mobility Command's global mission. It is also responsible for a regional Test, Measurement, and Diagnostic Equipment Laboratory, calibrating over 7,200 items. The 60th CMS supports flight line, shop operations, and other agencies for the largest wing in AMC.

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM — A crew chief from the 335th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron prepares an F-15E Strike Eagle for a mission at a forward-deployed location supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Courtesy photo



Staff Sgt. Derrick Goode / AFPN

Hair support



Story and photo by Jim Spellman
60th MDG Public Affairs

On March 26, nearly 20 members from the 60th Medical Operations Squadron — active duty, civilian and veterans — went back in time by getting “high and tight” or basic training-style haircuts outside the David Grant Medical Center’s Emergency Room ambulance bay. The event was a show of solidarity and esprit de corps for their comrades currently deployed overseas supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In addition to sending copies of photos and videos to their deployed troops, many of the newly-shorn signed cards stating, “Although we can’t all be there together, we can be there in spirit.”

1st Lt. Daman Mott, who coordinated the activity, became the first victim, a volunteer with a new crewcut himself — courtesy of his wife. He explained the reason for doing the impromptu barbering session was, “because we needed to have a little fun in these serious times, and a chance to release some tension and have a laugh at ourselves while letting our people overseas know we’re behind them 110 percent.”

“Oh, it was an absolute blast. Absolutely no vanity,” said Col. Barry Simon, 60th Medical Operations Squadron commander, who sat in the barber’s chair twice — and is now sporting a fashionable high-and-tight look. “Those guys got a good thing going, It was a real class act.”

To date, approximately 180 medical support staff from DGMC have been deployed to the southwest Asia area of operation.



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C-17 crews conduct historic airborne operation

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — Under the cover of darkness, almost 1,000 “Sky Soldiers” of the 173rd Airborne Brigade parachuted from C-17 Globemaster IIIs into the Kurdish-controlled area of northern Iraq. This was the first combat insertion of paratroopers using a C-17.

“This is a historic milestone in the evolution of the C-17,” said Gen. John W. Handy, commander of U.S. Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command. “The C-17, and more importantly the crews that fly it, have proven their mettle repeated-

ly while operating in the most demanding environments imaginable throughout the global war against terrorism. Now this workhorse has proven its capabilities in a combat airborne operation.”

The C-17 has been used many times in airborne training missions and was instrumental in humanitarian airdrops of food rations over Afghanistan, but this is the first time the Globemaster has been used as a platform to insert paratroopers during combat.

Aircraft and aircrews from

Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., and McCord AFB, Wash., as well as planners from the Tanker Airlift Control Center here worked closely with U.S. Central Command to execute the mission.

“This is just one more example of how our forces work seamlessly in the joint environment,” said Handy. “Our military has made great strides, not only in equipment and technology in the last decade, but also in the way we train, plan and execute — maximizing the capabilities that each of the services bring to the fight.”

Senator Feinstein: Thanks to the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces

During these very challenging times, I would like to extend my deepest appreciation and my heartfelt thanks to all of you — the men and women of America’s armed forces. You have been called on to make great personal sacrifices to defend our liberties and to protect our citizens — and for this all of America is grateful.

You are part of the finest military establishment the world has ever known, and I am completely confident that the war to end the tyrannical regime of Saddam Hussein, to destroy his weapons of mass destruction, and most importantly, to liberate the long-suffering Iraqi people, will be successful, and that you will be soon be reunited with your families.

Once hostilities have ended, however, significant challenges will remain. America must take the lead in

rebuilding Iraq — and here, too, you will be called on to play a vital role. You will also continue to be engaged in fighting the war on terror, at home and abroad, as well as meeting any other threat to our country that may arise. You are democracy’s front line of defense, and your dedication and service to our country and the values we cherish remain an inspiration to us all.

If there is some way I can help you or your family during this difficult time please do not hesitate to call me. I have four state offices located throughout California in San Francisco (415) 393-0707, Los Angeles (310) 914-7300, San Diego (619) 231-9712 and Fresno (559) 485-7430.

Thank you and God Bless America.

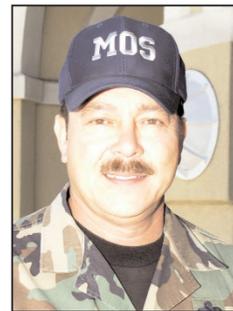
U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein

How are you coping with the current gas prices?



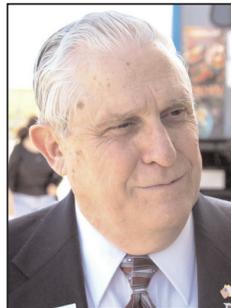
“I have started carpooling and try not to drive a lot.”

— Airman 1st Class Jason Bailey, 60th AMDS



“When I went TDY in December the gas prices were \$1.40. Today I paid \$25 to fill my 12 gallon gas tank. It’s ludicrous!”

— Chief Edward Connor, 60th Manpower and Organization Squadron



“Gas prices are outrageous.”

— Senior Master Sgt. (Ret) Billy Perkins, Travis Regional Armed Forces Committee



“My husband and I are driving our more fuel efficient vehicle and trying to condense our routine into one trip, bringing civilian clothes so we can run errands on our way home.”

— Senior Airman Michelle Summers, Band of the Golden West

Civilian appraisal deadline draws near

Patricia Nielhaus
60th Mission Support Squadron

The timeline for processing civilian appraisals for the rating cycle of April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003 has been accelerated this year to avoid a conflict with the May migration of civilian personnel data systems to Oracle 11i. The Suspense for data to the Civilian Personnel Flight this year is April 28.

In an effort to facilitate the shorter suspense, Air Force is recommending the recertification of the 2002 performance ratings and factors, except for certain employees. However, if an employee falls into one of the following exception categories, the supervisor must complete a new AF Form 860A. Excepted employees are: employees with presumptive appraisals, employees who converted from the five-level system to the two-level system during the rating cycle (transferred in from another base and/or agency), employees whose performance changed (e.g., from acceptable to unacceptable, or vice versa) and employees who changed positions since their 2002 rating.

When a new appraisal is to be completed, the July 1999 version of the AF Form 860A is still the current form to be used.

Another change this year is that cash awards (performance awards) must be submitted in specific dollar amounts not percentages of salary. There are no changes in the rules for Quality Step Increases or Time Off Awards. Ratings and

awards will be effective June 1 and awards are expected to be paid June 20 if the unit submitted the data on time — and the new data system works as projected. Supervisors may either recertify last year's award or propose a new award. For new awards recommendations, complete the form using up to nine bullet statements to describe how the employee exceeded expectations. This is the information the awards approving official will use to determine who gets an award and who doesn't.

Supervisors should follow their unit's instructions on where to process ratings and awards for approval and the internal suspense they must meet. The suspense for the data to be provided to the Civilian Personnel Flight is April 28, but most supervisors will have to meet an earlier unit suspense to have ratings and awards approved. To avoid grievances and upset employees, supervisors should not discuss award recommendations with employees before it is approved. The Awards Approving Official has the authority to deny or modify award recommendations.

When the cycle is complete, supervisors keep the original appraisals in the Supervisor's Employee Work Folder and the employees are furnished a copy. Managing and maintaining appraisals is a supervisory responsibility and the CPF does not receive or retain copies.

Detailed instructions are available on the Travis Intranet home page of the CPF at: <http://w3.travis.af.mil/60mss/civper/announce.htm>.

Travis 2nd annual
distance learning expo
April 22 and 23, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Travis conference center
Call Kate Haworth at 424-1728



Check out Air Force online news at www.af.mil

Construction update

Palomar Paving and Grading will continue to work on Travis Blvd on the stretch between Burgan Blvd and Oregon St. This work includes;

- ▶▶ Removing unsuitable soil and

placing sub-base and base rock for new sidewalk

- ▶▶ Relocating utilities, street light and underground power line
- ▶▶ Installing a conduit for a new electrical line to

street lights

- ▶▶ Demolition and removal of asphalt as a precursor to installation of sidewalks, curbs and gutters at the Passenger Terminal parking lot.

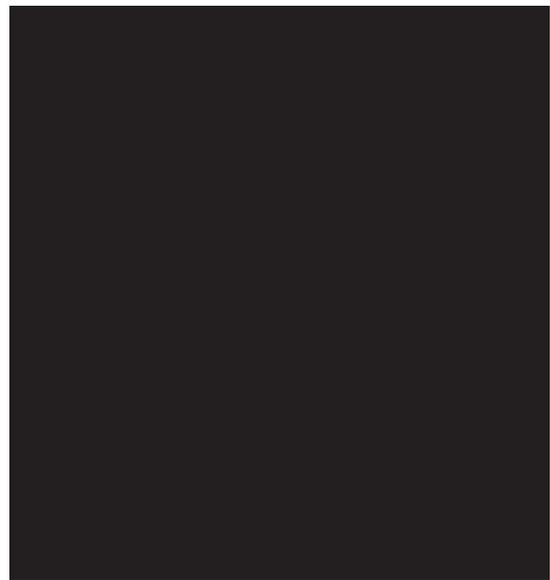
Timeline for end of year cash

Tailwind staff

The time is drawing near for all resource advisors to prepare for the end-of-year shopping spree. People need to be prepared, so if and when the money comes, the 60th Contracting Squadron can buy their requirement items. The following are the time requirements for requests to be into the 60th Contracting Squadron for end-of-year spending.



- ▶▶ Jun 20 Purchase Requests greater than \$25,000 (unless item is on GSA contract)
- ▶▶ Jun 27 Purchase Requests for FY04 recurring services
- ▶▶ Jul 11 Purchase Requests between \$10K and \$25K (unless item is on GSA contract)
- ▶▶ Aug 22 Purchase Requests between \$2,500 and \$10K (unless item is on GSA contract)
- ▶▶ Aug 29 Establish FY03 due-outs greater than \$2,500 to LRS
- ▶▶ Sep. 12 FM closes Form 4009s (GPC funds document)



Travis offers fun, support for families of deployed

By **Linda Mann-Iames**
60th Services Squadron

Heavy deployments have left Travis without many key personnel — parents. Those children and spouses left behind now need more support than ever. The Department of Defense has set aside the month of April as the Month of the Military Child and encourages Air Force bases worldwide to plan special events and programs for youth and families.

Children of active duty military members deal with absent parents, changing schools, moving to a new location and often living in a foreign country. Add the fear those children have during a time of war to those stresses of normal military life and you have a group of children who need extra understanding and support.

“Like their parents, military children face a lifestyle of increased family separations and numerous relocations. If children have difficulty coping with these military lifestyle challenges, readiness is compromised. If we all pull together, we can secure a healthy environment for our

youth at Travis,” said Family Member Programs Flight Chief, Shenethia Carter.

“April is a special time of year because the entire month is focused on the children. It is the perfect time to encourage people to become more involved with the youth in the Travis community,” Carter said.

This year, the 60th Services Squadron hosts the “Spring is in the Air” promotion with events, contests and prizes all month long to honor and nurture Travis children.

“We need everyone’s help to nurture an environment that provides our children with security and opportunities to learn and thrive as respected members of our community,” said Carter. “We need to teach them self-reliance and self-respect. When everyone is responsible, our community strength increases. Strong communities increase our children’s quality of life as well as our own.”

Children, teens, parents and singles are invited to take part in the special events planned in April like the Military Child art exhibit, the Butler Carnival, the Late Night Skate and the Easter Story Time. Log onto www.60thServices.com for an updated schedule of events.

Shoot to win; Travis hosts photo contest for children

60th Services Squadron

Children see the world differently than adults do and their photography reflects their views. The theme of the 2003 Image Makers National Photography Contest is “Eye Spy” and the judges will be asking: What image is the photographer capturing when they look through the lens?

The Travis Youth Center is participating in the photography contest sponsored by the

Circuit City Foundation and has Exhibition Entry Forms and detailed rules available for contestants. Children who are eligible for the base youth programs including the Child Development Centers, Youth Center or Teen Zone may enter the contest.

All entries must be submitted to the Youth Center by April 14. The photos will be on display for three days and will be judged on April 17. Winning photos will be submitted for



judging on the regional level.

There are four age categories: 9 or younger, 10 to 12, 13 to 15 and 16 to 18. Photos must have been taken in the last year and a teacher or parent must verify photographer’s age.

Photographs may be entered in any of the following categories:

- ▶▶ Color process
- ▶▶ Black and white process digital
- ▶▶ Alternative process (including: pinhole cameras, Polaroid transfers, photo screen printing, photo etching and photo grams).

▶▶ Photo essay (a photograph and a one-page narrative addressing the theme)

Photographs must be matted, must not be larger than 8-inches by 10-inches and must be accompanied by a negative or diskette of the original image. For more information, call the Youth Center at 424-5392.

Band provides education opportunity for local community educators

Senior Airman Nicole Watt
60th AMW Public Affairs

Part of the mission of the USAF Band of the Golden West is to provide ongoing interactive relations with the surrounding communities of Travis Air Force Base. The second annual Conducting Clinic is just one way the band accomplishes its mission.

Educators from all over California have been invited to participate and observe the band's Conducting Clinic, which will be held on April 12.

As a part of their ongoing Guest Artist Series, the band has invited two widely known conductors to lead the clinic. H. Robert Reynolds, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor of Music Emeritus at the University of Michigan, and Harvey Benstein, music director and conductor of the Contra Costa Chamber Orchestra, The Walnut Creek Concert Band, and director of instrumental music at Campolindo High School, will lead

the weekend's participants in an exploration of conducting and rehearsal techniques that the attending educators will be able to practice and apply to their own ensembles.

The clinic is open to music educators and their students, no matter what their level of expertise. "We were gearing towards California educators, but we got responses from Washington and Pennsylvania," said Hanson.

This year, 35 educators applied to be participants and over 50 have registered to come and observe, including members of the Chico State and Sacramento State conducting classes.

Out of the 35 participant applications, 12 were selected. Each of the 12 will have a total of 20 minutes on the podium to work with the band and to get critiqued by the clinicians. The sessions are also videotaped for future reference.

"Participants and observers will get to learn from the masters," said Tech. Sgt. Candis

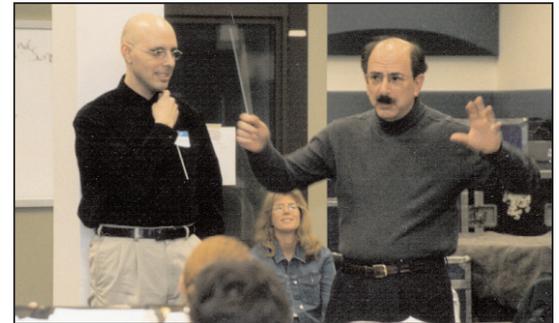
Hanson, Education Coordinator for the band. "Benstein and Reynolds will open up the participants musical interpretation, work on technique, and get the individual to feel the message of the music."

"Even as an observer, there is an opportunity to see some of the greatest conductors at work," adds Hanson.

Beyond the obvious benefit of getting to work with such great musicians, attendees can use this time to discuss educational issues with colleagues, and check out the Air Force music program.

"For many, this will be their first experience with a military band," said Hanson. "Hopefully, they will see our professionalism and hear our high musical standards, and take that back to their colleagues and students."

Rounding out the weekend is an open rehearsal on April 11. Local music educators are encouraged to attend along with their students.



Archive photo

Mr. Harvey Benstein demonstrates effective conducting techniques to a participant at last year's conducting clinic. Benstein will be making a repeat performance, returning as one of this year's clinicians.

On April 13, the band will present a concert with Benstein and Reynolds, entitled "Great Composers" at the Vacaville Performing Arts Theatre. Clinic attendees and local listeners will have a chance to hear a different side of the Travis band. Moving away from movie scores and jazz tunes, the band will be

presenting a concert of 'classical' works ranging from the Hindemith Symphony #5 to Percy Grainger's "Irish Tune from County Derry." Tickets for the concert are available at the Vacaville Performing Arts Theatre Box Office. For more information, call the box office at 449-6217.

Tattoo celebrates Travis contribution to national defense

By Maj. Douglas Monroe
USAF Band of the Golden West commander

The Tattoo Ceremony, according to legend, began over 300 years ago, during the reign of King William III and Mary II of Great Britain, who ruled from 1689 to 1702.

English soldiers serving during a war in the Netherlands were fond of spending their evenings in the local inns and pubs. Each evening, when the time came for the soldiers to return to the towns and hamlets where they were quartered, drummers would march through the streets to let the soldiers know it was time to end their evening's activities. Likewise, this was a signal to the Dutch innkeepers to stop pouring ale. In their own language, the Dutch drummers would say "doe den tap toe" which meant "turn off the taps." Usually the soldiers heard only the last two words and soon adapted the Dutch phrase into their own English language; "tap toe" became "tattoo."

Over the years, the custom grew and more musicians were added to the drummers. By the nineteenth century, complete bands played for the whole army,

corps, division battalion regiment or garrison. Thus, the English tradition of the military Tattoo was established. Being spawned from English society, law, and traditions as well as being an old and close ally, the U.S. military also adopted the Tattoo early in this century with all of its pomp and reverence.

On April 19, Brig. Gen. Bradley S. Baker, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, will continue this rich military tradition by presenting the first Tattoo ever performed at Travis AFB.

This ceremony, titled "America's First Choice" Tattoo, was developed by the USAF Band of the Golden West to celebrate Travis' contribution to national defense over the years. Actor James Avery is the guest narrator.

The Tattoo will feature several aircraft flyovers, the USAF Honor Guard from Washington DC, the Bagpipe Band from the 91st Division Army Band, dancers, singers, taped speeches of past U.S. presidents and American leaders, and a formal retreat ceremony. The USAF Band of the Golden West will provide the music for the production.

The Tattoo is divided into six sections. "The Formative Years" begins the ceremony explaining the history behind a

Tattoo, and features a traditional Tattoo bagpipe performance. "The War Years" briefly looks at the Army Air Corps' history with descriptions of air power in the first two World Wars. "Local Heroes Creating a National Treasure" begins with the formation of the United States Air Force and the beginnings of Travis AFB. It continues with the contributions of this great base to our nation from 1947 to 1975.

"America's First Choice; Rapid Global Mobility" tells about contributions to national defense from 1976 to 2001.

"Lest We Forget" is a formal retreat ceremony at sunset featuring the Travis Honor Guard presenting the colors to representatives from the Doolittle Raiders. Brig. Gen. Baker will then honor four heroes from Travis who symbolize the base's selfless spirit; four heroes who gave their lives in the line of duty. This section also looks at the current world terrorism situation and Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. The production concludes with "Bridges Into Space," imagining the possibilities awaiting us in our future as we continue in our work as the world's greatest air and space force. Timed flyovers highlight significant aircraft in Air

Force history as they relate to the narration.

"We're proud of the accomplishments at Travis over the past half century. This is a great opportunity for the men and women of Team Travis to enjoy the traditions they carry on every day serving our great nation," said Maj. Tom Murphy, wing project officer.

The "America's First Choice" Tattoo is dedicated to all the heroes at Team Travis, especially the families of airmen currently deployed.

The performance will take place adjacent to the "red carpet" at Base Operations on the 200 ramp. Gathering music will begin at 6 p.m. There will be some seating available at the performance site. Attendees are welcome to bring blankets and lawn chairs and should be in seats by 6:35 p.m. The Tattoo begins at 6:55 p.m. and will last until approximately 8:05 p.m. Parking will be available at Buildings 181, 549, 550, 556, 249, and 381, as well as hangar P16 and the Delta Breeze Club. Shuttle buses will run continuously from these parking lots until just prior to event time to transport people to the performance site. Shuttle buses will also return people to the lots after the event is over.

SHINING STAR

AIR MOBILITY COMMAND

FROM THE BEST OF TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE



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

Senior Master Sgt. Michael DeStefano, first sergeant for the 60th OSS, hands a performance report to Bonnie LeMay, 60th OSS secretary.

Civilian secretary, heart of Operations Support

By 2nd Lt. Haley Fritz
60th Operations Support Squadron

The Air Force's most valuable resource is its people. Bonnie LeMay, secretary to the 60th Operations Support Squadron commander, plays a crucial role in the Air Force mission here at Travis. She handles the day-to-day administrative functions of the squadron and works closely with the exec to ensure the Air Mobility Command mission is accomplished. She's been at the base since 1992 and enjoys being in the 60th OSS because her job is "never boring and the squadron is so diverse."



AIR MOBILITY
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LeMay is at the center of the 60th OSS, which is responsible for accurate intelligence, weather, air traffic control, life support, secure communications for aircrew, and airfield operations.

Col. Joe C. Herron, 60th OSS commander, directs seven flights providing support to airlift and tanker mission requirements, maintains combat deployment readiness and controls an annual budget of over \$1.5 million and resources exceeding \$40 million.

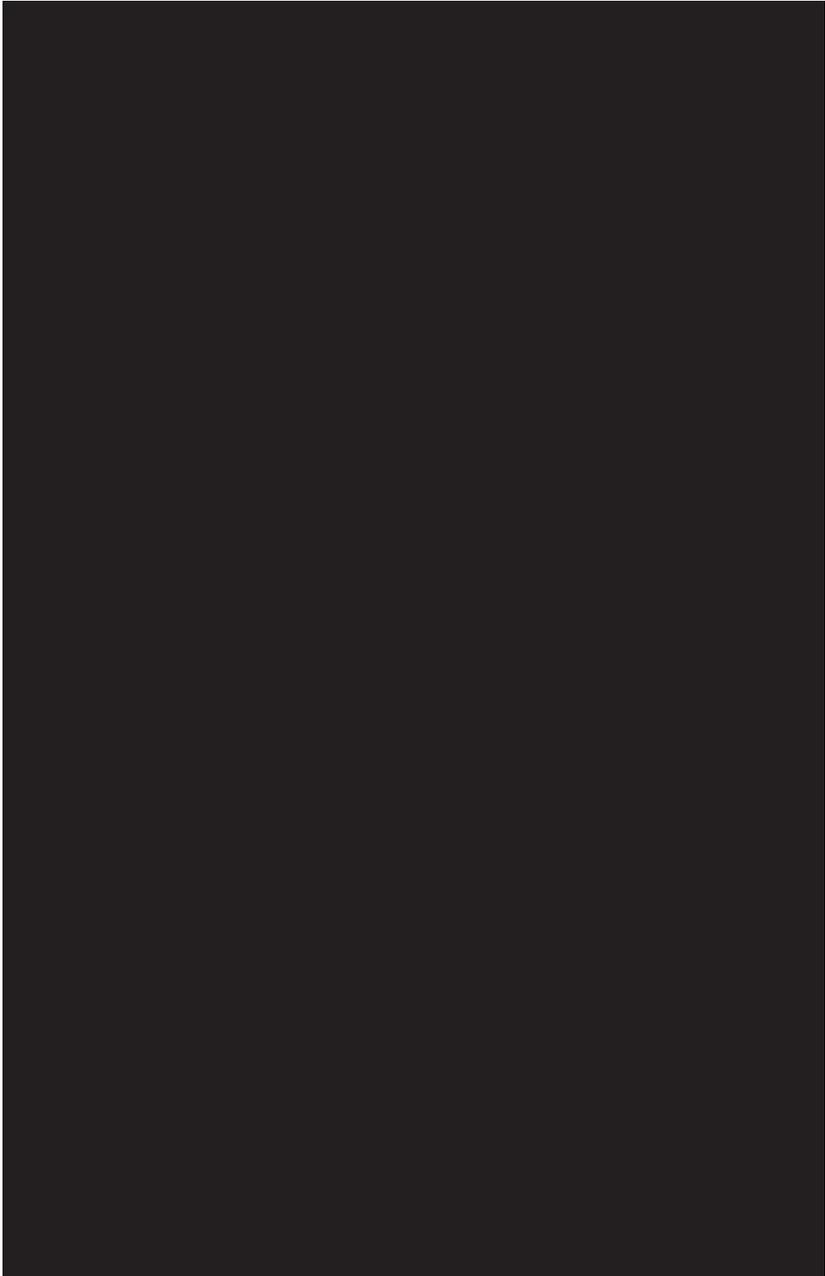
"The squadron would disintegrate without her. She's the glue that holds the OSS together," said Lt Col. James Ham, 60th OSS Director of Operations.

"She's an outstanding worker. She's always friendly, very helpful, and goes out of her way for others," said Capt. Mark Albion from the 60th OSS.

LeMay has been part of the Air Force family for many years. Her husband, Norman LeMay, served for 20 years and retired here at Travis.

HOMETOWN NEWS RELEASES

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



The SWAP ADS deadline is noon Monday for that Friday's TAILWIND. Ads can be dropped off in Bldg. 51.

Important Notice

In the interest of base beautification, base housing residents are asked to refrain from putting up signs to advertise on-base yard sales. Posting yard sale signs on utility poles is a violation of 60 AMWI 90-3 and the California Utilities Commission's Code of Regulations. DO NOT post yard sale signs on utility poles around the base. You can post a notice at the shoppette or they can be announced free of charge in the *TAILWIND*.

Yard Sales

Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., multi-fam, 698 Valley View Way
Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon, 119 Forbes St.
Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon, multi-fam, Carlton Ct.
Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., multi-fam, 38 Broadway/100 Wyoming/102 Wyoming
Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., 108 Hamilton St.
Saturday, 8 a.m., 235 Carlton Ct.
Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., multi-fam, 409 Samantha Place, Vacaville

Furniture

Sectional sofa w/queen size bed, tan, \$350. 437-2833
Computer desk, oak, chair, \$45. 437-2833
Entertainment center, oak/glass, lighted, \$3,000 obo. 437-9470
Bedroom set, queen size, 6pc, Nautilus sleep system, cinnamon pine, \$1,500 obo. 374-2347
Mexican bar, 2pc, handcrafted, storage, \$800. 437-8350
Entertainment center, wooden, \$40. 437-8350
Desk, wood, granite colored top, \$35 obo. 437-8350
Computer desk, \$35. 439-0787
Sleeper sofa, love seat, \$200 obo. 438-0450

Appliances

Washer/dryer, \$100 obo. 438-0450

Household/Misc. Items

Wedding dress, never worn or altered, sz. 12, ivory shantung, long sleeve, v-neck, long train, peplum waist, 2 yds. extra fabric, \$650 obo. 399-7001
Sears Craftsman workbench, 5 drawer, bulk storage, \$100. 446-2427
Jenny Lind crib, mattress, \$100 obo. 439-9447
Hedstrom swing set, \$25. 437-8604

Carpet w/pads, 12'x21', \$275. 437-4279
Lawnmower, \$30. 425-5056
Child's desk, Mervyn's ivy vine carpet, adult/children's clothes, computer games in boxes, Halloween decorations, toys. 439-0975

Sports/Athletic Equipment

Raleigh M20 Mountain Trail bike, black, 20", \$130. 447-9695

Electronic/Computer Items

Epson C82 color printer, separate CMYK ink tanks, \$100 obo. 469-0834
Sony Playstation, 2 controllers, cables, 2 memory cards, 9 games, Madden 2003, \$100 obo. 439-9801
Zenith DVD player, remote, \$75. 439-9801
Ultimate competition speakers (2), subwoofer/tweeter combo, gray carpeted boxes, \$50. 451-9679
Lexmark X63 all-in-one printer, \$50. 439-9447
Kenwood stereo system, cassette, cd changer, receiver, speaker, \$100 obo. 439-9447

Vehicle

2002 Chevy Tahoe LS, white, 13k mi, chrome wheels, v8, low jack, am/fm/cd/cas, roof rack, running boards, \$29,500 obo. 446-2010
2000 Honda Accord EX, sunroof, 41.3k, spoiler, \$14,400. 439-0787

2000 Dakota RT club cab, flame red, limited production (654 of 952), \$19,000. 372-4172

2000 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo, v6, 2wd, cd, 39k mi, \$14,800. 688-3408

1999.5 Nissan Pathfinder XE, 4x4, blue, v6, am/fm/cd/cas, roof rack, fog light, running boards, ac, at, 1 owner, 75k mi, \$16,000 obo. 925-570-9664

1995 Camaro Z28, 6sp, \$7,000. 451-2439

1995 Eagle Talon, 110k mi, pw, ps, cd, \$4,500 obo. 510-549-3119

1994 Ford Escort GT, 84k, smogged, \$1,800. 437-4279

1989 Ford Ranger pickup, 5sp, 92.5k mi, 3 spare tires, bed liner, \$2,395 obo. 408-578-3836

1989 Saab 900, 5sp, 4dr, 200k mi, \$1,799. 449-8545

1984 190D Mercedes-Benz, 160k mi, 1 owner, \$6,000. 425-5679

1974 Midget, \$1,700 obo. 451-4196

1970 Dodge Dart Swinger, slant 6, 225 cu in, ac, front disc brakes, 8.75 rear end (741 cast), small bolt, \$1,400 obo. 437-1043

Vehicle Accessories

Camaro chrome wheels (4), 16". 451-4196
Set of car ramps, \$10. 446-2427
1988-98 Chevy long bed bed liner, \$50. 446-7556
Lincoln Mark VII radio, installation tool, \$100. 446-7556

Trailers/Boats/Campers

Horse trailer, holds 4, no dividers, \$800 obo. 437-3677
Reese 5th wheel hitch, 14k lbs capacity, \$225. 446-7556

Pets/Pet Accessories

Cockatiels, male/cage/accessories, \$60; female/cage, accessories, \$60; both \$100. 437-1132
Cat, male. 437-0488

House/Room for Sale/Rent

House for sale in Dixon, 3br/2ba, 2-car garage, landscaped, wood floors, alarm. 693-0714
House for rent in Suisun, 3br/2ba, 2-car garage, patio, shed, 1,564 sq ft, bit 1996, \$1,600/mo + dep. 428-5424
House for sale in Fairfield, 5br/2.5ba, 2-car garage, RV/boat parking, in-ground pool, 2-story, deck, 2,063 sq ft, \$345,000. 426-4256
Room for rent in Fairfield, 1-car space, no pets, male preferred, \$550/mo + dep + 1/2 utilities. 399-9632
Room for rent in Sacramento, male only, single father OK, 1br \$500/mo or 2br \$900/mo. 916-747-2455

Wanted

Tennis ball server machine. 437-8457
Bagger lawnmower, 718-0472
Eighth-grade algebra tutor. 530-867-2641

SWAP AD TIPS

Swap Ads are a free service designed to give the base community a way to buy, sell or trade items. The following tips should make using the Swap Ads easier.

- ◆ Describe the product with the **facts only**, save the sales pitch for later. Phrases like "Brand New," "Must See," "Runs Good," and other subjective descriptions will not be printed. What is "brand new" to one person may not be to another person. The *Tailwind* reserves the right to alter any add for clarification, continuity or brevity.

- ◆ **Write legibly.** If it can't be read, it will not be run. The *Tailwind* staff does not have time

to call and clarify ads that are not legible.

- ◆ Always include a home phone number. **Duty phone numbers will not be printed.** Only one phone number will be printed per ad.

- ◆ **Yard sales must contain date, time and location.** It is not the responsibility of the *Tailwind* staff to track down this information. Individual items will not be printed for yard sales.

- ◆ Ads should be dropped off in Bldg. 51 at the Public Affairs office. **We do not accept ads by fax, phone call or e-mail.**

- ◆ **The deadline for the free Swap Ad service is Monday at noon.** Ads are printed on a space-available basis and will be edited for size.

**Classifieds work!
Call 425-4646**

New Web site for Travis parents

By Lt Col. Norma Allgood
60th Medical Operations Squadron

The Pediatrics Department at the David Grant Medical Center now has a dedicated Web site for parents in the Travis community. The new Web site, www.travis.af.mil/dgmc/pediatrics, aims to provide timely and accurate medical information for Travis parents. Col. (Dr.) Larry Corman, the chairman of the Pediatrics Department, notes that a recent Harris Poll found that almost 110 million Americans turn to the Internet for medical information.

"It's really important that we do everything we can to help Travis parents get the medical information they need," Corman stated. "The Internet can be a great way to get information 24 hours a day."

Dr. Corman explained that he wants the Pediatrics Depart-

ment's website to be as useful and convenient as possible.

"The home page has our updated clinic hours as well as a quick link to information on the various kinds of appointments we have available."

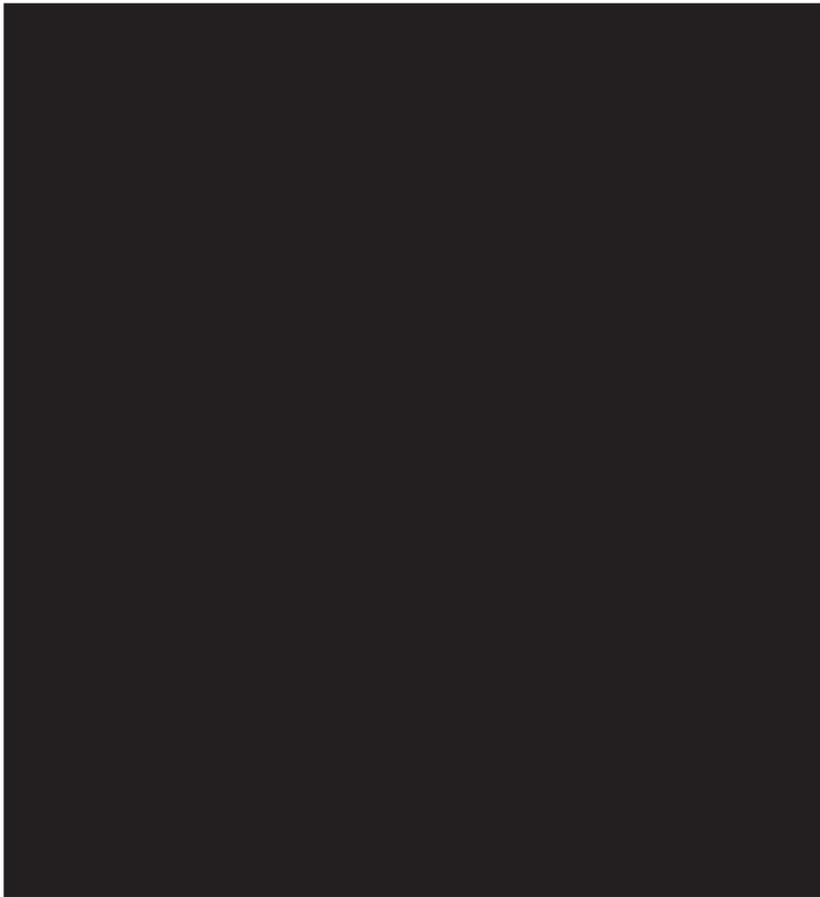
The Pediatrics Department's site has a complete listing of checkup and immunization schedules based on the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Additionally, parents can find an extensive collection of age appropriate feeding and safety information. There is also a list of classes offered by the Travis Family Advocacy Program, as well as an on-line version of the Family Advocacy newsletter, The Family Flyer.

The site also has information about TRICARE empanelment, ways to contact a pediatrics provider, and how to get a prescription refill. There is even a page with directions to the

Pediatrics Clinic, complete with a map.

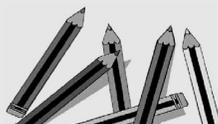
Since it can sometimes be difficult for people to quickly find reliable information on the Internet, the Pediatrics' Web site has a page of recommended links to over 40 sites dealing with a wide-variety of pediatric healthcare topics. Of particular interest to military families is a special section of links to sites with advice on helping children deal with the stresses of deployments and concerns about terrorism and war.

Like many Web sites, the Pediatrics' site has a feedback page. "We're very proud of our website, but we hope this is just the beginning," Corman emphasized. "I would like to ask parents to take a few minutes to tell us how we can best serve them. The feedback we get from parents will help us determine the future direction of our Web site."



NEWS NOTES

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE



Tailwind story submission deadlines are 4:30 p.m. the Friday before publication at Bldg. 51, Room 232.

Change of command

The 6th ARS is having a Change of Command today at 10 a.m. in Hanger P14. Lt. Col. Kevin Kilb will accept command from Lt. Col. Michael Mendonca. There will be a reception following the ceremony in the hanger.

Scholarship opportunity

The Travis Federal Managers Association is offering a \$750 scholarship to an outstanding high school senior. To be eligible for the award, the applicant must be a high school senior and intent upon continuing his or her education, must be a legal family member of a civil service employee who is either working at or retired from Travis and must demonstrate academic or vocational ability. Applications are available at local high schools, base library, base education office, civilian personnel office or from the following scholarship committee members: Stephanie Beebe at 424-1735, Patrick Blatcher at 424-4497, Heather Capella at 424-3861, Charlene Hall at 423-7550, Clarissa Huston at 424-3281 and Lucy Lampman at 424-5668. Applications must be submitted to FMA by May 1.

Model home tour

The new Senior NCO homes on Travis are about to open. A model home tour will be conducted on April 11 from 9 a.m.

to 3 p.m. One building with two units will be open to the public. One duplex unit will be fully furnished by AAFES and the other will be vacant. The public is asked to enter the construction area at the Texas and Florida Street vehicle gate.

Parents

Parents of children who attend schools within the Travis Unified School District must first report to the administration offices before visiting their children. Just as we are vigilant regarding people in and around Travis who may not be sponsored, so too are the schools. In fact, the schools will require parents to wear a visitor's badge indicating their visit is documented and verified. If the parent fails to process through the administration office before entering the school grounds, they will be asked to leave. This measure is important for the protection and well being of our children.

Festival de la Familia

Staff from the Festival de la Familia is looking for volunteers for this year's festival, which will be held April 27 at Cal Expo in Sacramento. Volunteers are needed for children's areas, information booths, security patrols and stage assistants. For more information, contact Laurie at (916) 452-0926 or log onto www.festivaldelafamilia.com.

Giving blood: A charitable donation



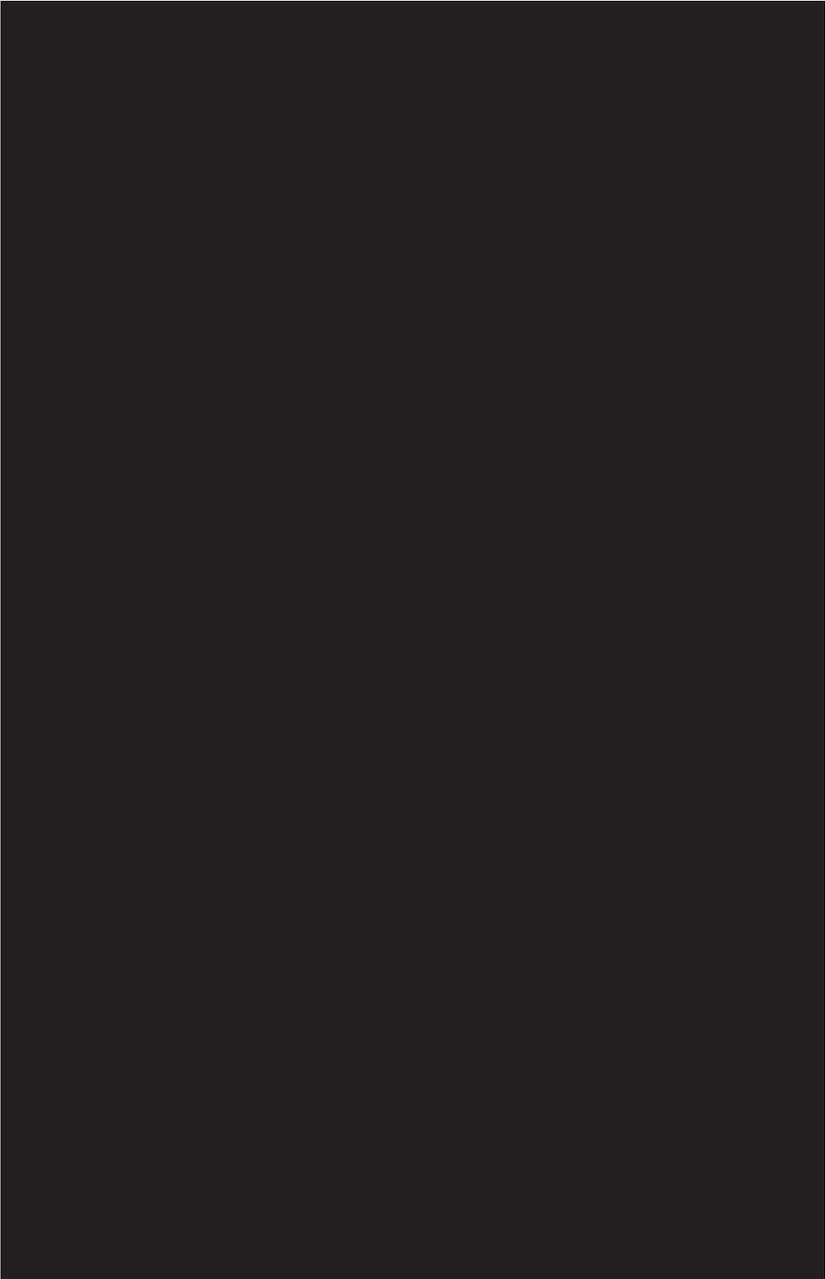
Nann Wylie / base Audio Visual

Wanda Fischer donates blood to Krisa Kamp, a blood technician, during a Women's History Symposium blood drive on March 21.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS
TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Announcements

Children's exhibits

In honor of April being the Month of the Military Child, children's art exhibits and family activities will be at various base locations throughout the month. Log onto www.60thServices.com to see a schedule of events.

Pepperbelly's at ITT

Tickets for Thursday nights at Pepperbelly's Comedy and Variety Theater in downtown Fairfield are now available at the Information, Tickets and Travel. Visit the Pepperbelly's Website at www.Pepperbellys.com for a schedule of upcoming comedians, then go to Outdoor Recreation to purchase discount tickets for \$6.50 per person. A portion of the proceeds benefit Travis Services. The shows are for 18 and older. Call ITT at 424-5240 for more information.

Poetry Month

April is National Poetry Month. The Travis Poetry Club meets at the Mitchell Memorial Library. Participants of all ages are encouraged to share poetry with the others. Call 424-3279 for details.

Carnival tickets

Support Travis Little League by purchasing Butler Carnival Tickets in advance at the Youth Center or Travis Bowl. Ride coupons are half price when bought before the carnival arrives on April 24. Call 424-5392 for details.

Squadron fundraiser

Squadron booster clubs and other private organizations can earn \$600 to \$1,000 helping the Delta Breeze Club sell advance tickets to upcoming events at the club. Call Charles Thomas at 437-3711 for more information.

Services

Saturday

▲ The Enlisted Club Late Niter features hip hop, R&B and old school tunes to dance the night away from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. Dance contests and drink specials are also offered. Non-member cover is \$6, members get in for \$2.

Sunday

▲ The Delta Breeze Club offers a champagne Sunday brunch from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The price is \$18.95 for non-members, but the Member's First price is \$12.95. Children aged 6 to 12 are \$5.95 and children 5 and under are free.

▲ The Give Parents a Break Program offers free childcare from 1 to 5 p.m. once a month to military parents of children ages 6 months to 12 years. Call 437-0553 for more information or talk to your first sergeant.

Monday

▲ The National College Athletic Association Final Four basketball championship is on the big screen in the DBC's Gold Rush Lounge. There will be free snacks and drink specials. This event is for all ranks.

Tuesday

▲ Preschoolers are invited to the Mitchell Memorial Library's story time from 9 to 9:45 a.m. A guest reader will share a favorite story with the children and then they will have an opportunity to make a craft project. Call 424-3279 to be a volunteer reader for future story time events.

Wednesday

▲ The Travis Bowl is offering unlimited bowling from 3 to 5 p.m. for \$5. This special offer is good to the end of April.

Thursday

▲ It's the last day to sign up for the San Francisco Pier 39 and Fisherman's Wharf trip. Transportation with Information, Tickets and Travel is \$12 for adults and \$7 for children. Call 424-5659 for more information.

Family Support

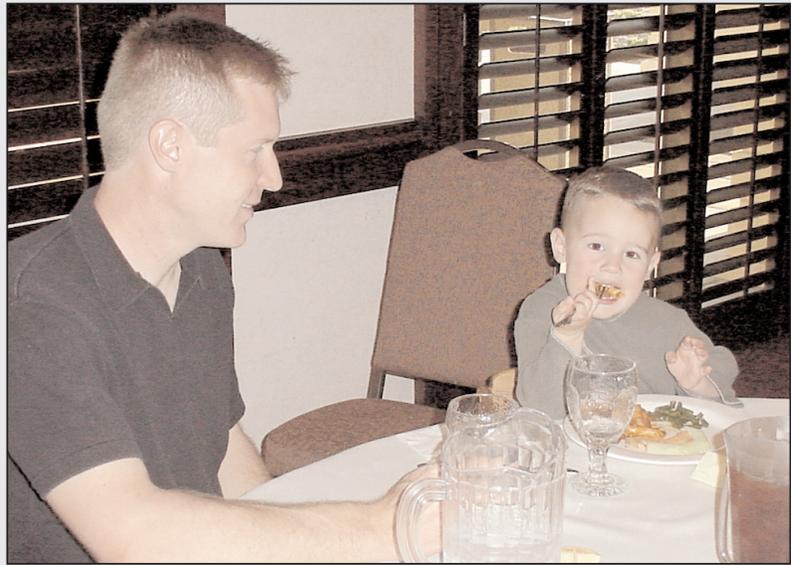
Monday

▲ Spouse Employment Orientation is from 9 to 10 a. m. for newly arrived spouses. Topics include employment and career development programs at the Family Support Center. Call 424-2486.

Tuesday

▲ The FSC Readiness NCO will conduct deployment briefings at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. for personnel tasked for deploy-

DBC dining



Lynn Larsen / Photo Club

Tech. Sgt. Duane Nobsch watches his 2-year-old son Paul enjoy the Delta Breeze Club's quarterly Enlisted Club Membership Appreciation buffet on March 27. The Nobschiches like the family atmosphere and food at the DBC.

ment or TDY. Call 424-2486 for reservations. Those unable to make scheduled briefings, can call to arrange a one-on-one briefing.

Wednesday

▲ WIC representatives will be at the FSC from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Call 435-2200.

Thursday

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▲ There is a car buying seminar from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the FSC. Call 424-2486.

▲ The Change Management class is from 9 a.m. to noon. Topics include coping skills for career changes, lifestyle changes, relocations and job changes. Call 424-2486.

▲ The Credit Report workshop is from 10 to 11 a.m. at the FSC. Call 424-2486.

▲ The FSC Readiness NCO will conduct a deployment briefing at 2 p.m. for personnel tasked for deployment or TDY. Call 424-2486 for reservations. Those unable to make scheduled briefings, can call to arrange a one-on-one briefing.

Weekly

▲ Active or retired military members or their family members can obtain emergency

financial assistance from the Air Force Aid Society. The AFAS is the official Air Force charity that provides assistance primarily as interest-free loans. Occasionally grants or combination loan/grants may be given for extreme emergencies and other unexpected costs. The AFAS office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the FSC. To expedite service, call 424-4349.

www.afcrossroads.com pools Web resources from across the Air Force and Department of Defense into a single location and provides a virtual community atmosphere where visitors can participate in bulletin board discussions, chat rooms, post resumes online or search for information on a variety of topics. Call 424-2486

Family Advocacy

Playgroups

Playgroups are for parents and their children and are held at the Chapel One Annex on First Street. The first Tuesday and Wednesday of each month, the playgroups meet at the Duck Pond for a stroller stroll. During rainy weather they meet at the McDonald's on the second floor of Solano Mall. The Toddlers Playgroup is Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. for children age 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.

Parents can network with other parents while their children enjoy crafts, guest speakers, music and free play. Registration is not necessary. For more information call 423-5168.

Dads boot camp

Boot Camp for New Dads is a program in which veterans (new fathers who bring their babies) show rookies (fathers-to-be) the ropes of fatherhood. The program is for men only. The program is currently recruiting new dads whose wives are expecting and rookie dads whose wives have just had a baby. Classes are held quarterly. For more information, call 423-5168

Parenting classes

Parenting classes are offered as a six-week program geared toward parents of children 3 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. Call the Family Advocacy office to register at 423-5168.

CRIME STOPPER

TRAVIS SECURITY FORCES ACTIVITY

March 24

Damage to private property at Bldg. 648
Animal control on Indiana Street
Minor vehicle accident at the Base Exchange
Missing person on Hamilton Street
Verbal altercation on Travis Avenue
Driving on a suspended license on Prallow Street

March 25

Medical emergency at Bldg. P-4
Medical emergency at the BX
Medical emergency at Bldg. 380A
Vehicle towed for expired registration at Bldg. 1310
Missing juvenile on Valley View Way
Medical emergency on Maine Street

March 26

Damage to private property at Bldg. 139
Damage to private property at Bldg. 51

March 27

Vehicle accident at Bldg. 776
Vehicle accident at North Gate and Cannon roads
Animal control at Bldg. 845
Animal control on Kelly Street
Vehicle accident at the Duck Pond
Theft of private property at Bldg. 1306

March 28

Damage to government property on Ryan Court
Vehicle accident on Borgan Boulevard
Vehicle accident at Bldg. 380
Medical emergency at BX
Loose canine on Hackett Street
Missing property on Carlton Street
Damage to government property on Armstrong Street
Arrest of individual with a warrant at Bldg. 1348

March 29

Vehicle accident at Bldg. 406
Shoplifting at the BX
Medical emergency off base
Loud music at Bldg. 443
Vehicle accident on Perimeter Road
Assistance rendered at Bldg. 403
DUI on Travis Avenue

March 30

Shoplifting at the BX
Missing juvenile on Clagette Avenue

Crime Tip: When people have problems with their spouse, it's better to leave and cool off rather than have an altercation which may have serious consequences. Careers can be affected.

Chapel Services

Catholic

▲ 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

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

Chapel News

Easter cantada

"Bow the Knee" is an Easter cantada that will be presented Palm Sunday at 10:30 a.m. during the Protestant worship service in the Chapel Center. There will be a presentation for the general public Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Chapel Center.

Lent schedule

- » Living Stations of the Cross, April 11, 6 p.m., Duck Pond Fitness Trail.
- » Protestant Lenten lunch, April 16, noon, Chapel One.
- » Protestant Maundy Thursday, April 17, 7 p.m., Chapel Center.

'Eyes to the sky'

Weather Flight provides right on target forecasts

By Senior Airman Nicholas Olson
60th AMW Public Affairs

When most people think of weather they consider how it will effect their plans for the weekend. For the 60th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight, weather can be the difference between going ahead with the mission or staying on the ground.

"Our main job is ensuring flight safety from a weather standpoint," said Master Sgt. Tony Southerland, superintendent, 60th Operations Squadron Weather Flight. "One of our biggest jobs is to brief the air crews before their missions."

The Weather Flight issues flight weather briefing to all the aircrews before any mission is flown out of Travis.

"We spend time analyzing our own weather charts and working in conjunction with the 25th Operational Weather Squadron," Southerland said. "We are watching for conditions that warrant us to issue warnings for strong winds, fog or other conditions such as severe thunderstorms."

Because of the location of Travis, wind conditions, known as the Delta Breeze, affect the flying conditions.

The Delta Breeze is created when the Central Valley heats up, causing air in the valley to become less dense. Cooler, denser coastal air replaces it by channeling through the Car-

quinez Strait, a gap in the coastal mountain range. This causes strong southwesterly winds during summer afternoons and evenings.

To assist in mission readiness, the weather flight uses a wind profiler, taking a reading every 20 minutes. They also use sensors placed on the airfield that measure not only wind but temperature dew point, wind direction, visibility and cloud height.

Weather forecasting serves as an important part of flight operations. The operation of all aircraft is effected by the weather conditions. Some are effected more strongly than others. A smaller, lighter aircraft can be affected by turbulence more than a larger aircraft, such as a C-5 Galaxy. Temperature, humidity, pressure, winds, and visibility are some of the variables that need to be observed, analyzed and accurately forecasted.

"The weather affects flight operations because some aircraft have certain limitations in certain conditions," said Capt. Ginger Hayden, Flight Commander, 60th OSS/OSW. "When we have a wet runway with a 19 knot wind, the KC-10 is not allowed to take off."

Travis pilots are not the only ones who rely on the weather flight. All transient pilots, base command elements and residents pay close attention to Travis' weather observations and forecasts, even The Weath-



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Staff Sgt. Garfield Spencer, 60th Operations Support Squadron weather flight, gives a weather brief to a KC-10 instructor. Local, national and worldwide weather conditions are briefed to pilots 24 hours per day.

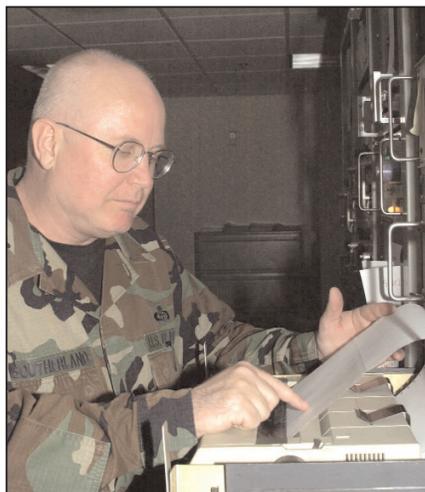
er Channel uses the base's data. Members of the weather flight also routinely deploy to the austere locations around the world in support of KC-10

missions from Travis and McGuire AFB, N.J. "Our deployed people can go anywhere," said Southerland. "We have worldwide mobility commitment. In the past year

we have deployed forecasters to Tulza, Bosnia Herzegovina, Al Dafra, Diego Garcia, Moron, Spain, and we have also deployed with the Tanker Air-lift Control Element."

Far Right— Staff Sgt. Garfield Spencer, 60th OSS weather flight, analyzes weather data from one of many machines that provide current conditions around Travis and around the globe.

Right— Master Sgt. Tony Southerland, superintendent for the weather flight, analyzes data from the FMQ13 wind sensing equipment. This equipment determines the direction and speed of the winds at touch down points on the runway.



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Jason Ray helps his children, Emelyn, Amelia and Silas, discover where Ramstein Air Base is located in Germany. Their mom, Capt. Tracee Ray, Internist, 60th Medical Group medivacs patients to Ramstein from Kuwait.

Travis dad fares well through wife's deployment

Story and photos by Senior Airman Nicole Watt
60th AMW Public Affairs

In years past, the public and military have always looked out for the wife and family left behind when the "men go off to war." Today, women make up just over 15 percent of the Air Force in all three components – active duty, Reserve and National Guard. So how is dad coping with the kids now that mom is deployed?

Jason Ray's wife, Capt. Tracee Ray, Internist, 60th Medical Group, has been deployed to Kuwait for just over two months now. Fortunately for the family, Jason is a househusband who is used to the daily routine of taking care of the kids.

"Being a househusband greatly benefits the family," said Ray. "The children's schedules haven't changed, so they haven't noticed that their mom's gone too much."

The Rays have three children: Emelyn, 4, Amelia, 2, and Silas, 8 months.

"I think missing all the changes in Silas has been the hardest part for Tracee so far," said Ray. "When she left, Silas was just starting to sit up. Now he's crawling and learning how to walk with the assistance of furniture. He even has four teeth."

Capt. Ray has been in the Air Force for a year and a half. This is the family's first deployment.

"We're new to this," said Ray. "Tracee was in the bucket through February. We had everything in order and just wanted to see if the deployment would happen."

The separation has been tough for Ray. "I have my moments and work through them," he said. "We stay pretty busy, and that helps me out a lot."

Ray and the children pray for Tracee every night. The girls collect flowers, and with assistance from their dad, they press them in phone books, and then later attach the flowers to care packages they send to their mom. "Tracee always knows which package is hers. She just loves the flowers the girls send her," said Ray.

Both Ray and his wife agree that they are luckier than most families because Jason is a househusband.

"Unless they're a stay-at-home parent, it could be very difficult to manage the daily routine," said Ray. "A lot of other spouses aren't familiar with paying the bills, or weekly grocery shopping. Things could be extremely difficult if you're not normally a home dad. This job doesn't end like a regular eight to four job."

Ray advises that spouses learn the daily routine before a possible deployment. Also, he suggested taking a lot of pictures or video of your children as the deployment goes on. "I've missed a few opportunities with Silas, and I've regretted it," said Ray.

Ray has also found support on base with the Family Support Center's Car Care Because We Care free oil change program. "I'm definitely going to take advantage of the Give Parents a Break program as well," said Ray. This program, offered the first Saturday of each month, allows parents to leave their children at the Child Development Center for six hours, free of charge.

Ray and the kids also attended a spaghetti dinner at David Grant Medical Center for families of deployed 60th Medical Group members. "I'd like to see that happen more often," he said.

For other dads out there coping with the same situation, Ray said, "We've got to tough it out, and remember that the deployment will end."



Amelia Ray picks flowers to attach to packages she sends to her mother who is deployed overseas.