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Travis: Vigilant about Security

By Brig. Gen. Brad Baker
60th Air Mobility Wing commander

It certainly was an honor to have the Secretary of the Air Force here this week!
Dr. James G. Roche is as proud as I am of you — the Travis team — and how well you're meeting the operational and deployment demands of a challenging era.

You remain a critical part of the larger air mobility team in the ongoing war against terrorism ... from Operation Enduring Freedom to Operation Iraqi Freedom and beyond. Today, we're still flying missions into the AOR, with hundreds deployed — and our Light of Freedom torch continues in their honor at the main gate.

This underscores that our mission remains to be a very important one, just as it was in the immediate days following the worst terrorist attacks against our country on Sept. 11, 2001.

Whether you work in operations, maintenance, communications, aerial port, controller, airfield, services, civil engineers, security forces, you can take pride in the knowledge that your service to your nation, will collectively help prevent such terrorist attacks from occurring again.

I also want to remind folks, that we can never be too vigilant, nor should we become complacent in our day to day activities. There's still a real threat out there and we must remain mindful of that, and be alert to any suspicious activity in our surroundings. Also, please report ANY suspicious or unusual occurrences on base to Travis Security Forces at 424-2227 or the Eagle Eyes hotline at 424-3293.

Tops in Blue Sunday in Vacaville

While security awareness remains at an



Audrey Ouilien / Visual Information

Brig. Gen. Brad Baker, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, visited the tire and maintenance shops June 4. He observed Airman 1st Class Earl Channels and Senior Airman Okeffe Spencer as they placed bolts on aircraft tires.

all time high, that doesn't mean you can't safely enjoy the summer. On Sunday, Tops in Blue will be performing an ensemble that will include 1960s and 1970s music at the Vacaville Creekwalk at 8 p.m. I encourage folks to take their families, friends ... and have a nice night on the town.

We're well into the summertime PCS season, and we have no shortage of command changes in upcoming weeks. We recently changed command in the 60th Communications and Mission Support Squadrons, extending best wishes to Col. Holly Lyon and Lt. Col. Kathy Hahn, while welcoming their replacements, Lt. Col. Anthony Zucco and Lt. Col. Mark Whinnery. We know these new leaders

will pick up with where their predecessors left off and will do an equally great job!

Also, we wish Lt. Col. Mark Dillon, 60th Operations Group Deputy commander and former 22nd Airlift Squadron commander and his family the best as they depart Travis.

22nd ALS C-5 crew lands in Iraqi city

This squadron flew its first mission into Baghdad last week and delivered 130,000 pounds of relief supplies. The young crew did a great job...and my hat's off to Capt. William Bartlett, 1st Lt. Spencer Rasmussen, 1st Lt. Kevin Phillips, Staff Sgt. Heath Graham, Tech. Sgt. Tim Dew, Tech. Sgt. Reggie Bazemore, Staff Sgt. Ron Reiger, Tech. Sgt. Marshall Minnis and Senior Airman Rob Owens. Thanks for your superb efforts!

60th APS welcomes newest member

On another light note, the 60th Aerial Port Squadron recently welcomed their newest member — Keled James. He is the son of Airman 1st Class Chris Burrows, who was deployed serving this great nation at the time of his son's birth. Airman Burrows has since returned and reunited with his young family. Many congratulations to them ... and special thanks to Danielle for stoically going through childbirth without her husband. We who wear the uniform could not serve our nation without our families' strong support.

Well, that's a wrap for this week. Thanks to everyone for keeping the focus and getting the job done with excellence ... carry on!

God bless the Travis team and God bless America!



Capt. Michele Tasista / 60th AMW Public Affairs

Secretary of the Air Force, Dr. James G. Roche, accompanied by Brig. Gen. Brad Baker, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, returns a salute to airmen after arriving to Travis Thursday. The Secretary attended the 60th Operations Support Squadron change of command held at the base.

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On the Cover



Senior Airman Matt Bates / 60th AMW Public Affairs

A 60th Civil Engineer firefighter puts out a fire Friday.

Tops in Blue to perform at Creekwalk

By Linda Mann-Iames
60th Services Squadron

In January, Travis had two nights of fantastic performances at the base theater by the Tops in Blue team as they finished their 2002 tour. Just five months later, they are returning with an all-new show — this time off base.

This year, Tops in Blue, a musical traveling show featuring active duty Air Force talent, will perform at the Creekwalk Plaza in Vacaville on Father's Day, Sunday at 8 p.m. in a summer concert in the park.

"We are very excited that Creekwalk was available for this family show," said Brian Floyd, deputy director, 60th Services Squadron. "We know there are many people in the community who would love to see the top musicians, singers and dancers in the Air Force, but they have trouble getting on base with the higher security."

Tops in Blue 2003 will take center stage and perform a free, 90-minute musical journey celebrating 50 years of Air Force entertainment and 100 years of powered flight. The show, appropriately named, "Soaring with Eagles," is a musical celebration of their proud entertainment history.

As always, Tops in Blue will celebrate with music that captures their history, and the American heritage.

"This year is indeed a milestone in the history of the program and the history of the Air Force," said Tom Edwards, the show's producer and the director of



Michael T. Mosley / Daily Republic liaison

Some of the most talented men and women in the Air Force will entertain Travis and the local community in the 2003 Tops in Blue concert, "Soaring With Eagles." Celebrate their 50-year history at 8 p.m. on Father's Day, Sunday at Creekwalk Plaza in Vacaville.

Air Force Entertainment. "We plan to celebrate with our fans by performing some of our all-time favorite songs. It's the music which reflects the true essence of Tops in Blue — it's what we do best."

Tops in Blue will also revisit favorite songs from the past five decades. The '60s and '70s come alive with some oldies but goodies from the Supremes, Tina

Turner's "Proud Mary" and the Village People's "YMCA." Favorite hits from Gloria Estafan, MC Hammer, BOYZ II MEN, Ricky Martin and Marky Mark will remind the audience of the '80s and '90s. The night's entertainment builds to the medley that embraces the "Soaring with Eagles" theme.

Known as the Air Force's Expedi-

tory Entertainers, this year's team of 35 active duty military members will travel to 22 countries and perform more than 150 shows.

"They are indeed a reflection of the 'best of the best,'" said Mr. Edwards. "As this year's team continues the tradition of worldwide ambassadors, this group of talented young Air Force men and women displays the pride, patriotism and dedication felt by all Air Force personnel around the world."

"We are proud to announce the continued sponsorship of AT&T and First Command during the 2003 world tour," said Mr. Edwards. "It's their generous support that gives our Air Force family the opportunity to enjoy a free, premier entertainment showcase such as Tops in Blue." To celebrate the 50-year milestone, AT&T will award 1,000 call-minutes and First Command will award a \$200 AAFES gift certificate to two lucky audience members at each show.

As an added tribute, AT&T has provided two 10,000-minute grand prizes, which will be awarded during the 2003 tour year. No separate entry is required. Prize entries at each show automatically become entries for the two grand prizes.

For more information on the show, contact Stephen Pierce at 424-5470. For information on the Tops in Blue program or how to join, visit their official Web site at www.topsinblue.com.

Phoenix Readiness training coming to an end



Staff Sgt. Jeromy Cross / AFPN

British explosive ordnance disposal specialists participate in combat scenarios along side their American counterparts during a Phoenix Readiness class.

By Staff Sgt. Christin Michaud
305th AMW Public Affairs

FORT DIX, N.J. — Air Mobility Command's Phoenix Readiness combat training has ended and will be replaced in October by the Air Force's expeditionary combat-support training program, Eagle Flag.

The training cadre at the Air Mobility Warfare Center here are excited about Eagle Flag.

"It's exciting for us to be evolving into a flag-level school," said Lt. Col. Michael Dickey, 421st Training Squadron, commander who is in charge of the course.

Phoenix Readiness was a two-week training course that prepared airmen and other Department of Defense forces to open and establish forward-operating

bases similar to what was recently done in Southwest Asia.

"We will continue to lead the way, preparing the Air Force for expeditionary operations," said Colonel Dickey. "But now to a much broader student base."

During the final Phoenix Readiness course, more than 350 servicemembers deployed to the fictitious country of Yekrut — also known as Naval Air Station Lakehurst — to support U.S. peacekeeping efforts for the fictitious Osland government.

During their first week, students from more than 24 Air Force specialties received classroom and field training in bare-base common core tasks for their specialties in a deployed environment. The next week, their skills were tested during an exercise deployment.

That was one of the

advantages of the Phoenix Readiness course — the opportunity to receive training and then apply it in the field the following week.

First Lt. Allan Rich, from the 821st Air Mobility Squadron at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., attended the course two years ago and then again recently after returning from Iraq.

"The course has improved 600 percent since the last time I came," he said. "They've done a good job of trying to equate it to (the) real world. I'm very impressed with the differences, and it's only going to get better with Eagle Flag."



ALS ... a great experience for airmen

View Point

Senior Airman Megan Bouthot
60th AMW Public Affairs

When I was told I would be enrolled in the next class at Airman Leadership School, I had both feelings of excitement and anxiety.

Having to attend the school had been looming just over the horizon since I found out I made staff sergeant, and I was happy to finally be going. Anxiety, however, was the most predominant feeling. I'd hear so many stories about being up until 3 a.m. and uniform inspections that I had visions of reliving basic training.

Upon arriving at the Sgt. Paul P. Ramoneda ALS here, I was met with a newly renovated building and a dedicated staff of professionals. The first two days were filled with many speeches detailing what would be expected of us, and the more they talked the more frightened I became. How could I possibly be expected to complete so much, in such a short amount of time?

Once the academic classes began we were split into smaller groups, and assigned one instructor. I didn't know anyone in my "flight" and this, of course, made me even more uncomfortable.

All of these concerns, however, were put to rest almost immediately. By the end of my first week, I had begun to form bonds with classmates and instructors. Also, I became settled into a routine and hardly noticed the hours of homework every night.

Marching and open-ranks inspections did pose an interesting challenge, though. It had been years since I had marched and longer since I had been part of an open-ranks inspection. The biggest surprise was how quickly the knowledge came back. I guess after months of marching every day in the early part of your military career it becomes ingrained in you, and is much like



Audrey Quillen / Visual Information

Senior Airman Megan Bouthot talks with a friend at the recent ALS graduation May 29 at the Delta Breeze Club. The graduation comes after five weeks of classroom study and practical exercise.

riding that proverbial bike.

In my opinion, the best part of the program is the fact that it's set up so people can succeed—as long as they apply time management and dedication, or as Senior Master Sgt. Bruce Heinzen, the school's commandant would say, "attitude and effort."

I have to say now that it's over I'm glad for the experience. The tools supplied should prove to help me become a more effective leader and supervisor. The con-

nections I made with other students have already proven to be a valuable resource. The lessons I have learned from both instructors and fellow classmates will aid me in furthering both my professional Air Force career and any civilian jobs I may hold after leaving the Air Force.

My advice to senior airman anticipating attending ALS soon is to charge ahead, try your very best and you will be successful.

Recent graduates of the Sgt. Paul P. Ramoneda Airman Leadership School

John Levitow Award Winner

— Jason Dersch, 60th Air Mobility Wing

Distinguished Graduate Award Winners

— Sean Carroll, 60th Security Forces Squadron

— Darrel Dayal, 45th Aerial Port Squadron

— Michael Hargis, 60th Component Maintenance Squadron

— Andre LaTaste, 60th APS

— Robert Vaughn, 60th Medical Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron

Leadership Award Winner

— Todd Hicks, 349th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Academic Achievement Award

— Carols Morales-Castillo, 364th Recruiting Squadron

9th Air Refueling Squadron

— Bradley Gavin

21st Airlift Squadron

— Brian Nichols

22nd Airlift Squadron

— Russell Hippensteel

— Michael Turner

60th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

— Edward Chute

— Julie Hernandez

— Ninfa Torres

60th Air Mobility Wing

— Megan Bouthot

— Sharosha Daniels

60th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

— Donald Inman

— Shawn Reagan

— Joan Rust

— Joshua Smith

60th Aerial Port Squadron

— Michael Bradley

— Donald Casteel

— William DaMetz

— Damian Perkins

60th Civil Engineer Squadron

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— Aaron Pina

— Gregory Simpson

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— Jennifer Pruett

— Javelle Washington

60th Component Maintenance Squadron

— Joshua Costanich

— Gregory Hammond

— Michel Kasday

— Katrina Welch

60th Dental Squadron

— Angela Hall

60th Medical Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron

— Aja Blakemore

— Jan Duenas

— Michael Perez

— Jaime Rapp

— Adrienne Rogers

— Ronaldo Yonson

60th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

— Tobyn Anderson

60th Logistic Readiness Squadron

— Christopher Carlson

— Jeffrey Randol

60th Medical Group

— Marjean Aboki

— Clifford Gentry

60th Medical Operations Squadron

— Claudia Hunter

60th Medical Support Squadron

— Christopher Monen

— Maria Wheeler

NWSCE Onizuka Air Station

— Martin Simons

— Gene Traficante

60th Operations Support Squadron

— Natalie Haslerig

— Christopher Kneuppel

— Andrew Ray

60th Surgical Operations Squadron

— Deidra Williams

82nd APS

— Mark Coffield

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— Brian Fortune

349th AMXS

— Alan Tucker

349th Mission Support Squadron

— Tihesha Smith

660th AMXS

— Clark Reece

615th Air Mobility Operations Squadron

— Ruben LaCap

715th Air Mobility Squadron

— John Derksmeyer



Audrey Quillen / Visual Information

Maj. Gen. John Becker, the 15th AF commander and Brig. Gen. Brad Baker, the 60th AMW commander, help Master Sgt. Greg Warren place the top on the Senior Master Sgt. Albert L. Evans Award in an awards presentation Friday while 6th ARS boom operators looked on. The award is given each year to the most outstanding air refueling section. Coins were also given.

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New re-enlistment bonus amounts released

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Air Force officials recently revised reenlistment bonuses, adding or increasing 40 career field zones and decreasing or removing 100, according to Air Force Personnel Center officials.

The revision to the selective re-enlistment bonus program includes additions of zones in two career fields that previously did not have a bonus. In addition, 10 career fields that previously had some type of bonus

were deleted from the list.

“The SRB program is a retention tool the Air Force uses as an incentive to help keep the right people in the right jobs to accomplish our mission,” said Maj. Gen. Peter Sutton, director of learning and force development at Air Force headquarters in Washington.

“This change is the result in part of increased retention rates. But airmen should also remember that SRBs are not an entitlement,” said Major Sutton. “The Air Force will continue to

shift this program based on the needs of the Air Force and our Global mission.”

Criteria used for determining which enlisted skills receive an SRB include current and projected skill and total manning levels; re-enlistment rates; and category of enlistment, career field force structure changes and inputs from functional career-field managers. SRBs are authorized in 0.5 increments (or multiples) and in three reenlistment zones for people with



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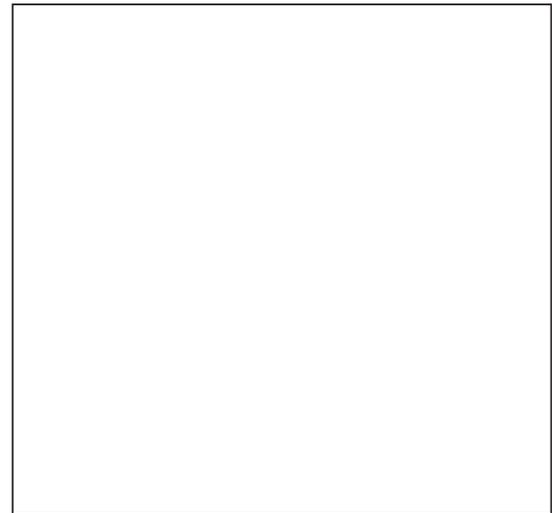
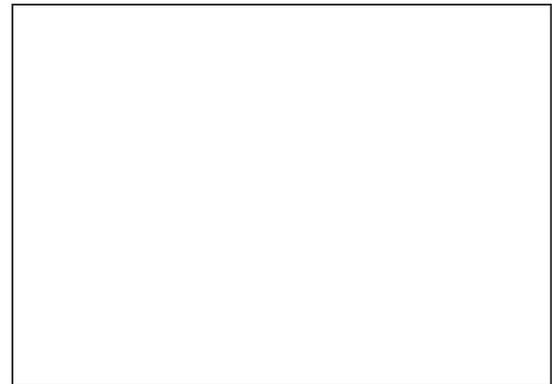
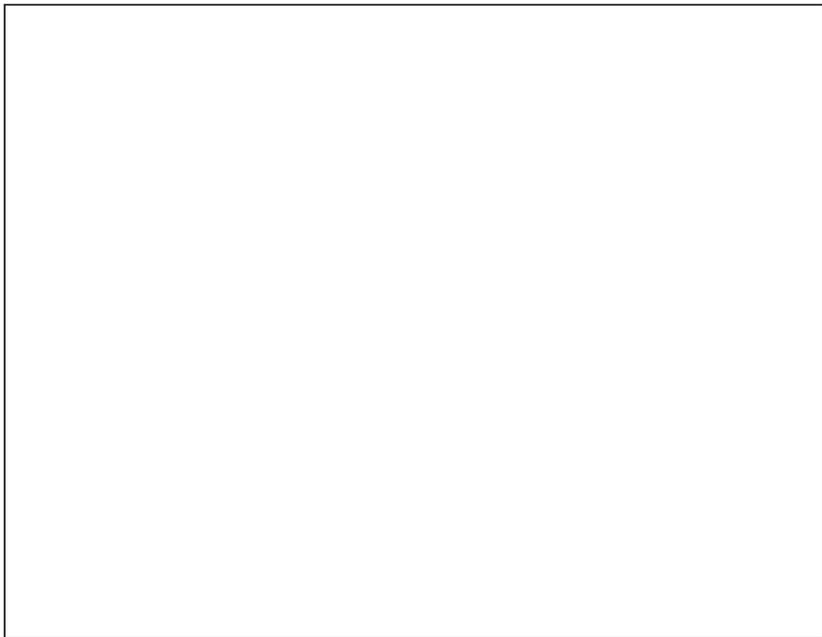
years of service.

The revised Air Force specialty code listing of SRB multipliers includes increases in 12 Zone-A (17 months to six years of service), 14 Zone-B (six to 10 years of service) and seven Zone-C (10 to 14 years of service) career fields. It also includes additions in two Zone-A, four Zone-B and one Zone-C career field. Multipliers decreased in 38 Zone-A, 20 Zone-B and five Zone-C career fields.

Ten Zone-A, 15 Zone-B and 12 Zone-C SRBs were deleted; two new AFSCs were added, and 10 AFSCs were deleted in either Zones A, B, C or some combination.

Additions and multiple increases are effective June 4. The SRB multiple decreases and deletions are effective July 4.

The new list of bonuses is at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlistments/Reenlistments/reenlistments.htm.





Tech. Sgt. Joe Johnson, NCOIC of deployable communications, 615th AMOS, configures an exchange server Tuesday during an exercise to test new equipment.

615th AMOS tests new technology

Story and photo by Capt. Angela Smith
60th AMW Public Affairs

The 615th Air Mobility Operations Squadron here is testing innovative technology that will enhance the speedy, reliable and secure communications of forward deployed warfighters in the joint environment.

The Teleport System provides the much-needed increase to bandwidth for communications at Standard Tactical Entry Point sites, which are gateways into prepositioned communications services that support deployed Department of Defense personnel.

"The new package brings the office to the warfighter."

— Senior Airman
Freddie Lopez
615th AMOS computer systems
administrator

A 22-member team from the 615th AMOS is participating in the final, critical phase of Teleport development. Other key participants include a team from the 621st AMOS at McGuire AFB, N.J., the Navy boat "Mercy" in San Diego, Marines and Army units.

The exercise started June 2 and runs through August 1.

"The 9-week testing gives us a chance to try and test the new equipment. It's great hands-on experience. This exercise includes three weeks of developmental testing, three weeks of evaluation and maintenance and then three weeks of operational testing," said 1st Lt. David Abel, chief of deployable communications, 615th AMOS.

Current STEP sites only support X-band frequency users. The Teleport 'upgrade' provides more bandwidth and multiband satellite communications between space and land systems to individual deployed services and platforms.

Teleport is a satellite communications "mix-of-media" hub. It functions as an access point through which users can reach back into the global Defense Information Systems Network via a full range of satellite communications. The DISN is the global information transfer infrastructure of the Department of Defense. It supports the communications infrastructure and

services needed by national defense command, control, communications, intelligence and other worldwide U.S. defense requirements.

"When I came into the unit four years ago, we were using equipment that could not meet our communication needs," said Senior Airman Freddie Lopez, computer systems administrator, 615th AMOS. According to Airman Lopez, deployed members could not get access to Secure Internet Protocol Router Network, a classified information sharing network, a key element of command and control.

"The new package brings the office to the warfighter. It offers all homestation capabilities like video teleconference, Internet access and secure communications out into the joint environment," Airman Lopez said.

The Teleport program is being implemented in increments to minimize risk and provide timely capabilities to support service programs. A prototype Teleport debuted in 1998, an Interim Teleport capability was used in the Atlantic area in 2001, and the program has continued to expand worldwide.

Theater deployable communications equipment is shipped in hard transit cases and can be set up in a covered area, such as a tent, in austere locations. A complete communications package can cost about \$14 million.

"Effective communications gives warfighters timely response and coordination. This system lets one person do the same job as five people because it is so efficient and capable," Airman Lopez said.

The current and final phase of Teleport development will integrate capabilities from other advanced military satellite communications systems being developed in the next five to seven years.

"This effort is just one fine example of how the 615th Air Mobility Operations Group continuously strives to achieve its vision: "Lighter, Faster, Smarter ... Elite teams providing innovative global mobility," said Maj. Alexander Smith, chief, communications division, 615th AMOS.

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Reservists qualify for energy grants

Tailwind Staff

Qualifying members of the Reserves are now eligible to receive one-time grants for a maximum of \$300 under the Salvation Army's Operation REACH Out program.

This year's pledge drive is being called Operation REACH Out, because for the first time since the Relief for Energy Assistance through Community Help program began in 1983, Pacific Gas and Electric Company is extending the REACH assistance to Reservists and National Guard members. The grants are for those members who have been called to active duty and as a result have foregone much of their annual

income, which may now make them eligible for energy assistance. For example, if a family of four had an annual income of \$50,000, and as a result of being called to duty, their income is now \$35,000, this family would qualify for one-time assistance of \$300.

The REACH Program has provided energy assistance for low-income families throughout Northern and Central California for the past two decades. This year-round program is funded by PG&E and through the generous, tax deductible contributions of thousands of PG&E customers and its employees. REACH is administered by the Salvation Army, which was founded more than

130 years ago to assist children, the elderly and families.

Currently, low-income families are eligible for a one-time grant of up to \$200 for energy assistance. The income qualifications for members of the Reserve and low-income families are based on federal poverty guidelines.

To learn more, visit www.pge.com

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WIC available to servicemembers, families

Government sponsored program offers food, health services to military stateside, overseas

By **Mary Brown**
TRICARE Marketing Director

The special supplement nutrition program for Women, Infants and Children, commonly known as WIC, has been offered to personnel and their families in the continental United States since 1972.

This government-sponsored supplemental food and health education program is available to service members and their families stationed stateside and overseas.

WIC participants receive health screenings, nutritional education and health counseling services.

Those in stateside programs receive vouchers redeemable at the commissary and local stores

for milk, baby formula, bread, cheese, cereals, fruits and vegetables.

The WIC Program is designed to serve certain categories of women, infants, and children.

Therefore, the following individuals are considered categorically eligible for WIC.

Women who are:

▶ Pregnant — during pregnancy and up to six weeks after the birth of an infant or the end of the pregnancy.

▶ Postpartum — up to six months after the birth of the

infant or the end of the pregnancy.

▶ Breastfeeding — up to the infant's first birthday.

Also, infants up to the infant's first birthday and chil-

dren up to the child's fifth birthday are also eligible.

There are certain requirements that must be met in order to qualify.

For instance, participants must live in the state in which they apply.

Additionally, participants must have income at or below an income level or standard set by the state agency.

WIC is a short-term program.

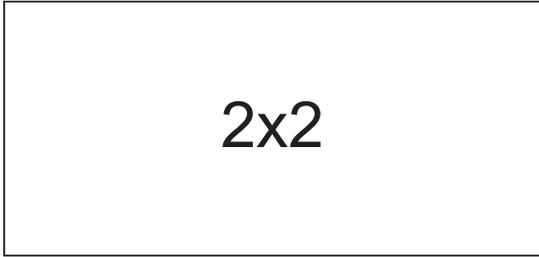
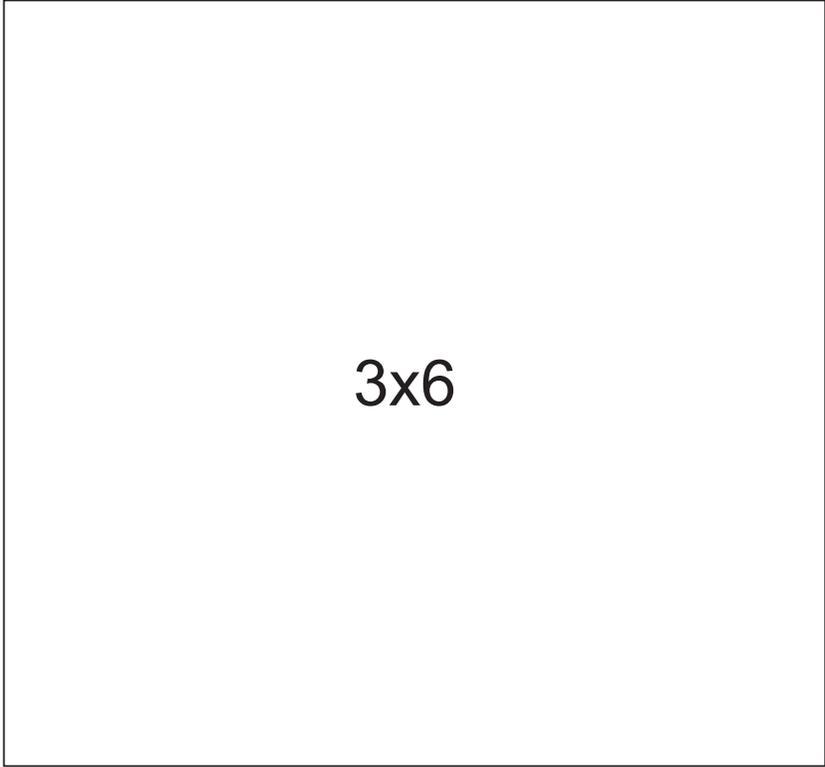
Depending on whether the individual is pregnant, postpartum, breastfeeding, is an infant, or a child, an eligible individual usually receives WIC benefits from six months to one year, at which time they must reapply.

WIC participants who move can continue to receive WIC benefits until their certification period expires as long as there is proof that the individual received WIC benefits in another area or state.

Before moving, contact a WIC agent at the Family Support Center. In most cases, the WIC staff will give you a special card, which proves that you participated in the program.

When arriving at a new duty station, contact the WIC office and take the special card to the appointment.

To receive additional information or agent availability, contact the Travis Family Support Center at (707) 435-2200.



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Courtesy photo

Bob Gayer, Jeanette Haynes and Perri Turner handed out free passes to Infineon Raceway at the ATWIND Summer Bash AutoExpo on May 31.

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ATWIND: No purchase necessary

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

The first rule to the Around the World in Ninety Days game: Have fun. Second rule: There is no purchase necessary.

ATWIND offers cash and prizes to people at Air Mobility Command and Space Command bases around the world just for logging onto the Web site and registering game piece numbers. What could be easier?

The game pieces are available on base every day of the week and many of the facilities such as Outdoor Recreation, Mitchell Memorial Library and the Auto Skills Center offer

game pieces just for stopping by.

"The goals of the promotion are to expose people to base programs and services they might not have known were available and to reward repeat customers," said 60th Services Marketing Director Stephen Pierce.

"If everyone on base registered the free game piece, and then took the online quiz found at www.ATWIND.com, Travis would be in the running for \$30,000," Mr. Pierce said.

In 2000, Travis won the "base race" and spent the prize money on equipment such as new busses, tables and chairs

for Outdoor Recreation.

Last year many people won instant prizes like T-shirts and gift certificates just for logging on to the website.

"Everyone in the family can play," Mr. Pierce said.

Somebody from Travis is guaranteed to win \$1,000 cash in June and a trip for two in July. In addition, E-Money will give away \$1,450 at the Welcome Home Party and ATWIND Family Fun Day Picnic on August 15. For ATWIND details or to sign up for the E-Snapshot to be eligible for more cash and prizes, log onto www.60thServices.com.

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| ANY DAY Rent a camping package | | Bowl at the Travis Bowl | Story Time at Mitchell Memorial Library | Karaoke and Dancing at the DBC | Check out books at the base library | Eat at Mike's Place at the Travis Marina | Get wet at the Travis Aquatic Center |
| Take an OAP or ITT trip | | Get a Smoothie Island drink | Golf at Cypress Lakes | Bowl at the Travis Bowl | Take a fitness class at the Fitness Center | Stop by Outdoor Rec for a tour | Youth 17 & under Bowl at the Travis Bowl |
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TRAVIS SECURITY FORCES ACTIVITY

June 2

- » Vehicle accident on Travis Avenue
- » Vehicle accident at Bldg. 405
- » Vehicle accident at Bldg. 185
- » Damage to government property and possession of a controlled substance at Bldg. 1332
- » Theft of private property at the Westwind Inn
- » Vehicle accident at Bldg. 380
- » Verbal altercation on Ryan Court

June 3

- » Medical emergency at the South Gate
- » Vehicle accident on Travis Avenue
- » Damage to private property at Bldg. 243

June 4

- » Vehicle accident on Ragsdale Street
- » Vehicle accident at the Base Exchange
- » Vehicle accident on Travis Boulevard
- » Stray dog apprehended on Burgan Boulevard

June 5

- » Absent Without Leave suspect apprehended at the Visitor's Center
- » Assault on Valley View Way
- » Vehicle accident at the BX
- » Grass fire at Bldg. 187
- » Vehicle accident at Burgan Boulevard
- » Vehicle accident at Bldg. 410
- » Gate runner from Main Gate apprehended

June 6

- » Damage to private property reported in the dormitory area
- » Minor vehicle accident reported in the dormitory parking area
- » Damage to private property off base
- » Civilian detained for driving under the influence at the Main Gate
- » Medical emergency reported on Illinois Street
- » Animal control issue reported on Broadway Boulevard
- » Loud noise complaint reported from the dormitory area

June 7

- » Verbal altercation reported from Diablo Drive
- » Shoplifting reported from the BX
- » Theft of government property in the Mass Parking Area
- » Vehicle towed for expired registration at the Main Gate

June 8

- » Domestic disturbance reported on Cassidy Court
- » Assault reported in the dormitory area
- » Underage drinking reported in the dormitory area
- » Contributing to the delinquency of a minor reported in the dormitory area
- » Fire response to the dormitory area
- » Stolen government vehicle reported at Bldg. 1201
- » Recovered GOV reported on base
- » Verbal altercation reported on Vermont Street

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Tykes on bikes learn bike safety



Courtesy photo

A young Travis team family member learns how to ride safely during Bike Rodeo held in the Fitness Center parking lot June 5. Sponsored by the Fitness Working Group and Injury Prevention Team. All participants learned bike safety and received a free helmet.

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Military mentors make a difference

By Capt. Demetrius Wilson
60th AMW Manpower Office

“Strengthening future Air Force leaders through mentorship” is the mission of the Air Force Cadet Officer Mentor Action Program. AFCOMAP is an Air Force sanctioned non-profit organization focused on helping company grade officers hit the ground running upon entering the Air Force, guiding their professional development, and retaining them to reach field grade levels. It also focuses on retaining and developing Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets and promoting the image of the Air Force in local communities by seeking to stimulate the interest of youth in an Air Force career.

The organization establishes an environment in which company grade officers desiring mentorship are given the opportunity to interact with field grade officers outside of their normal chain of command to receive information and establish mentoring relationships. Company grade officers, in turn, offer the same to college and high school ROTC cadets as well as other youth in the community.

AFCOMAP roots date back to 1983 when Air Force officers joined the Army’s officer mentoring program, called ROCKS. ROCKS was named for Army Gen. Roscoe Cartwright, the founder of the program. In 1985, this group of officers, along with Lt. Gen. Winston Powers as senior advisor, separated from ROCKS and redefined its agenda to focus primarily on Air Force ROTC detachments. The Air Force officially recognized the new organization as AFCOMAP in 1989. On Nov. 19, 1994, the Secretary of the Air Force and Chief of Staff of the Air Force renewed the AFCOMAP charter, and in 1995 Gen. Ronald Fogelman issued a challenge to spread AFCOMAP Air Force-wide. To date, there

are 27 chapters around the world.

AFCOMAP has received attention from Air Force senior leaders at the highest level with the recent focus on retention and rejuvenating mentoring.

Travis officers began laying the foundation for the Travis Golden Gate Chapter of AFCOMAP back in March of 2003. The Golden Gate Chapter, under the interim leadership of Maj. David Coley, 60th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, has recently been chartered with the AFCOMAP National Headquarters in Washington D.C. and is preparing a chartering celebration luncheon that will be held at the Delta Breeze Club June 23.

The guest speaker for the event will be National AFCOMAP president, Brig. Gen. Henry “Hank” Taylor.

“We are very excited to have General Taylor officially sanction our AFCOMAP chapter and encourage all Travis officers to attend,” said Major Coley.

Since March, the AFCOMAP Golden Gate Chapter has conducted weekly meetings that include “15 Minute Mentoring Moments” conducted by field grade officers and senior leaders, sponsored a fund-raising car wash and established a four-month “look ahead” calendar of events. The events calendar includes leadership panel discussions with commanders and visits to Air Force ROTC detachments starting in September.

A membership drive will be held in July after officers have been voted into office. Field and company grade officers from all Air Force specialties are encouraged to join AFCOMAP to provide the type of breath and depth of backgrounds that junior officers and cadets could benefit from.

For more information about the Golden Gate Chapter of AFCOMAP, contact Major Coley at 424-0443 or Lt. Col. Jeff Whittall at 424-7714.



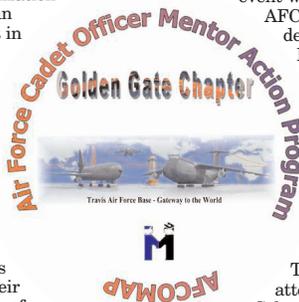
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NEWS NOTES

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Correction: Case lot sale

The Travis commissary will hold a case lot sale June 20 and 21 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Prices will be lower than those listed by the manufacturers, providing additional savings over normal Commissary prices. Call Valerie Rogers at 424-5553.

Forbes Gate schedule

In support of the Travis Unified School District, the 60th Security Forces Squadron will open the Forbes Gate during summer school sessions only. The summer school schedule is as follows: Currently until July 2 and July 7 to 27. Gate hours of operation will be 7 a.m. to noon for both sessions. The gate is to be used exclusively for

school traffic. All other traffic will be directed to enter Travis through the Main, North or Hospital gates.

Unmarked police vehicles

Members of the 60th Security Forces Squadron are operating new marked and unmarked vehicles. They will be conducting speed abatement and enforcement throughout the summer.

APS change of command

Col. Tracy Hardwick will relinquish command of the 60th Aerial Port Squadron to Lt. Col. Melvin Holland III June 20 at 2 p.m. in Bldg. 977, the cargo processing facility. The uniform of the day is acceptable. A reception will immediately follow the

ceremony. Call Cecilia Manibog at 424-4495.

60th SFS lost and found

The 60th Security Forces Squadron Investigations Section is currently holding several personal property items that were found on or near Travis. These items include abandoned vehicles, bicycles, wallets, checkbooks, cell phones, personal papers, assorted jewelry and numerous sets of keys. If people are missing a certain item but do not see it listed above, call the investigations at 424-2467, to give your name, telephone number and a description of the missing item.

AFCOMAP luncheon

The Golden Gate Chapter of the AFCOMAP will host a chartering celebration luncheon June 23 at 11 a.m. at the Delta Breeze Club. Guest speaker will be Brig. Gen. Henry Taylor, the Vice Director of Logistics for the Joint Staff. All officers are invited to attend. For more information call Capt. John McKinney at 424-3101, 2nd Lt. Gary Charland at 424-0078, Maj. Tim O'Brian at 424-4499, Capt. Lauren Leathers at 423-7836, Capt. Demetrius Wilson at 424-2476 or Capt. Jeff Haydeb at 424-1503.

Road construction

The city of Fairfield will be working on Airbase Parkway beginning next week. Expect minor delays.

Scouting programs

Travis Scouting programs are available for boys and girls in grades first through 12th, and are designed to build character while having fun. Call Master Sgt. Scott Stewart at 424-7525.

Young Eagle rally

The Experimental Aviation Association, the Solano Pilots Association and the Lee A. Archer, Jr. chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen are offering local youth, 8 to 17, a motivational flight, free-of-charge. The flights will begin at 7:30 a.m. at the Nut Tree Airport. Call Lt. Col. James Warren at 448-0823.

FTAC position open

The 60th Air Mobility Wing is looking for a master sergeant to fill a flight chief position at the First Term Airman Center. Call 424-5005 to schedule an interview.

Drive safely

Travis residents are reminded to drive safely in the housing areas as there are many children who play there. The speed limit is 15 miles per hour.

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Library databases now available around-the-clock

By **Jamie McGrath**

Reference Librarian at the Mitchell Memorial Library

It's 10 p.m. and someone is hard at work on a project due tomorrow morning. They suddenly realize they need more articles and statistics, but the library is closed. Their Internet search yields hundreds of unrelated hits. What can they do?

Now instead of randomly opening sites hoping that's really what they are looking for, people can narrow the search to exactly what is needed through research databases provided by the Mitchell Memorial Library.

Travis personnel can now access these Gale Group databases free from home and office computers via the Internet.

The databases cover a wide range of subjects including: Business, biographies, literature, health, recreational reading, current controversies and broad topic research. Library patrons who have

accessed the databases at the library are delighted they can e-mail articles to themselves to read at leisure or for future reference.

To access the library's databases from home or work, go to the Mitchell Memorial Library's page at www.60thServices.com or go directly to <http://infotrac.gale-group.com/itweb/trav53293> and input at the login prompt: `trav_log`, then click "proceed."

These databases are full-text, filled with thousands of books, magazines, newspapers and original research documents all searchable at the click of a button. Gale researchers update the databases every day, particularly for hot topics. Keyword searches locate the resources quickly and efficiently from reputable, reliable sources.

For example, a search for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) on Gale Group's Health & Wellness Resource Center database reveals 888

articles; the first 50 articles, dated over the past seven days, are from many sources: Lancet, Natural History, New York Times, AsiaPulse Weekly, etc. To shorten the list, limit results to full-text and professional medical journals (refered publications), which yields just 44 articles. If the medical jargon gets confusing, there is an online medical dictionary included in the database to help out.

For information on a current controversy, Opposing Viewpoints Research Center is another tool. Articles on controversial subjects include links to varying viewpoint articles, authoritative Web sites and full-text resources for further reading. This database and Student Resource Center Gold provide wide coverage of frequently-requested college and high school research topics.

Whether using the databases to do homework, gather research for a project or just learn more about a subject of

interest, the reference staff at the Mitchell Memorial Library can help. The library is located on the corner of Travis Boulevard, and First Street or call 424-3279 for more information.

Database Treasure Hunt

Thursday July 24, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

— Hands-on introduction to Health & Wellness Resource Center

— Hands-on introductions to Student Resource Center Gold, two of the new databases at Mitchell Memorial Library.

Call 424-3279 by July 22 to reserve your spot.

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Iraqi military working dog adopted by G.I.

By Airman 1st Class Stephanie Hammer
437th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

CHARLESTON AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. — A German shepherd of Iraqi descent arrived here May 30 aboard a C-17 Globemaster III after putting his life on the line to guard U.S. special forces.

Fluffy, a dog from northern Iraq with visible scars, will retire at Fort Bragg, N.C., as an honorary military working dog.

When Fluffy first joined Sgt. 1st Class Russell Joyce, a special forces soldier and Fluffy's trainer, he weighed about 31 pounds and was missing his front two bottom teeth. But after only two weeks, he was put to work.

Fluffy, who takes no appar-

ent offense to his unlikely name, was an "immeasurable success" as a military working dog.

"I asked the Kurdish (fighters) if we could have a dog," said Joyce. The Kurds brought him "Tariq Aziz," named after Iraq's deputy prime minister, but the name did not last long.

"I was joking around, and I said, 'you know what, I'm going to call him Fluffy. My dog's name is Fluffy,'" said Joyce. "One person started calling him that, myself, and two people started calling him that; it just stuck."

The full-breed shepherd began his career learning a few simple commands before becoming a guard and pursuit dog.

"Having a person on roving patrol is a great thing, but



Staff Sgt. Jeffrey A. Wolfe / AFPN

Maj. Jim Pompano, is seen here with Fluffy and his handler, Army Sgt. 1st Class Russell Joyce adding the sense of smell and the sense of hearing that a dog has really heightened the sense of awareness to early detection,"

said Joyce.

"He's been in harm's way and shot at more times than anyone on my team," Joyce said.

Eager for retirement, Fluffy arrived in the United States escorted by Maj. Jim Pompano from the 615th Air Mobility Squadron at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., who happened to be returning home from the area.

Pompano was able to make sure the dog's transition went smoothly.

"We waited until all the t's were crossed and the i's were dotted and we had the proper paperwork, then we got the dog home," Pompano said. "I just happened to be leaving at the same time, so I decided the best thing I could do was just escort Fluffy (to the United States)."

Although Fluffy did not like the takeoff or landing much, Pompano said he did pretty well on the flight home.

"I talked to Fluffy just like I would talk to anyone else," he said. "He was pretty well trained, and I didn't have any problems there."

Fluffy was greeted on the flightline by his supporters who sent hundreds of e-mails, letters and made phone calls supporting his safe immigration to the United States.

"I think that America as a whole had a big hand in this, and it's really a gift from the United States to me and a gift to Fluffy to be able to come home," said Joyce.

"This dog really gets the opportunity for a fresh start here.

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K-9s

answer the call to duty, provide valuable services

Story and photos by Senior Airman Matthew Bates
60th AMW Public Affairs

Man's best friend, the dog. They provide joy, entertainment and companionship to millions of people throughout the world. For some, though, their lives are not spent running in a park or snuggled next to someone on a couch; instead they dedicate themselves to serving alongside the men and women of the armed forces.

These are the military working dog, a proud few who have established a reputation of bravery, loyalty and dedication in wartime and peace. They patrol fence lines, sniff out bombs and drugs, and even apprehend criminals all in the line of duty.

They can be found at most military installations around the world, and Travis is no exception. Here, the Travis security forces team is home to eight military working dog teams made up of German Shepherds and Belgian Malinois.

Before a dog can be sent to a military base to work, however, it must first undergo a training program; much like the typical airman does basic training.

"We get the dogs from overseas breeders mostly, but some are donated by families," said Tech. Sgt. Kurt Killian, NCOIC military working dog section, or kennel master.

Once the Air Force receives a dog, it then goes to an all-services training facility at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. The dogs will train their for an average of six to eight months, learning how to perform basic patrolling measures and apprehension. The dogs will also learn how to be either a drug detection dog or an explosives detection dog, depending on their aptitude for one or the other.

Once the training is complete, the dogs are assigned to a specific base, paired with a human counterpart and put on the job.

"We are slated to have nine dog teams, but right now we only have eight stationed here," said Sergeant Killian. "Usually we'll have seven bomb and two drug teams on station."

Training is much the same for the working dog handlers. They too go to Lackland's all-service training facility, but in the Air Force they have to typically be on their second enlistment in order to attend the course.

Since 9/11, Afghanistan and the Persian Gulf, military working dogs — explosive detectors specifically — have been in high demand and have seen many deployments. There are currently two teams from Travis deployed to Southwest Asia and already being one dog short, this makes for a busy section, according to Sergeant Killian.

"We're constantly providing some type of service, from routine patrolling to aiding airport security to having one of our dog's sniff vehicles entering the base," he stated.

Most military working dogs will stay at one base for their entire career, which will usually last an average of six to eight years.

Once it is determined that a dog has completed its career, it has no physical ailments and is good-tempered, then the handlers will put it through a pre-adoption test. If the dog passes, then the handlers prefer to give it to someone with dog-handling experience. But, typically, as long as it goes to a good home, they're happy.

Some dogs are more aggressive and ill-tempered however, and these will often become training dogs at Lackland. Where they will train the Air Force's newest canine handlers.

The military working dog has been providing valuable services to the Air Force since it was still the Army Air Corps in World War II, and this tradition continues today, as around the world these dogs fight and work alongside their human counterparts.



Top — Kai runs the obstacle course set up for the military police dogs. This is part of their physical conditioning.

Left — Kai practices suspect apprehension with Staff Sgt. Kevin Parham, a 60th Security Forces Squadron canine handler. Kai, and the other dogs belonging to the squadron, will hold on to a suspect until ordered to let go by a handler.

Above — Military working dog, Kai, and his handler, Staff Sgt. Chad Murphy, 60th Security Forces Squadron, practice bomb detection procedures. The dogs routinely practice their skills with their handlers so they can become familiar with each other.



Wildfires: a major concern during dry season

By Senior Airman Matthew Bates
60th AMW Public Affairs

A lot of people have seen those ads where that brown bear named Smokey points his finger and says, "Remember, only you can prevent forest fires." But, as silly as some people might think those ads were, he's right. Fire safety, whether in or out of doors, begins with each person being responsible and aware of their surroundings.

This is especially true in the Travis area now that the dry, summer months are here. Little to no rain and dry, charred vegetation can quickly turn into a raging wildfire when mixed with unattended barbecues or discarded cigarette butts.

Last year alone, wildfires burned 426,496 acres in California, according to the National Interagency Fire Center and more than four out of every five of these wildfires were started by negligent human behavior, such as smoking in forested areas or improperly extinguishing campfires, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

These numbers have hit close to home, too. In June of 2000, a wildfire believed to have been started by a discarded cigarette, burned up approximately 800 acres of land right outside Travis' front gate, and firefighters here last week responded to a bush fire in a parking lot — also believed to be started by a cigarette butt.

So, wildfires and brushfires aren't something to read

about in newspapers or watch on television, they are real — and they can be devastating. In 2002, there were a total of 88,458 wildfires in the United States, causing an estimated \$1.6 billion in damages to more than 800 homes and buildings throughout the county, according to the National Interagency Fire Center.

With these statistics in mind, the 60th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Prevention Branch offers several outdoor fire prevention tips:

- ▶ Watch for children playing in open, grassy areas and make sure they know the dangers associated with playing with matches and spark-producing toys.
- ▶ Operators of either personal or government vehicles that have a catalytic converter should never drive over grassy areas. The converter's high temperature can easily ignite most combustible materials.
- ▶ Keep all vegetation cut within 10 feet of structures and wooden fences.
- ▶ Ensure that all gas-powered equipment used to cut grass and brush are equipped with approved spark arrestors.

Also, never discard cigarette butts on or near a dry, grassy area. The slightest spark or bit of flame is all that's needed to create a fire that can quickly grow out of control. Fires can be reported by dialing 911 from both military housing areas and base facilities.

For more information on fire safety and prevention, contact the Travis Fire Prevention Branch at 424-3683.



Senior Airman Matthew Bates / 60th AMW Public Affairs
A member of the 60th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Protection Flight extinguishes a fire in the parking lot of Bldg. 187 June 6.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Announcements

School Age Program

The Youth Center is accepting applications for the School Age Program and Open Recreation for children who are currently enrolled in the Youth Center's School Age Program or summer school and kindergarten's who currently attend the Child Development Center. Children on the waiting list must update their applications each school year. Call 424-5392.

Late Night Skate

The Travis Skating Rink will host a Late Night Skate for youth 6 to 13, June 20 from 5 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door and include skate rental, pizza, games, music and races. Call 424-3891 for details.

Paper plane contest

Children of all ages are invited to make, decorate and fly paper airplanes for fun and a chance to win prizes at the Mitchell Memorial Library's Great Paper Airplane Contest June 27 at 4 p.m. Age categories are: 7 and under, 8 to 12 and 13 to 18. Prizes will be awarded for best looking and best flying planes. Airplane patterns can be picked up at the library front counter. Call 424-3279 or 424-4940.

Scholarships

Air Force club members and their dependents can apply for college scholarships at the Delta Breeze Club, Mitchell Memorial Library, Teen Zone, Travis Bowl, Education Center and Family Support Center. The deadline is July 15. Call 437-3711.

Services

Today

▲ Golden Hills dining facility offers the airman's appreciation meal from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and the Sierra Inn features the Juneteenth Lunch from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

▲ The Mitchell Memorial Library celebrates Flag Day at 2 p.m. with the Travis Honor Guard and the U. S. Air Force Band of the Golden West Brass Quartet. The first 100 people at the library will receive a miniature American Flag.

Saturday

▲ The Aquatic Center is celebrating its grand re-opening with a beach party-themed blowout. The party is from noon to 6 p.m. and includes free food, prize drawings, music and lots of cool, wet events for the whole family. The admission is \$2 or show your pool pass to get in free. Pool hours and information are on the Web at www.60thServices.com.

▲ Dance to hip-hop, R&B and old school at the Delta Breeze Club's Late Niter from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. in the Gold Rush Lounge, featuring drink specials, dance contests, door prizes and snacks. There is a \$6 cover or \$2 member's price.

Sunday

▲ The Father's Day brunch at the DBC has two seatings, 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The all-you-care-to-eat buffet includes baron of beef, baked ham, barbecued ribs, shrimp, salmon, salads, fresh breads, champagne and more. Non-members pay \$18.50 for adults and \$8.50 for children 6 to 12. Members are \$12.95 for adults and \$5.95 for children 6 to 12. All children 5 and under are free. Call (888) 322-6084 or 437-3711.

▲ Tops in Blue performs at the Creekwalk Plaza in Vacaville from 8 to 9:30 p.m. for a one-night only appearance. The free show features music from the last 50 years.

Monday

▲ Sign up for the Mitchell Memorial Library's youth summer reading program, which will run through Aug. 15. All participants will get a pizza party at the end of the program and the first 50 kids in each age group to fulfill the reading requirements will receive a prize. Call 424-424-3279.

Tuesday

▲ Come to the DBC for the weekly club card drawing and a chance to win cash just for being there. The Enlisted Club also has Cook Your Own Steak Night from 5 to 8 p.m. Call 437-3711.

Wednesday

▲ It's Read a Book to Your Child Day at Travis Child Development Centers. Call your child's CDC 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 those tasked with deployment 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 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Call 435-2200.

Thursday

▲ WIC representatives will be at the FSC from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Call 435-2200.

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

▲ The Mutual Funds seminar is from 9 to 11 a.m. at the FSC. Call 424-2486.

▲ Sponsorship training is from 9 to 9:30 a.m. at the FSC. Call 424-2486.

Friday

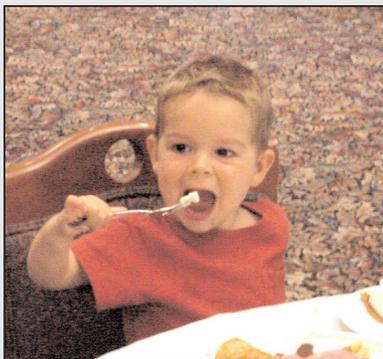
▲ The Uniformed Services Thrift Savings Plan briefing is from 9 to 10 a.m. The TSP is a savings and investment retirement plan. Call 424-2486.

Family Advocacy

Playgroups

Playgroups for parents and their children 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,

Family feast



Lynn Larsen / Youth Center Photo Club

Nicolas Baker, 2, enjoys the Children's Day brunch Sunday at the Delta Breeze Club. Families are invited to the DBC's Father's Day brunch Sunday. Call 437-3711 for reservations.

music and free play. Registration is not necessary. Call 423-5168.

Dads boot camp

Boot Camp for New Dads is a three-hour workshop in which veteran fathers (new fathers who bring their babies) show rookies (fathers-to-be) the ropes of fatherhood. The program is for men only. Classes are held quarterly. Upcoming classes are scheduled for July 31 and Oct. 30 at the Chapel One Annex. 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 423-5168.

Chapel events

▲ The Friday morning group will begin meeting June 27 at 10 a.m. in Chapel Center. This group will study life lessons from "Women in the Bible" by Rhonda Kelley, covering the lives, culture, and circumstances of more than 30 Bible women, their relationships with God and important lessons. This class will meet for six weeks. Call Diane Monroe at 437-5402 or Alicia Partlow at 429-8146.

▲ The Monday night class begins meeting July 7 at 7 p.m. in Chapel Center. This group will study "Conversation Peace The Power of Transformed Speech" by Mary Kassian. This study is designed to revolutionize speech habits and improve relationships and lasts seven weeks. Call Rachel Coggins at 437-2174.

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, 9 a.m., liturgical/traditional service, Chapel One

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

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

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

Wicca

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

McGuire Starlifters still thrive

By 1st Lt. Diane Weed
305th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

MCGUIRE AIR FORCE BASE, N.J. — The 6th Airlift Squadron may be the last active-duty squadron in the Air Force still flying C-141B Starlifters; however, the aircraft is far from being retired.

Though the squadron is being drawn down to make way for the C-17 Globemaster III, its operations tempo has been on the rise. The Iraqis are free and the KC-10s Extenders have returned home, and now the heavy lifting begins.

"We've been getting smaller every day for the last five months, but, if anything, our operations tempo has been going up," said Lt. Col. Eric Wydra, 6th AS commander. "We really are doing more with less."

The KC-10s were used heavily as cargo haulers during the combat portion of the war, but since the reconstruction phase has begun, the C-141s have taken on a bigger role and are now flying a greater number of missions.

Officials at the Air Mobility Command's Tanker Airlift Control Center task about 85 percent of the available Starlifters daily. This is approximately 20 percent higher than the current KC-10 tasking level, relative to the number of available aircraft here.

In fact, the Starlifters are the only McGuire aircraft going into Iraq right now. Their "Baghdad Express" lands at Baghdad International Airport almost daily.

"Baghdad Express" is the term given to the C-141 re-supply run from Ramstein Air Base, Germany, to Baghdad. Two McGuire aircraft, two active-duty aircrews and one Reserve crew from the 514th Air Mobility Wing are staged in Germany flying daily missions into either Baghdad or Kuwait, said Colonel Wydra.

"Our job is to re-supply the ground troops who've established a pretty big presence there," said Master Sgt. Bill Marley, a C-141 flight engineer.

The "Baghdad Express" began on May 14 when an eight-person, augmented, active-duty crew took flight over European air toward the area of responsibility.

"It was uneventful through Europe until we hit Turkish airspace," said Lt. Col. Keith Michel, a C-141 pilot examiner. "At that point, all the rules changed. We no longer had normal air traffic control coverage of things like altitudes, airways, speeds or routes."

They made their way along 'parkways, avenues and highways' in the sky using the "see and avoid" navigation technique into Iraq.

Once there, they had to use their threat-avoidance arrival and departure procedures to do a tactical approach — coming in at a high altitude and rapidly descending to the airfield — in order to avoid threats posed by surface-to-air missiles and anti-aircraft artillery.

"We had to watch out for generally happy Iraqis who sometimes shot random shots into the air, too," said Sergeant Marley, who was on that first trip into Iraq.

Cargo runs make up about 95 percent of the C-141s' trips into Iraq, resulting in more than 1 million pounds of cargo getting to the troops who need it.

Other flights include medical evacuation missions. One mission carried a belly-full of wounded troops, including two seriously injured Army soldiers suffering from multiple shrapnel wounds caused by a rocket-propelled grenade.

"The whole idea of someone shooting someone else ... I've never seen that before. I'd never been that close," said Capt. Josh

Rice, 6th AS co-pilot.

While some 6th AS crews are helping save lives and support combat operations, others are maintaining their routine channel and re-supply missions or unique opportunities. These include a mission to Kazakhstan supporting the National Aeronautics and Space Admin-

istration, repatriation missions of WWII aviators' remains, South American counterdrug missions, worldwide embassy support missions, presidential and vice presidential movement support, and Thunderbird aerial demonstration team-support missions.

"From where the sun rises to

where the sun sets, we're there," said Tech. Sgt. Karl Eckberg, a loadmaster in the 6th AS.

"They're flying twice as many flying hours now as they did this time last year, they're doing it with fewer people and they're doing it all with smiles on their faces," said Colonel Wydra.

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John Sidorisk Jr. / AFP

C-141 Starlifters taxi down the runway at McGuire AFB, N.J.

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Band of the Golden West offers free concert in Vacaville

By Airman 1st Class Anne Epperly
USAF Band of the Golden West

The United States Air Force Band of the Golden West Concert Band will present a free Independence Day concert.

The concert, entitled "Heritage of Freedom," at Creekwalk Plaza in Vacaville, June 22, at 6:00 p.m.

The concert is sponsored by the City of Vacaville Community Services Department.

The concert, conducted by Maj. Douglas Monroe, will honor the heritage of our nation. The program including "The Liberty Bell" and "God Bless America," as well as a medley of patriotic tunes arranged for the band by local composer Jimmy Price.

Music students from Vacaville High School will join the

band for Richard Rogers' "Guadalcanal."

The United States Air Force Band of the Golden West is stationed at Travis.

As the only remaining active duty Air Force band west of the Rockies, it serves the states of Washington, Oregon and California. The Band of the Golden West has performed with guest artists such as Toni Tennille, Marvin Stamm and Bob Hope.

The band has also performed for the fans of the Oakland A's, San Francisco Giants, Oakland Raiders and San Francisco 49ers.

The band has been seen and heard by thousands in performances throughout its touring region.

For more information, call 449-6003.



Archive photo

The Air Force Band of the Golden West is seen here performing at a concert. The concert band will offer a free concert in Vacaville June 22.

Is your diamond shining?

By Senior Master Sgt. Michael Destafano
60th Operation Support Squadron First Sergeant

The Travis First Sergeant's Council just initiated the Diamond Award Program to recognize star performers who demonstrate exceptional attitude, appearance and performance. Here's how the program works:

- ▶ A first sergeant observes exceptional performance
- ▶ The member receives a Diamond Award card on the spot
- ▶ The member gives the card to their own first sergeant
- ▶ The issuing first sergeant reports on exceptional conduct of member at the next council meeting and a certificate and a

first sergeant's "Well Done" coin will be awarded to the member at an appropriate venue such as commander's call.

The program is one of several initiatives by the First Sergeant Council at Travis to emphasize and recognize positive behavior. We have many people who exude the values of integrity, service and excellence while conducting their daily routines. That kind of spirit should not go unrecognized. The goal of the Diamond Award is to highlight many of those unsung heroes who make Travis a better place to live and work for everyone else.

So be on the lookout for that first sergeant with their Diamond Award cards.

Front



Back



Bike safety: Helmets mandatory

By Tom Day
Family Support Center

Bicycling is a common summer activity. Parents, kids and grandparents can enjoy the simple pleasure of riding a bike virtually anywhere. However, without the proper safety precautions and knowledge, bike riding can be potentially dangerous — especially for younger riders. So, here are a few tips to keep summer activities safe and fun.

First and foremost, California law states that anyone 18 or younger must wear a helmet when operating a bicycle, skateboard, in-line skates or scooters.

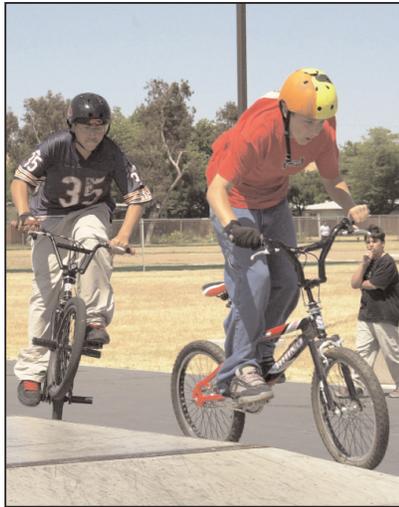
Children must be provided with helmets approved by the Consumer Product Safety Commission and taught to wear them properly on every ride, starting when they get their first bike or tricycle.

Safe bicycling starts early in a child's life. When a child receives his first tricycle or bicycle, a lifelong pattern of vehicle operation has begun. A bike is not just a toy, but a vehicle that is a speedy means of transportation. It is subject to the same laws as motor vehicles. It is important that parents train their children in the proper use of bikes.

Parents should set limits on where children may ride, depending on their age and experience. Young children should ride only with adult supervision. Older children should be able to ride on or near streets, depending on traffic patterns, individual maturity, adequate knowledge and the ability to follow the rules of the road.

Parents should teach children the rules of the road. Some of these are ride with traffic, stop and look both ways before entering the street, stop both marked and unmarked intersections, and before turning use hand signals and look all directions.

Children should never ride at dusk or in the dark. This is extremely risky for children and adults. Children should be told to call home for a ride rather than ride a bike. Night riding requires special skills and special equipment and few youngsters have either.



Senior Airman Megan Bouthot / 60th AMW Public Affairs
Timothy Martinez (left) and Ryan Waller (right) ride at the base skate park while using proper helmets.

Children should learn how to keep their bikes in good repair. Parents should check the tires and brakes, as well as seat and handlebar height annually.

Choosing the right size bicycle for children is one of the first steps of bicycle safety. A bike of the wrong size may cause children to lose control and be injured, so it is important that children have a bike correctly sized to their frame.

Take the child along when shopping for a bike, so that he or she can try it out and feel like part of the buying experience. Buy a bike that is the right size, not one a child has to "grow into," as oversized bikes are potentially dangerous.

For questions regarding bike safety contact the Family Support Center at 424-2486.

Are you ready?

TDY's, deployments, natural disasters, family emergencies, remote assignments? Call the Family Support Center at 424-2486 and receive a free Air Force Readiness Packet.

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Commissaries support airmen's 'pinning' their parents

By Carrie Williams
Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. — If you're an airman, forget pinning your sweetheart; pin your dad for Father's Day instead. Join with other airmen in recognizing your father with an Air Force Parent Pin.

The Defense Commissary Agency has partnered with the Air Force to promote the parent pin program. Look for information about the Air Force Parent Pin in commissaries everywhere. There is also a link to the program on the front page of DeCA's Web site, www.commissaries.com. As part of the Air Force's "Your Guardians of Freedom" program, the parent pins are a way to honor moms and dads who share with their sons and daughters the responsibilities of military service.

The program is intended to

communicate to parents the importance of their children's service to the ongoing war on terrorism, to express gratitude for parents' unceasing support, and to convey a sense of partnership between the Air Force and the parents of America's airmen.

The Air Force Parent Pin program encourages airmen to register one parent or both on a secure Air Force Web site, www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com/index.aspx. After registration, parents receive a letter from the secretary of the Air Force and the Air Force chief of staff and a lapel pin displaying the letter "P" cradled in the Air Force symbol. The pins are a contemporary adaptation of the World War II "E" flags that were used to recognize companies for contributions to the war effort, and they are presented on display

cards that explain their lineage.

"Parents of service members sacrifice as much as their children do in the defense of our nation," said Air Force Maj. Gen. Michael P. Wiedemer, DeCA director. "Deployed airmen often count on parents to take care of dependents left behind, to provide moral and emotional support, and to give words of encouragement during dark and troubling times."

All airmen — active, Guard and Reserve — are strongly encouraged by their respective chains of command to register on the Web site and have pins sent to a maximum of two recipients. The parents need not be biological or adoptive; pin any two people who've acted as parents by way of unfaltering support and encouragement.

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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. Notices can be posted at the shoppette or announced in the TAILWIND.

Yard Sales

Friday, 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, 7 a.m. to noon, 312 Hackett Ave.
Saturday, 6:30 to 10 a.m., Turner Street.
Saturday, 7 to 11 a.m., 113 Arizona St.
Saturday, 7 a.m. to noon, 418 Diablo Dr.
Saturday, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., 316 Ellsworth Ave.
Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon, multifam, 105 Arizona St.
Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon, multifam, 128 Randolph St.
Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon, 129 Hamilton St.
Saturday, 8 a.m., 126 Cannon Dr.
Saturday, 331 Vermont St.
Saturday & Sunday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., 205 Smith St.

Furniture

Futon, black metal, reversible cushion, \$100. 437-0114
Living room table set, 4pc, \$50. 437-0114
Entertainment center, \$25. 437-0114
Antique secretary's desk, solid maple, \$135. 448-5609
DVD/VHS tower, holds 64, in box, \$7. 448-5609
Full size bed: mattress, box spring, frame, \$75. 448-5609
Dining table, glass, \$150. 373-2798
Wooden hutch, brown, \$50. 373-2798
Metal desk, \$20. 439-9736
Sleeper sofa, \$25. 439-9736
Wooden table, 4 chairs, \$70 obo. 439-1018
Beige couch, ottoman, \$250. 447-4612
Ethan Allen dark wood living room set: end table w/attached lamp, end table w/drawer, tv stand, cd holder, \$200 obo. 451-1102

Appliances

Sears Kenmore refrigerator, 18.5 cu ft, icemaker, \$350 obo. 432-2556
Electric dryer, matching washer, \$40 obo. 469-0463
Washer, \$80. 437-2747
Dryer, \$80. 437-2747
Tappan double oven, self-cleaning, storage drawer, \$85. 447-6024
Microwave, \$20. 437-4752
Hampton Bay window air conditioner, 10k btu, 110 watt. 437-4752
Kenmore washer, \$100. 437-4752
Roper dryer, \$50. 437-4752

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
Southwest motif dishes, 4pc, for 16 places, 2 serving bowls, salt/pepper shakers, sugar, creamer, 4 canisters, chip/dip bowl, \$90 obo. 448-5609
Wicker baby basinet, white, \$15. 399-8920
Fisher Price picnic table, \$20. 399-8920
Lawnmower, bag, \$50. 425-5056
Puch motorbecane w/pedals, \$300 obo. 425-5056
Baby crib, \$50. 439-9877
High chair, \$15. 439-9877
Baby gates, \$20, \$10. 439-9877
Wooden swing set, \$50. 439-9877
Lawnmower, \$40. 439-9877
Queen size mattress, \$75. 437-2747
Basinets (2), \$20/ea. 332-6897
Inflatable twin nursing pillow, pump, \$20. 332-6897
Harvard foosball table, \$300. 454-0339
Spring Air mattress set, pillow top, full size, \$50. 435-9063
Cornucopia enamel w/brass pots/pans, soup pot, 10pc, \$50. 447-6024
Spring/summer maternity clothing, sm. 447-2365
Crib, double stroller, stroller, high chair, 2 car beds, jumpers, basinet, swing, weight bench. 224-2633
Child's bike seat, \$20. 437-4752

Sports/Athletic Equipment

Aerobic step, \$5. 439-9736
Recumbent Lifecycle 5500 R, \$225. 426-2921
Nordic Track ski exerciser, \$85. 426-2921

Electronic/Computer Items

Dell Precision 220 computer, Pentium III, 128mb ram, monitor, keyboard, mouse, \$600. 437-0114
Hitachi VCR, \$30. 399-8920
Compaq A900 all-in-one printer/fax/copier/scanner, \$100. 399-8920
Samsung SCL610 camcorder, \$150. 439-1018
HP Pentium III 500mhz computer, \$400. 439-1018
Sony floor speakers (2), 6", 140 watt, \$80. 437-2747
Laptop computer, WinXP Pro, 366mhz, \$300. 208-9271
Laptop computer, WinXP Pro, 450mhz, \$400. 208-9271
HP Pentium III desktop computer, 30gb hd, 512mb ram, WinME, \$450 obo. 208-9271
PC games, \$15/ea obo. 447-4612

Vehicle

2002 Chevy Tahoe LS, white, 4wd, v8, 14k mi, chrome wheels, Low Jack, am/fm/cd/cas, running boards, roof rack, \$28,500 obo. 446-2010
2001 Saturn SW2 wagon, 39k mi, hitch, \$8,600 obo. 469-0463
2000 GMC Sonoma SLS, ext cab, 3rd door, 5sp, 4cyl, ac, ps, cc, 27k mi, \$9,800. 446-9859
2000 Toyota Corolla VE, 55k mi,

green, at, ac, \$6,000 obo. 451-1102
1999 Chevy Camaro, 41k mi, v6, pewter, gray leather, chrome wheels, cd, alarm, keyless entry, \$10,800. 422-4089
1998 Saturn SW1, 66k mi, manual trans, \$5,500 obo. 469-8800
1994 Plymouth Grand Voyager LE minivan, ps, quad seating, pw, pl, rear ac, hitch, trans oil cooler, roof rack, 3.8ltr, v6, 1 owner, \$4,300 obo. 469-7003
1990 Toyota Corolla DX, 4dr sedan, am/fm/cas, \$2,500 obo. 446-7383
1984 Mercedes 300SD turbo diesel, \$4,900. 428-6619
1982 Honda Silverwing motorcycle, \$500. 439-9877
1966 Ford F-100 pickup, \$2,000. 446-7383

Vehicle Accessories

Truck rims, 17", aluminum alloy, 265x70x17R tires, \$500. 454-0339
Pioneer car CD player, detachable face, remote, \$125. 439-9801
Zenith DVD player, \$75. 439-9801
Dunlop SP sport tires (4), never mounted, 205/60-15, high performance, all season, \$264. 469-9405
Tires (4), 225x60x14, chrome oval slotted rims, \$150. 437-6076
H.D. quick release windshield, \$100. 437-6076

Trailers/Boats/Campers

2001 aluminum Bass Tracker boat, 17.5', Bimini canvass top, 50hp Mercury motor, 30hrs on motor, Trailston trailer, fish finder, extra battery, \$8,500 obo. 429-4303
1996 Rockwood tent trailer, signature series, solid oak cabinets, \$5,500 obo. 399-8920

Pets/Pet Accessories

Female cat, 1yr old, free. 437-4820
Dalmatian, trained, 9yr old, free. 437-4752
Cat, 12yr old, neutered. 437-4752

House/Room for Sale/Rent

House for rent, 2,450 sq ft, 4br/2.5ba, den, game room, 2-car garage, across from park/lake, \$2,100/mo + dep. 399-9056
Room for rent in Vacaville, no smoking. 290-2510
Room for rent, furnished, \$550/mo. 689-0420
Townhouse for rent in Fairfield, 3br/2.5ba, 2-car garage, f/p, 2-story, pool, hot tub, \$1,375/mo. 428-3818

Lost

Black telephone/day planner, 1 snap closure, 8"x5", lost at hospital by cancer patient, contains important info. 894-0596

Wanted

Outdoor shed w/floor kit. 439-9736
Portable generator, Snap-on tools. 425-5056
Moving boxes. 448-5609

SWAP AD TIP

The following tip 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.

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Travis youth compete in regional fitness heptathlon

Youth hop, jump, push their way to San Diego

By Linda Mann-Iames
60th Services Squadron

After months of exercise and practice, 12 Travis youth have qualified to compete in the Boys and Girls Clubs of America's Fitness Authority Regional competition from June 27 to 29 at the United States Olympic Committee Training Center outside of San Diego.

The competition, sponsored by the Boys and Girls Clubs of America and Sports Authority sporting goods, began with a Pentathlon on the local level. Thirty-five Travis youth, ages 10 to 18, gathered together on April 12 to compete in five events: standing long jump, lateral hops, push-ups, sit-ups and jump rope. Their scores were sent to the Boys and Girls Clubs headquarters and the highest scoring youth were chosen to compete at the regional level.

In two weeks, a dozen youth from the Travis Youth Center will in the Heptathlon, consisting of the previous five events, plus the 100-yard dash and the half-mile run. The Pacific Region includes Alaska, Hawaii, California, Arizona, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

The Travis competitors are:

- Girls 10-11 Aryana Thompson, Christina Rowe
- Boys 10-11 Dustin Friel
- Girls 12-13 Brittany Fuller
- Boys 12-13 Kyle Jame, Brandon Hunter
- Girls 14-15 Brytni Houston
- Boys 14-15 Maleek Gilliard, Xavier Edward
- Girls 16-18 Keysha Coleman
- Boys 16-18 Brandon Lucas, Dernishio Grant



Arielle Kohn / 60th AMW Public Affairs

Teen Center Director Larry Williams demonstrates lateral hops for the competitors in the Travis Fitness Authority pentathlon on April 12. Twelve Travis youth qualified to compete in the regional event in San Diego from June 27 to 29.

Most of these youth are active in school and community sports, but as 11-year-old Dustin Friel says, "It's not bad to stay inside and play video games sometimes, but you don't want to be totally lazy."

Mr. Friel plays in soccer, baseball and basketball leagues, but has been known to spend an entire afternoon just running around with his friends.

"Last year we had two kids make it all the way to the Nationals: Brytni Houston and Kyle James. They are both in the competition again this year," said Teen Center director Larry Williams. "I know all our kids will do fantastic in San Diego."

Mr. Williams is proud of the determination and hard work these youth and their parents have put into this event.

Mr. Friel is excited to go to Southern California and possibly meet some Olympians at the Olympic Training Center.

After the regional event, one winner in each age group will go on to the Fitness Authority National Championships from Aug. 8 to 10 in Miami.

The national decathlon adds chin-ups, squats and a shuttle run to the event.

Staying physically fit



Senior Airman Megan Bouthot / 60th AMW Public Affairs

Travis personnel work out at the Fitness center. The Air Force is testing a new program that would regulate work-outs.

Good deal for Travis Rivercats donate tickets

The Sacramento Rivercats baseball team has donated more than 100 tickets to Travis personnel and their families for military appreciation night June 21 at Raley Field in Sacramento.

The U. S. Air Force Band of the Golden West along with the Travis Honor Guard and a 60th Security Forces K-9 demonstration will be featured during pre-game activities.

Tickets can be picked up at the 60th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs office in Bldg. 51, next to the Travis Air Museum, beginning Monday at 9 a.m. Tickets will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis with a limit of four per family. No phone calls, e-mails or faxes will be accepted to hold tickets.



June 21:
Sacramento Rivercats vs. Omaha Royals
Time: 7 p.m.
Place: Raley Field, Sacramento

SPORTS SHORTS

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Travis horse show

The Travis Equestrian Center horse show is Saturday. There will be 46 classes including western, English, hunter, halter and sport. Spectators are welcome to attend. Call Barb Brewer at 424-1278 or e-mail her at NCBC5@aol.com.

Travis bike race

The Travis annual bike race will be June 21 with check in at 8 a.m. in the Fitness Center parking lot. The race starts at 9 a.m. Categories are ages 18 to 29, 30 to 39 and 40 and older, for men's and women's cate-

gories. Entrance fee is \$20 before Saturday and \$25 after. Trophies and medals will be awarded for each category with an overall winner. Each racer will receive a T-shirt and other giveaways. Each participant must provide one adult volunteer to serve as a road guard. Call Master Sgt. Dennis Jones at 424-0989 to register.

OAP summer events

Sign up by June 23 for family trips with the Outdoor Adventure Program. Trips include the Angel Island family bike trip on June 29 and a family camping trip to Yosemite

Valley from Aug. 1 to 3.

OAP will transport bikes and riders to Vallejo to catch the ferry to Angel Island (ferry fees are extra). Adults pay \$12 and children pay \$7.

The trip to Yosemite is \$45 per person and includes camping gear, transportation, food, park fees and guides. Call 424-5659.

Viking Challenge

The annual Viking Challenge is July 26 and 27 at Vanden High School. The event is a fundraiser for the Travis Fisher House. Call 2nd Lt. Renae Pierre at 424-3908.

TRAVIS CINEMA

The Travis theater is closed for renovation until 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.

Visit www.aafes.com/ems.

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FITNESS CENTER CLASSES

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Aerobics room

Monday

- » Core cycling, 5:30 to 6:30 a.m.
- » Strength Fusion, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- » Core step aerobics, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- » Squadron cycle, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
- » Phat Fitness for 12 and older, 4 to 5 p.m.
- » Core step aerobics, 5 to 6 p.m.
- » Kickboxing aerobics, 6 to 7 p.m.
- » Cycling, 7 to 8 p.m.

Tuesday

- » Core step aerobics, 5:30 to 6:30 a.m.
- » EZ Does It, 9 to 10 a.m.
- » Core cycling, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- » Body conditioning, 1 to 3 p.m., Solano College
- » Squadron cycle, 3 to 4 p.m.
- » Squadron cycle, 4 to 5 p.m.
- » Core step aerobics, 5 to 6 p.m.
- » Core PiYo, 6 to 7 p.m.
- » Cycling, 7 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday

- » Core cycling, 5:30 to 6:30 a.m.

- » Yoga, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- » Core step aerobics, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- » Squadron cycle, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
- » Squadron cycle, 3 to 4 p.m.
- » Phat Fitness for 12 and older, 4 to 5 p.m.
- » Core step aerobics, 5 to 6 p.m.
- » Hip hop aerobics, 6 to 7 p.m.
- » Cycling, 7 to 8 p.m.

Thursday

- » Core step aerobics, 5:30 to 6:30 a.m.
- » EZ Does It, 9 to 10 a.m.
- » Core cycling, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- » Squadron cycle, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
- » Squadron cycle, 3 to 4 p.m.
- » Squadron cycle, 4 to 5 p.m.
- » Core cycling, 5 to 6 p.m.
- » Yoga, 6 to 7 p.m.
- » Cycling from 7 to 8 p.m.

Friday

- » Cycling, 5:30 to 6:30 a.m.
- » Strength Fusion, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.
- » Core step aerobics, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- » Core kickboxing aerobics, 5 to 6 p.m.

- » PiYo, 6 to 7 p.m.

Saturday

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

Martial arts dojo

Monday

- » Introduction to PiYo, noon to 1:30 p.m.
- » Kung Fu San Soo, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- » Kickboxing, 7 to 9 p.m.

Tuesday

- » Pregnancy/Postpartum class, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- » PiYo, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
- » Kickboxing, 5 to 7 p.m.

Wednesday

- » Kajukembo, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
- » Kung Fu San Soo, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- » Kickboxing, 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursday

- » Pregnancy/Postpartum class, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- » PiYo, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
- » Kickboxing, 5 to 7 p.m.

Friday

- » Yoga, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- » Kajukembo, 5 to 8:30 p.m.

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Savings Bonds

Did you know that U.S. Savings Bond information is available on the Internet? The address is www.publicdebt.treas.gov. Find out about maturity periods, tax benefits and the values of your savings bonds.

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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.