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# Commander's Corner Travis Team full speed ahead



By Brig. Gen. Brad Baker  
60th AMW commander

Though the Year of the Warrior has come to an end ... the warrior esprit de corps at Travis is at an all time high. We are still fully engaged in Operation Enduring Freedom, as Air Expeditionary Force deployments 7 and 8 are well underway. This underscores the fact that we are still in a critical, post Sept. 11, era of national security.

This is also a time to reflect on a war of a previous era ... with the 61st anniversary of the attacks against Pearl Harbor Dec. 7. In April 2003, we'll remember Pearl Harbor and how America responded to those attacks, with the reunion of the surviving members of General Jimmy Doolittle's Raiders, who left from Alameda Point, Calif., aboard the USS Hornet to deliver a decisive response.

### Wing holiday party

Though we are fully engaged in operations, we're also well into the holiday season ... and there are many events happening on and off base during upcoming weeks to help us celebrate. Key among these events is the **Travis Team's Winter Wonderland holiday party** — your party — scheduled Dec. 20, 6 p.m. to midnight at the Delta Breeze Club.

This will be a chance to have a great time with excellent dancing and dining ... an evening made even better with contemporary music provided by our own **Band of the Golden West**. My hat's off to **Capt. Karie Pahia** for spearheading this event ... and her committee is working hard to fundraise, in an effort to cover all costs



Brig. Gen. Brad Baker, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, was on hand during the Nov. 26 groundbreaking of the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West's new facility. For more on the new band building, see Page 4.

while keeping the price low for enlisted folks. Success of this event will depend on the Travis Team's attendance and participation ... so please contact your group's point of contact (Page 3) to obtain tickets which went on sale this week.

There are other events upcoming on base to include our **Christmas Tree lighting ceremony**, Monday, Dec. 9, at 4:30 p.m. on the corner of Travis Ave and Ragsdale St. This event, which is organized by the Chapel, will feature the Band's "Travis Brass" performing a repertoire of holiday carols. There will also be an **Air Force Band concert for Travis team members, with special dedication to families of deployed members** in Hangar P-14, Saturday, Dec. 14 at 3 p.m.

### Downtown holiday events

If you and your family are looking for some holiday activities in our local communities, there are many to choose from. Tonight, from 6 to 9 p.m., the City of Fairfield will have its **Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony**. At 7:30 p.m. the **Band of the Golden West** will perform at Vacaville's Performing Arts Center, with a follow up event at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow at the same location.

Whether you spend most of your time on base, or add a stop downtown, it's very important to take some time to enjoy the holiday season. I know I'm preaching to the choir when I say, take care of yourself and family ... but it doesn't hurt to remind everyone to assign a designated driver if drinking is part of the celebration.

### 15th Air Force award winners

Everyday I'm impressed with what I see here at Travis ... with special recognition due to several top performers in the 60th Maintenance Group — **Maj. Dave Coley, Senior Airman John Damon, and Elkwood Wilkerson** — for earning the **15th Air Force, Leo Marquez Award for 2002**. The excellence of our maintenance organization is further reflected with the **60th and 349th Aircraft Maintenance Squadrons earning the 15th Air Force Maintenance Effectiveness Award**. This team will compete for these same awards at command level, and I couldn't be prouder of them and their commitment to excellence.

I know how dedicated you - the Travis Team - are to serving this great Air Force. I encourage you to keep leaning forward ... and taking care of business because we have many great challenges and events in front of us ... and I know you'll do a great job meeting each and every one.

God Bless America and the men and women of the Travis Team who serve this great nation.

## ACTION LINE

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Call the Action Line at 424-3333

### Retirement announcements

**Q** I was wondering if it would be possible to add the names of those people retiring from the service in the Tailwind.

We recognize other Travis team members for PME, promotion, and awards. Why not publicly recognize those who

dedicated 20 years or more to their country?

**A** We work hard to thank our dedicated Air Force members for their service as they retire from the Air Force.

The Tailwind staff routinely publishes retirement announcements as requested by the retiring member. Some individuals don't desire too much fanfare upon exit and we respect that, too.

On a related subject, we'll be publishing quarterly announcements of retiree activities, such as those held by the Air Force Association and Veteran's of Foreign Wars organizations, to help our retiree community stay apprised of

upcoming events.

### Great job!

**Q** I just wanted to commend Staff Sgt. Rosenberg, Ernie Phillips, Pride Industries, and Andre, who work in housing maintenance at Travis. This team did a great job with some repair work at my home.

**A** Thanks for taking the time to acknowledge the housing staff and maintenance contractor for their quick response to your situation. This professionalism represents the level of excellence we work hard to maintain at Travis.

## Tailwind

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### On the Cover



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# Holiday Fun

## Travis Winter Wonderland Holiday Party Dec. 20, 'Reindeer' Karaoke voting begins

### Designated unit ticket POCs

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By Capt. Kim Garbett

60th AMW Public Affairs

Money talks, or in the case of "reindeer" karaoke, it sings.

The 60th AMW Winter Wonderland Holiday Party — set for Dec. 20 from 6 p.m. to midnight at the Delta Breeze Club — features a "reindeer" karaoke fundraiser sure to provide holiday cheer.

Vote early, and vote often for your favorite "reindeer" group commander, the command chief or even the wing commander. The winner - the person with the most votes - will sing a holiday favorite (or two) for the crowd.

During this no-holds-barred holiday event, \$1 is equivalent to one vote, and the rules of engagement include fixing votes. Anyone is welcome to try to "fix" the vote; encourage friends, squadron members or others to place their money down on person they want to see on the karaoke box that night.

Collection boxes are placed in each of the unit offices ready to take your votes.

Tickets for "Winter Wonderland" are available from group POCs now through Dec. 18 while seats last. The cost for enlisted is \$15; while officers will pay \$20. Civilian rank is price equivalent, and non-club members will be subject to an additional \$2 surcharge per ticket. Dress for the evening is "smart" casual or coat and tie.

Other fun and festivities, including holiday music, food and prizes, are also scheduled to be a part of Winter Wonderland activities.

Childcare options are available on base that evening, and a limited number of rooms are available at the Westwind Inn for those who live off base but don't want to drive home that evening.

For more information, contact your unit POC, or call Capt. Karie Pahia at 424-1705.

## Drinking and Driving will end lives and careers

By Tailwind staff

'Tis the holiday season, and with that comes the inclination to celebrate, which often times includes the use of alcohol.

The use of alcohol requires personal responsibility and accountability. The laws are clear — people must not drive if they have been drinking, and before drinking, people should have a plan to ensure safe arrival.

Statistics are sobering enough.

**Two in five people personally know someone killed or injured by a drunk driver.**

If a drunk driver causes a death — vehicular manslaughter — it will guarantee a 4-, 6- or 10-year stay in state prison. If a person has other "prior" vehicle offenses, it will mean a prison stay of 15 years to life.

**Three in five people know someone who has been convicted of drunk driving.**

It is a crime for anyone with a Blood Alcohol Content of .08 percent or greater to operate a vehicle. If a person is arrested with a BAC above .08, the arresting officer will take the individual's license, which will be suspended for four months. Upon first conviction, a person will be fined \$390 to \$1,000 and will serve 96 hours to six months in jail with 3 to 5 years probation. Penalties will be enhanced 90 days if there is a child under 14 in the vehicle and a charge of child endangerment will be added.

People must also protect themselves by watching out for impaired drivers. According to national highway traffic safety administration, drivers under the influence often display the following:

- » Wide turns, weaving, swerving, drifting or straddling center-line.
- » Nearly striking an object or vehicle.
- » Driving on the wrong side of road.
- » Driving at a very slow speed, stopping without cause, braking erratically, or responding slowly to traffic signals.
- » Turning abruptly or illegally.
- » Driving after dark with their vehicle headlights off.

The bottom line is, don't drink and drive. Don't let friends drink and drive. Don't become a statistic professionally or personally, and arrive alive.

## Christmas preparations



Tech. Sgt. Scott King / 60th AMW Public Affairs

Senior Airman Tanya Gaines (above) and Senior Airman Abdul-Rahim (right), prepare the base Christmas Tree for the holiday season. A tree and menorah lighting ceremony will be held just inside the main gate (in front of Child Development Center No. 1) Monday at 5 p.m. Gaines and Abdul-Rahim are both assigned to the 60th Civil Engineer Squadron.



## Band of the Golden West offers free children's concert Dec. 14 in Hangar P-14

Travis people are invited to Winter Wonderland on Travis, a free Christmas concert Dec. 14 at 3 p.m. in Hangar P-14, located on Hangar Avenue.

No tickets are required for entrance to the concert.

During the event the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West will perform Christmas favorites like Sleigh Ride, Frosty the Snowman, March of the Toys, and A Visit From St. Nick. The musical selections will feature various band components, including the concert band, jazz ensemble, brass quintet, percussion group, and vocalists.

The entertaining, one-hour concert should be fun for all, but especially for children. There's a rumor that Santa and Jelly Belly plan to make an entrance and lead a parade of children throughout the venue. And the Grinch will sing How the Grinch Stole Christmas.

The concert — which is dedicated to the children and families of deployed Travis personnel — is presented by 60th Air Mobility Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Brad Baker, the Air Force Band of the Golden West, and the 60th Services Squadron.

— Band of the Golden West

# Flooding a real issue for Travis

By 60th Civil Engineering Squadron

Northern California's annual rainy season includes increased risks for driving and power outages, as well as an increased possibility for flooding.

Residents of the older Capehart Housing areas on base are especially vulnerable to flooding from November through January, according to Ed Cebula, chief of heavy equipment for the 60th Civil Engineer Squadron.

"We experience flooding because our exit point for the base is five feet above sea level," he said. "We're subject to the tidal flow because of Suisun Bay. High tides can go up to seven feet and water from Travis often can't flow off base if the tide is over five feet."

It is a combination of how saturated the ground is, the intensity of the rainfall, and the tide level that contribute to possible flood conditions on Travis. Further compounding the risk of flooding on base, all underground and surface water flowing through the base ties into Union Creek and exits the base through one drain near the South Gate.

## Past flooding problems

During the January 1997 flood, about 50 families were evacuated from base housing, including 12 from Hamilton Street, which was particularly hard hit, according to Dave Pinckney, deputy chief of the 60th Civil Engineer Squadron's Operations Flight, and former chief of housing maintenance.

"Most of the people could evacuate themselves and then we just set them up in billeting," said Cebula. He said they had to use a boat to rescue some of the people on that street.

"We actually had rivers running through the houses and had to open up the front and back doors to let it run through," he said.

It took about one hour for the high tide in Suisun Bay to withdraw and for the flooding on base to disperse. Aside from the damage sustained by housing residents, the base escaped the storm relatively unscathed.

Since that flood, the 60th CES has taken a proactive approach to mitigate the affects of any future flooding.

## CES answers call for help

The Civil Engineer Squadron is charged with cleaning out all of the outfalls, floodgates, drainage pipes at the South Gate, major ditch lines, and Union Creek flowing through the base.

Flood conditions can exist when the base gets two inches of rain in a four-hour period or any rain during a high tide of 5 feet or more.

When a weather forecast predicts two or more inches of rain, the 60th CES Unit Control Center is activated. After the rains begin, 12- to 15-member teams work 12-hour shifts to fight the affects of Mother Nature.

"Those folks are armed with miscellaneous tools and pumps to divert the water any we can," Cebula said. "We use sand bags and pumps to redirect

the water flow. I also have four trash pumps that can pump about 1,000 gallons an hour, and I have boats if we need to use them to evacuate people."

When the bay experiences a plus-tide and heavy rainfall is imminent, members of the civil engineers go door-to-door informing base housing residents of the impending crisis. The information is also broadcast on the Commander's Access Channel (Channel 15 on base). Off-base residents and commuters can get current flood condition information by listening to local radio stations.

Once the heavy rainfall begins, sandbags are distributed to high-risk locations throughout the base. Civil engineers and base residents use the sandbags to divert the floodwaters.

While the civil engineers have worked to mitigate the potential adverse affects of flooding on Travis, squadron officials said they also need the assistance of base housing residents.

Cebula said some base residents inadvertently compound nature's forces by sweeping their leaves into the gutter.

"[Base residents] really need to clean their own gutters and drop boxes in their immediate areas so they are free of leaves and debris," he said. "Housing families should keep their areas clean. I can't get a sweeper in there, so all of the cleaning must be done manually. My staff does the work periodical-ly, but the residents are responsible for

keeping their own areas clean of debris."

## First line of defense

"A lot of times [housing residents] are the first to see problems and they can stop it," Cebula said. "It may just be leaves covering up a drain and we can go out and get it cleaned, or [the resident] can be proactive and do it themselves. If they see something they perceive as a problem, I have people on call 24 hours a day who will check it out."

According to CE officials, residents in low-elevation housing areas aren't the only people on base susceptible to floods. On-base drivers frequently stall their automobiles during flood conditions. Even pedestrians can venture into water that is deeper than they expect. For this reason, Cebula recommends drivers and pedestrians avoid unfamiliar areas during flooding conditions.

Cebula also encourages drivers to keep their speeds to a minimum. When the water is overflowing the curbs, driving too fast will create waves and force the water into the residents' homes through the bottom of their doors.

While the civil engineers have done much to mitigate flooding on base, base residents can help avert the disastrous affects of Mother Nature.

Base residents can report potential problems by calling 424-2575.

# Construction begins on new home for the Band of the Golden West

By 1st Lt. Angela Arredondo

60th AMW Public Affairs

Construction of the new, \$5.4 million U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West facility is underway here. It is the first, fully funded Air Force band facility being built from the ground up.

The 25,000-square-foot structure, near the intersection of Burgan Boulevard and Waldron Street, should be completed in October 2003. The facility will feature five rehearsal studios with acoustical treatments, eight individual practice rooms, enhanced office space and more storage.

"We're not just celebrating the construction of another building, we're celebrating the solid ties of our community and the values we share," said Brig. Gen. Brad Baker, commander of the 60th Air Mobility Wing, during a groundbreaking ceremony for the facility Nov. 26. "When the Band of the Golden West performs, whether on the local or national stage, they share those time-honored principles of freedom, liberty and happiness. They deserve the best we can provide for them at Travis ... because they give their best every time they perform for us on and off base."

For more information on the Band of the Golden West, visit the band's Web site at [www.travis.af.mil/pages/band/](http://www.travis.af.mil/pages/band/). To download music from the band, go to [www.travis.af.mil/pages/band/musicDownloads.html](http://www.travis.af.mil/pages/band/musicDownloads.html).

According to band members, the acoustical treatments of the new facility balance sound reflection and sound deadening in rehearsal studios, which enables concert stage properties for musicians to hear one another and at the same time protects hearing from overexposure to noise. Additionally, none of the studios are adjacent to another so sound will not transfer through the walls and ensembles may rehearse simultaneously.

The U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West is the only remaining active-duty Air Force band stationed west of the Rockies.

The band is comprised of 60 versatile musicians who support seven Air Force



The new 25,000-square-foot building that will be the new home of the Band of the Golden West will stand near the intersection of Burgan Boulevard and Waldron Street.

bases, six Air Force Reserve wings, five recruiting squadrons and perform for the civilian communities within its geographic area of Washington, Oregon and California.

Air Force bands support the global Air Force mission in war and peace by fostering national heritage and by provid-

ing professional musical products and services for official military, recruiting and community relations events. They provide military and patriotic music for official military and government activities such as ceremonies, formations and parades. They also help boost troop morale, retention and recruiting efforts.

# NEWS NOTES

## TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

### Base power outages

There will be several scheduled power outages throughout the military family housing areas in December and January. Power outages will begin at 8:30 a.m. and may last through 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 16, Dec. 18 and Jan. 6, and will affect homes in the following areas:

**Monday** — Esterbrook Street, Fairchild Drive, Roberts Street, Nevada Street and Vermont Street.

**Dec. 16** — Esterbrook Street, Fairchild Drive, Robert Street, Nevada Street, Armstrong Street and Pope Court.

**Dec. 18** — Vermont Street, Esterbrook Drive, Ellsworth Avenue and Nevada Street.

**Jan. 6** — Fitzgerald Drive, Martin Avenue, Clark Court, Glenn Court, Cullen Court, Bradley Boulevard, Bradley Court, Lamb Court, McGuire Street, Norton Street, Collins Drive, Offutt Street, Paine Street, Randolph Street, Spatz Street and Facility 8499 (pump station).

For more information, contact 60th Civil Engineering Squadron Production Control at 424-0895.

### Christmas tree lot

The Travis Boy Scouts are operating the base Christmas tree sales lot through Dec. 21 in the grassy area next to the Commissary. The lot will be open Monday to Friday from 4 to 8:30 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. All profits support the Travis Scouting Program.

### Volunteers needed

The Jimmy Doolittle Air and Space Museum Foundation is seeking volunteers to work one hour, one day a week for help with planning and fundraising at the Travis Air Museum. Volunteers can choose which day and hour they prefer, but they need to come at the same designated time each week. Lunch will be provided to volunteers who choose to work during the lunch hour. For more information, call Maj. Diane Newlin at 424-5605 or Cathleen Handlin at 437-

8645, or e-mail doolittlemuseum@aol.com.

### Facility Managers

The 60th Civil Engineering Squadron is holding its quarterly facility managers training Dec. 18 at 10 a.m. in the Travis Conference Center ballroom (Building 480).

The training will encompass requirements and responsibilities in accordance with Travis Air Force Base Instruction 32-301. This training is an annual requirement for current and new facility managers. According to CE officials, the training is mandatory and attendance will be taken. For more details, contact Airman 1st Class Tammy Elam at 424-7595.

### Free family movies

A free showing of "Dr. Seuss How the Grinch Stole Christmas" is Saturday at 3 p.m. at the base theater. Everyone is invited.

Following the movie, a special "Family Bundle" for family members of deployed personnel will be available for \$9.99 at Burger King.

The free show is being offered to Travis families as part of a new Travis Integrated Delivery Systems program. TIDeS, which is composed of many base helping agencies, will now sponsor free family matinees on the first Saturday of each

### Flu shots

Influenza shots are now being given at both the Primary Care and Family Practice clinics. Active-duty personnel can get their flu shot Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the 60th Maintenance Group atrium, or Dec. 16 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Military Personnel Flight auditorium, located in Building 381.

All mass flu lines for retirees and family members were completed Nov. 18 and 25.

The Influenza season is worst in January, February and March. For more information, call 423-5104.

month. Base helping agencies, such as the Chapel, Family Support Center, Family Advocacy, Life Skills Center, Health and Wellness Center, and base child and youth services flights will take turns sponsoring the monthly matinees. TIDeS is teaming up with AAFES to promote opportunities for military members to create and further enhance social relationships, and to educate military members about some of the programs available in the Travis community. After each month's special movie showing, AAFES plans to offer "family specials" at various AAFES facilities

### Main gate construction

Through Dec. 13, one Travis main gate inbound lane will be open at all times.

### FTAC change

Currently, Travis airmen begin classes at the First Term Airman Center every Tuesday and Thursday. Beginning in January, FTAC classes will begin on Tuesdays only.

### Stealth shelter system



U.S. Air Force photo

A new deployable shelter system will allow the B-2 Spirit stealth bomber to be based overseas for the first time. Experts at the Aeronautical System Center's B-2 System Program Office acquired and developed the shelter.

# PSA



Master Sgt. Obra Scott, left, and Staff Sgt. Mike Ours work a shift at the Det. 14 Toys for Tots booth at Westfield Mall in Fairfield.

Capt. Kimberly Garbett / 60th AMW Public Affairs

## Det. 14 teams with Marines, supports local Toys for Tots

By Capt. Kim Garbett  
60th AMW Public Affairs

For 25 years, Travis' Detachment 14 has teamed up with Concord's Marine Corps Reserve Unit to help with Solano County's annual Toys for Tots drive. This year is no exception.

The Toys for Tots program is designed to help needy children in communities throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas.

Detachment 14 is an Air Education and Training Command field training detachment of aircraft maintenance instructors for KC-10s, C-5s and aerospace ground equipment. Personnel assigned to the detachment have helped deliver a message of hope to needy children in the Solano County area via a shiny new toy at Christmas.

Throughout the holiday season, Det. 14 personnel manage the logistics of collection and distribution of the toys to various organizations, including churches, homeless shelters and health and services programs.

The Toys for Tots program for Solano County, however, would not exist or be successful without the donations from all those who contribute a toy or monetary donation, said Tech. Sgt. Dave Porath, Det. 14's Toys for Tots program manager.

"We've had a great showing of donations this year, but we're a little behind the power curve, since Thanksgiving was a week later," he said. "Our greatest need seems to be baby toys (from infants to 2 year olds) and older children's toys (for ages 10 to 12)."

Donation bins for the Toys for Tots program can be found at the Travis Base Exchange Saturday and Sunday and Dec. 14 and 15. Det. 14 volunteers and other base volunteers also

man a booth at the Westfield Mall in Fairfield, located next to the Mervyn's mall entrance. Other donation locations can be found throughout the county, including Longs Drugs, Safeway, Albertsons, Target, Wal-Mart, Jelly Belly, Big Lots, Toy Liquidators and more. New, unwrapped toys are collected at all of these sites.

Det. 14 personnel believe they are supporting a worthy cause and truly enjoy helping the community.

"Toys for Tots is a great program," Porath said. "The program has been around in the United States for 53 years now. Children are our most valuable natural resource, and we hope that the message of hope sent via toys motivates these children to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders."

Last year, the Solano County Toys for Tots Program, supported by teams from the Air Force and Marines, distributed more than 10,000 toys and collected more than \$4,000 in donations, giving toys to more than 40 organizations.

"We hope we can have an even better turnout this year, bringing more smiles to children's faces on Christmas day," Porath said.

With approximately two weeks of holiday shopping left, Porath said he hopes that while folks are cramming in last minute holiday shopping, they remember there are many children out there, whom without a toy dropped in a bin, would not see a toy for Christmas this year at all.

Anyone wishing to donate a toy, time, or who has further questions can contact Toys for Tots managers Tech. Sgt. Dave Porath or Staff Sgt. Craig Johnson at 424-2265.

# Travis troops support NATO summit

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

Several Travis personnel deployed to support the 2002 NATO summit in Prague last month as part of a unified effort to help provide airlift, security, communications and other activities.

The 615th Air Mobility Operations Group sent a 19-member Mission Support Team, which consisted of two loadmasters, one command and control specialist, four aerial porters, seven maintainers, a finance officer, a supply specialist and others for training.

"We supported presidential airlift requirements needed for transportation and communication. For example, we downloaded and uploaded a VH-60 Blackhawk helicopter, multiple vehicles

## 19-person team downloaded vehicles, equipment

and communication equipment. Our maintenance troops worked directly with Air Force One and repositioned the aircraft too," said Maj. Cary Davidson, 615th Air Mobility Squadron, assistant director of operations.

The 2002 NATO summit was the first held since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on America. President Bush attended the event from Nov. 20 to 22.

"We set up operations where there is no Air Mobility Command presence to help support AMC aircraft," said Master Sgt. Ed Donnelly from the 815th Air Mobility Squadron. "Basically, we are on-call 24-7. Many of our personnel have

been deployed more than 200 days this year, so we are pretty busy."

The Travis members worked closely with the U.S. Embassy at Prague and airfield management personnel at Prague International Airport. Additionally, Travis C-5s transported large items and important passengers such as Secret Service personnel and presidential staff members.

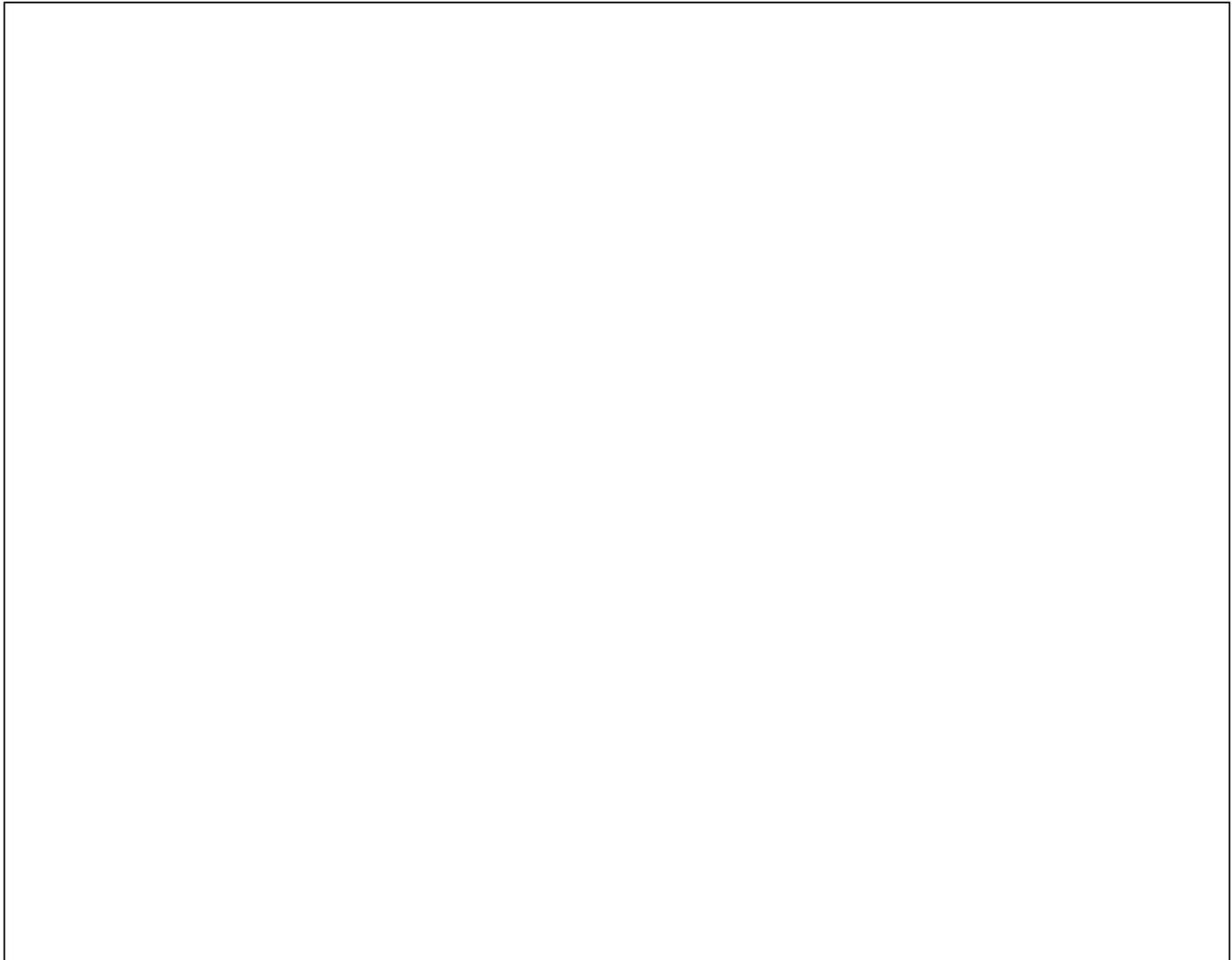
United States and Czech air forces worked closely during the summit to guard the skies over Prague against a possible terrorist attack.

Other U.S. assets that deployed or participated in support of the summit

included F-16 Fighting Falcons from the 31st Fighter Wing, Aviano Air Base, Italy; F-15 Eagles from the 48th Fighter Wing, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom; the 606th Air Control Squadron, from the 52nd Fighter Wing, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany; and KC-135 Stratotankers from the 100th Air Refueling Wing, RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom.

Additionally, a large NATO effort provided security for the event, demonstrating the organization's capability to work together for united safety measures.

Seven countries invited to join NATO at the summit were all communist until 1991. The countries were Bulgaria, Slovakia, Romania, Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania and Slovenia.



# PSA

## Former Travis hospital commander passes away

Retired Air Force Col. Ralph P. Campanale, a former hospital commander at Travis, died Nov. 28 at Mercy General Hospital in Sacramento from complications following surgery. He was 82.

During his 24-year professional military career, Campanale became commander of the Air Force's second largest hospital and was elected to the presidency of the Society of Air Force Clinical Surgeons. He won acclaim both for exceptional medical proficiency and for pioneering in the field of disaster education. He also served as Western Region Consultant in Surgery to the U.S. Air Force Surgeon General, and Assistant to the Command Surgeon, Western Transport Air Force.

In addition to honorary memberships, Campanale was a Diplomat of the American Board of Surgery and Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He attained residency of the Society of Air Force Clinical Surgeons and was a member of the San Francisco Surgical Society, Society of U.S. Air Force Flight Surgeons, Aerospace Medical Association and Society of Military Surgeons.

Campanale lectured extensively on disaster preparedness, developed training programs, and published more than a dozen surgical papers in national professional journals.

The fifth child of Italian immigrants, Campanale was born Aug. 18, 1920, in Brooklyn, New York. He earned a scholarship to New York University, College of Arts and Sciences, and later graduated from NYU's College of Medicine. He interned at St. John's Hospital in Brooklyn and then completed his residency in general surgery at NYU's Bellevue Medical Center.

Campanale married Camille Geraci in 1946. They had seven children and traveled extensively with assignments to Oliver General Hospital in Atlanta, Ga.; Brooklyn Army Base, New York; Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas; Ramey Air Force Base, Puerto Rico; and Travis.

In 1954, Dr. Campanale was certified by the American Board of Surgery and awarded a Fellowship in the American College of Surgeons. Then, in 1955, he was elected to membership in the International College of Surgeons.

During his tenure at Travis -



Retired Air Force Col.  
Ralph P. Campanale

from 1958 to 1964 — Campanale earned two Air Force Commendation Medals: one for development and guidance of the hospital medical program to the level of full accreditation; and a second for outstanding contributions to national disaster preparedness.

Among his achievements, Campanale initiated installation of a combined recovery room and intensive care area — a first among Air Force hospitals. Under his command, the Travis hospital earned the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

He retired from military service in 1964 and established a private practice in general surgery in Vacaville. In 1967, he moved his family and practice to Fairfield, where he served as chief of staff at three Fairfield-area hospitals.

Following 22 years of private practice, he retired in 1982 and remained in Fairfield.

Campanale is survived by his wife of 56 years, Camille; daughter and son-in-law Nancy and Nico Grilloni of Udine, Italy; daughter Carol Campanale of Fairfield; daughter Lynne Campanale of Sacramento; son Dr. Ralph Campanale II of Sun Valley, Idaho; daughter and son-in-law Marie and Jim Nason of Silverdale, Wash.; daughter and son-in-law Anne and Dean Bourdens of San Jose; daughter and son-in-law Camille and Richard Cable of Sacramento; and six grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 2700 Dover Avenue in Fairfield.

— Tailwind staff

# BEYOND TRAVIS

NEWS FROM OUTSIDE THE TRAVIS GATES

## Ready, aim, fire ...



Tech. Sgt. Steve Faulisi / AFPN

Staff Sgt. Cary Gibson (top) explains aiming procedures for the .50-caliber sniper rifle to 1st Lt. Hong Kim during an explosive ordnance disposal demonstration held at a deployed location in Southwest Asia on Nov. 27. Both airmen are from the 320th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron. Gibson is assigned to the squadron's explosive ordnance disposal branch, which uses sniper rifles to explode ordnance without getting close to it.

## Bush signs 2003 Authorization Act

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2, 2002 — President Bush used the occasion of signing the 2003 National Defense Authorization Act to chart the course of the war on terror and to tell a Pentagon crowd that Iraq's responses to date "are not encouraging."

Bush thanked military and civilian personnel at the Pentagon for their service. He said the U.S. military is performing its missions with skill and speed.

Bush said the legislation gives military members higher pay, improved facilities and better housing. The act authorizes purchase of state-of-the-art weapons and equipment while ensuring funds for operations and maintenance.

"The legislation that I sign this afternoon was passed by Congress in a remarkable spirit of unity," Bush said. "It sets priorities in our Defense Department in a critical, critical period for our country."

He said military and civilian members of the department

have two difficult tasks: fighting and winning a war and transforming the U.S. military to win the "new kind of war." He said the United States is facing unprecedented challenges and the military is responding with "unmatched technology, careful planning and the finest traditions of valor."

He stated that the war on terror has illustrated the future face of warfare. U.S. forces are now, and must become, more agile, mobile and lethal. U.S. weapons are "smarter" and tactics are more inventive. He said these priorities are reflected in this year's budget.

"You will see them reflected in every military budget I submit and sign as your president," Bush said. "Now and in the future, we will maintain a military that is second to none."

He said U.S. troops in Afghanistan remain engaged in a difficult mission. "We're hunting down trained killers — and that's all they are, nothing but a bunch of cold-blooded killers," Bush said. "Thanks to the United States military, the terrorist camps are closed, many terror-

ists have met their fates in the caves and mountains of Afghanistan and others are now in custody."

Yet many terrorists remain at large and are plotting in more than 60 countries around the world, the president said. The United States will continue to track these people and hunt them down.

"They think they can run. They can't run far enough from the long arm of justice of the United States," the president said. He said the same thinking leads the United States to oppose Iraq, "a uniquely dangerous regime that possesses the weapons of mass murder, has used those weapons and could supply those weapons to terrorists."

He said United Nations inspectors are not in Iraq "to play hide-and-seek with Saddam Hussein." He noted that inspectors do not have the manpower or the duty to uncover weapons hidden somewhere in a vast country.

"The responsibility of inspectors is simply to confirm the evidence of voluntary and total disarmament," Bush said.

# Former SECAF McLucas passes away at age 82

By Tech. Sgt. Scott Elliott  
Air Force Print News

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Dr. John L. McLucas, the first post-Vietnam-era secretary of the Air Force, died here Sunday after a lengthy illness. He was 82.

McLucas served as the Air Force's senior leader July 19, 1973, to Nov. 12, 1975. He is survived by his wife, Harriet, and four children. A memorial ceremony is tentatively set for Dec. 22, and his family plans to inter his remains at Arlington National Cemetery.

Current Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche said McLucas played a critical role in the development of the Air Force to a world-class air and space force.

"He did so at a time when our country was just emerging from the turbulence of the Vietnam era," Roche said. "His visionary leadership made the Air Force we each serve in today better able to



Courtesy photo

*Dr. John L. McLucas was the first post-Vietnam-era secretary of the Air Force, serving from July 19, 1973 to Nov. 12, 1975.*

meet the challenges we face as we continue to secure the peace and freedom for our fellow citizens."

Among the projects McLucas championed as secretary was the procurement and modernization of several

weapon systems, including the F-15 Eagle, the F-16 Fighting Falcon, the F-5E Talon, the A-10 Thunderbolt II and the E-3A Sentry.

"He was kind of an elder-statesman in technology and space issues," said Larry Benson, who was working with McLucas on his autobiography.

McLucas' other senior defense positions included: director of defense research and engineering; chairman of the Air Force's Scientific Advisory Board ad hoc panel on infiltration interdiction; chairman of the Defense Science Board study on tactical aircraft; chairman of the Defense Science Board Task Force on Management of Military Research and Development; undersecretary of the Air Force; and director of the National Reconnaissance Office.

After stepping down from secretarial duties, McLucas was sworn in as the eighth

**"He was kind of an elder-statesman in technology and space issues."**

administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

McLucas was born in Fayetteville, N.C., in August 1920. He earned a bachelor's degree in physics from Davidson College in 1941 and a master's degree in physics from Tulane University in 1943. Following a two-year stint as a Naval radar and operations officer in the Pacific, McLucas earned a doctorate in physics with a minor in electrical engineering from Pennsylvania State University.

McLucas was the author of several scientific articles and held 10 U.S. patents.

## Southern Watch aircrews drop leaflets in Iraq

MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AFP) — Operation Southern Watch aircrews dropped 240,000 leaflets over communication facilities in Iraq Monday. The drops occurred approximately 100 to 150 miles southeast of Baghdad. These sites were damaged or destroyed by coalition strikes on Sunday.

Three separate leaflets were combined for this drop. Two leaflets urged the Iraqi military not to repair the communication equipment and facilities that aid in tracking and engaging coalition aircraft. A third leaflet states that coalition aircraft enforce the no-fly zones to protect the Iraqi people, and that threatening coalition aircraft may result in air strikes.

The fliers, written in Arabic, were dropped by four fiberglass "leaflet bombs" that contained a mixture of all three leaflets, with a total of 60,000 leaflets in each bomb. The bombs exploded over the target areas and the leaflets drifted to the ground.

# CENTCOM commander cites importance of deployed troops in fight against terrorism

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

SOUTHWEST ASIA — "What you do for your country every day purchases the next 200 years of American history."

Army Gen. Tommy R. Franks, U.S. Central Command commander, told hundreds of Operation Southern Watch troops this and more during a troop call here recently.

"About 14 months ago, some terrorists made a real bad mistake," said Franks of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. "They figured if they slapped us upside the head, we'd fold and just give our country up."

Franks said that the men and women of the U.S. military responded, and are continuing to send a message that America will never fold, but will always fight for its freedom.

"Nobody wearing a uniform for the U.S. has done as much or has worked as hard as you are," he said. "Your nation owes you a great deal. In our line of work, we never quit."

While Franks said there is no way to determine how long it will take to win our nation's war on terrorism, "we do know that at the end of this, we win."

"I don't want anyone to get anxious, to



Senior Airman Nicole Bickford / AFPN

*U.S. Central Command Commander Army Gen. Tommy R. Franks speaks to airmen, soldiers, sailors and Marines during a recent troop call. The general visited the base to thank the troops there for their efforts in conducting the global war on terrorism.*

get nervous or get in a hurry," said Franks. "You and I are here for as long as it takes."

"The one thing that we cannot do, is we cannot let anybody change the coun-

try our kids and grandkids will grow up in."

OSW troops will spend the holiday season thousands of miles away from their loved ones, but Franks reassured

all gathered that the job they are doing every day is vital in protecting those freedoms.

"We're coming up on the holiday season," he said. "A time we give thanks for our freedom in the United States of America, a country where we can be anything we are man enough or woman enough to be."

"This is the place, right here, where it all comes together," he said. "Our nation owes you a great deal."

The general said he realizes some days it is harder to remember why we are here but, "one of the common characteristics of all of us who wear this uniform, is that there is not a single one of us who was drafted."

He also reminded people they have the support of the president and of the majority of America.

"To the American people, you are all heroes," he said. "I've never seen support like this in my life, and I've been doing this for a long time."

"On behalf of everyone in your country, you are loved," he said. "So don't ever get too tired, don't ever get too worn out, don't ever get too [frustrated], to keep on going, for as long as it takes."

# Deployed U.S. servicemembers celebrate Thanksgiving in Afghanistan

By Capt. Tim Beninato  
28th Public Affairs Detachment

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AFP) — While millions of Americans gathered around tables Thanksgiving day for a traditional holiday feast, so too did the thousands of servicemembers supporting Operation Enduring Freedom at military bases across Afghanistan and Uzbekistan.

But instead of finding family and friends seated at the table, the servicemembers here found themselves surrounded by fellow soldiers, airmen, sailors and Marines, sharing their traditional meal with their brothers and sisters in arms from foreign nations.

While grandma's 50 years of cooking experience made preparing a feast for 10 to 15 family members a small undertaking, feeding more than 14,000 coalition servicemembers was a monumental task.

Traditional Thanksgiving meals include turkey, ham, potatoes, stuffing, various vegetable dishes and plenty of scrumptious desserts, and for the troops here, this year's Thanksgiving feast was



Army Spc. Alfredo Jimenez Jr. / AFP

*Despite being away from home for Thanksgiving, the troops at forward deployed locations, such as Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, were able to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal.*

no different.

Over the days leading up to Thanksgiving, military and civilian cooks worked tirelessly to prepare thousands

8,491 pounds of turkey. In addition, troops found hundreds of bushels of fresh fruits displayed across tables next to varying types of hot and tasty bread and rolls.

After washing down a satisfying meal with a warm cup of coffee, troops found selecting their dessert a difficult task. If they couldn't settle on just one piece of pumpkin, pecan, sweet potato, cherry or apple pie, or a slice of cheese cake, they surely went back for a seconds.

History has taught us the importance of food and its effects on the morale of a nation's fighting forces. French Gen. Napoleon Bonaparte knew this to be true when he uttered those memorable words that "an army marches on its stomach." And celebrated Texan and American patriot, William Cowper Brann said "No man can be a patriot on an empty stomach."

This year as family and friends enjoyed their holiday meal and gave thanks for their many blessings, they were also thankful that America's fighting forces supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan were enjoying a Thanksgiving feast of their own.

of tons of food to feed America's fighting forces. Cooks prepared more than 14,663 pounds of beef, 13,400 pounds of ham, 5,168 pounds of shrimp, and more than

## Eye in the sky



Staff Sgt. Jerry Morrison / AFPN

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM (AFPN) — A coalition forces E-3 Airborne Warning and Control System aircraft flies a mission over Afghanistan recently in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

## Al Qaeda, Taliban sympathizers harass U.S. forces in Afghanistan

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Al Qaeda and Taliban sympathizers launched two hit-and-run attacks on U.S. forces in Afghanistan Monday, DoD officials said today.

There have been no U.S. casualties, the officials said.

In one incident, a U.S. Special Forces detachment based in Jalalabad received automatic weapons fire from about 10 enemy personnel. The U.S. soldiers returned fire. The enemy broke contact in a fighting retreat into the surrounding hills.

Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt IIs responded to a call for air support by dropping flares on the suspect area. U.S. officials in Afghanistan reported the action is still going on.

In another incident, U.S. Special Forces soldiers saw five

unidentified persons moving near the perimeter of the Lwara firebase. A U.S. quick reaction force responded and found five rockets. Assisted by helicopter air support, the force chased the enemy into a building, cleared two compounds in the area and detained a person for questioning.

U.S. officials stressed that these and many other similar incidents in recent days illustrate the dangers U.S. and coalition forces in Afghanistan still face.

President Bush said Monday during the Pentagon signing ceremony for the 2003 National Defense Authorization Act that U.S. troops are hunting down "a bunch of cold-blooded killers." He said U.S. and coalition forces are uncovering arms caches and continuing to improve stability in Afghanistan.

Knowledge is power!

*Read a book at the base library.*

# Base recycling experts help Travis residents, empl

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Diamond  
60th AMW Public Affairs Office

The Travis Environmental Office doesn't want to force base residents and employees to recycle. They would rather educate people on the positive impact of recycling and let residents and employees make environmentally correct decisions on their own. But, if education doesn't work, they have a backup plan.

For instance, since February — when base housing residents were given a single recycling tote in place of the two orange recycling crates — Travis residents have produced about seven more tons in recyclable products per month. That's about 14,000 additional pounds of aluminum, plastic and paper that won't litter local landfills.

Base Recycling experts hope to achieve similar results within other areas of the base recycling program, including the base industrial areas (working facilities).

According to Travis Recycling Program Manager Dolores Tiburcio, on-base recycling is a continuous educational process.

### Sporadic effort

Tiburcio, who has worked the Travis recycling program for the past six years, said while recycling in the base residential areas continues to improve, recycling in the base industrial areas is sporadic at best. She attributes this erratic behavior to the military person's penchant for PCSing.

"Once you teach someone the importance of recycling — what they can recycle, how they can recycle and where they can recycle — they PCS and the cycle begins again with the next person."

To combat this PCS predicament, base recycling experts will be developing computer-based recycling training programs that will be administered to all Travis personnel. They also plan to assign recycling monitors to each unit, and augment the unit monitors with staff assistance visits to ensure every one is complying with Air Mobility

Command and Department of Defense recycling directives.

But CBTs, staff assistance visits and unit monitors are only half of the equation. Tiburcio said making recycling easy, or convenient, is another hurdle. But it's a hurdle base officials think they can make.

"People are naturally resistant to change," Tiburcio said. "It's human nature. You have to make it easy, because most folks won't go out of their way if a task is too difficult or too time consuming. Some folks are just getting a little complacent, and others just need to be reenergized."

"What we're telling these folks is that sometimes change is a good thing. We're trying to provide the education and we're trying to make on-base recycling more convenient. The rest is up to them. Travis people are being given the personal responsibility to recycle. It's good for the base, it's good for the community and it's good for their children and their children's children."

### Saving Mother Earth

When educating base residents and

employees, Tiburcio said she tries to emphasize two facets of recycling: cost savings and the importance of diverting material from our landfills.

"Almost 70 percent of America's landfills have been closed," explained Tiburcio. "We're running out of space." Through recycling, she said people can help slow down the damage that's being done to our environment.

Many people, including senior Defense leaders, realized this long ago. That's why recycling is mandatory on DOD installations.

According to Tiburcio, whether it's mandatory or not, Travis people should make recycling part of their everyday life. And thanks to base recycling experts and the Solano Garbage Company, recycling on base is a rather simple task.

Tiburcio said green recycling totes are placed in various Travis facilities and brown recycling bins are strategically placed throughout the base industrial areas.

Travis employees can use these containers to recycle everything from paper and aluminum cans, to cardboard, glass and plastic. Tiburcio explained that although some of the totes are currently marked as "newspaper," "white paper" and "mixed paper," recycled paper products no longer need to be separated. She said removing the requirement to separate paper products is one more change they've made to help make on-base recycling more convenient.

To request green totes for on-base facilities, call 424-1388.

### Color coordinated

The recycling process has also been simplified in base housing areas.

In the past, environmentally conscious housing residents were forced to separate their aluminum from their plastic, their newspaper from their cardboard, and so on and so forth. Now, all recyclable material can be placed into one handy container (Hint: it's the one with the blue lid).

Tiburcio added that the Solano Garbage Company offers many other programs to help base people dispose of their waste appropriately and safely. She said the Solano Garbage Company offers free hazardous waste disposal on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month (by appointment only).

To set up a hazardous waste disposal appointment, call Solano Garbage Company at 439-2817.

For more information or questions on the recycling program, contact the Travis recycling manager at 424-5127.

All Travis recycling programs are provided free of charge to all Travis residents and, Tiburcio said, while it does take a few extra seconds to separate your recyclables from your garbage, the benefits will be reaped for years to come.

## Do the Blue

In February, Travis family housing residents were provided three totes to replace a single garbage bin and two recycling crates. The new, color-coordinated totes allow base residents to place trash in one bin (the one with the gray lid), green waste and food waste in another (the one with the green lid), and recyclable material in a third (the one with the blue lid).



Garbage Tote

» Garbage only.



Green Waste Tote

» Acceptable green waste includes: yard trimmings, grass cuttings, leaves, flowers, weeds or small tree and brush trimmings.

» Acceptable food waste includes: grain product and baked goods, coffee grounds, meat, bones, fish, and other decomposable matter.

» **DO NOT** place plastic bags, dirt, rocks, wood, sand, pet waste or dead animals in the green tote.



Recycling Tote

» **Paper products** — newspaper, corrugated cardboard, envelopes, magazines, white or mixed office paper, computer paper, paper bags, grocery bags, cereal boxes, phone books.

» **Glass** — Beverage of food containers that are clear, brown or green.

» **Plastic** — Containers used for soda, milk, water, juice, detergent or bleach or shampoo bottles. Look for the PET or HDPE symbol on the bottom of the container.

» **Aluminum** — soda cans, aluminum foil or disposable pans.

» **DO NOT** place plastic grocery bags, diapers, window glass, pots and pans, packing paper or ceramic goods inside the blue recycle tote.

### Additional information:

Although garbage, green waste and recycling totes are picked up weekly in base housing, Solano Garbage Company officials said residents should not feel obligated to place put their carts on the curb if they are not full. Also, they said to ensure a clean and safe pickup, make sure the carts are not overflowing and that the lids are closed.

# oyees make informed decisions



Using old pallets (left) and green waste (right), the recycling center creates safe, useable compost.

## Recycling center grinds garbage into 'gold'

**By Tech. Sgt. Mark Diamond**  
60th AMW Public Affairs Office

Some folks are calling the Travis Recycling Center the "best kept secret" on Travis Air Force Base.

Each week, family housing residents, base beautification teams, squadron work details and contractors dig up, rake up and otherwise collect a large amount of green waste. Green waste includes everything from grass, weeds and flowers, to shrubs, small branches and leaves.

According to the base recycling experts, hundreds of yards of green waste is produced on base every month.

In years past, this green waste would fill base garbage bins to the brim and tack on additional charges to base sanitation fees. Not any more.

In housing, the green waste is placed into green-lidded carts, or totes, and placed on the curb. The carts are emptied by the Solano Garbage Company and the green waste is delivered to the base recycling center.

Once at the recycling center, the green waste begins a process that eventually yields hundreds of

yards of useable compost and landscaping material.

According to Theresa Travers, Solano Garbage Company employee and manager of the base recycling center, the pallets are ground up and mixed with the green waste. The resulting material is placed in large mounds where it can "cook." Travers said the cooking process destroys any harmful bacteria. As part of the cooking process, Solano Garbage Company employees occasionally water and rotate the mixture.

When the cooking process is complete, the mixture is lab-tested to ensure the absence of metals, harmful bacteria or other contaminants.

With positive lab results in hand, the mixture is sifted into several grades of compost and landscaping filler. Travers said the compost and landscaping material is available free of charge to all on-base residents.

According to Solano Garbage Company employee Harry Peavey, the compost has been used by various base activities, including the horse stables, a Fitness Center landscaping project, and at the Golf Course.

The recycling center, located on Dixon Avenue, is open Tuesday — Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Travis employees mandated to purchase environmentally-friendly products

**By Tech. Sgt. Mark Diamond**  
60th AMW Public Affairs

If you spend the government's money, be prepared to purchase products that comply with the Travis Affirmative Procurement Program.

According to the Travis APP manager, government employees are required by legislation, executive order and Air Force directives to purchase and use products that are better for the environment.

Dolores Tiburcio said the Affirmative Procurement Program directs government purchases to

the Comprehensive Procurement Guideline items. CPG items are products that the Environmental Protection Agency has identified as having specific levels of recovered materials. APP also requires government employees to consider the EPA's environmentally preferable products and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's bio-based products.

Tiburcio said one of the easiest ways to comply with the Travis APP is to order products online through the GSA Advantage program at [www.gsaadvantage.gov](http://www.gsaadvantage.gov).

Additionally, she said the Base Service Store carries an exten-

sive list of CPG items. These items are indicated by a bright green sticker.

According to Tiburcio, only under certain circumstances are government employees justified for not purchasing CPG designated items. These include: 1.) The item is not available competitively within a reasonable timeframe; 2.) The item does not meet appropriate performance standards; or 3.) The item is only available at an unreasonable price.

For a list of the CPG items, visit [www.epa.gov/cpg](http://www.epa.gov/cpg) or at <http://fss.gsa.gov/eniro>.



## Recycling, an easy way to turn trash into cash

**By Tech. Sgt. Mark Diamond**  
60th AMW Public Affairs

If saving Mother Earth isn't enough, the Travis Recycling Program manager hopes earning some extra money will entice base residents to recycle.

Dolores Tiburcio said instead of filling their blue-lidded recycling tote each week, Travis housing residents can take their aluminum cans, plastic and glass to the base recycling center and have it redeemed for cold, hard cash. She said military units can do the same, using the money to bolster their booster club accounts.

The recycling center — located on Dixon Avenue just around the corner from the Outdoor Recreation office — will pay base residents money for certain recyclables.

The center will accept any recyclable aluminum, glass or plastic. An easy way to tell if the item is redeemable is to look for the words "CA - CASH REFUND."

Although the prices fluctuate, the base recycling center is currently paying about 85 cents per pound for aluminum cans. Plastic pays a little less at 41 cents per pound, and glass will bring in about 5 cents per pound.

**The recycling center is open for business Tuesday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

## RECYCLING TIPS

▶ With their commander's permission, squadrons can appoint recycling monitors for each building they are responsible for.

▶ Place a recycling container close enough to your desk that you can easily reach it when discarding paper products.

▶ When desk-side or office recycling containers are full, empty them into the green, 100-gallon totes in your unit staging area. To request green totes, call Fred Brown at 424 - 2706.

▶ In addition to the green totes, brown recycling bins/Dumpsters are strategically placed throughout the base industrial area.

▶ Newspaper, white paper and mixed paper no longer need to be separated. Mix it together in the same bin.

▶ Solano Garbage Company is paid a "tipping fee" based on how many times base garbage containers are emptied. When people recycle, the garbage bins are emptied less often, which, in turn, saves Travis money.

▶ A recent EPA study showed the recycling in the average home takes less than 73 minutes per month.

# COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

### Announcements

#### New Year's parties

The Delta Breeze Club is hosting three separate parties for three different crowds; formal dining and the big band sound, lavish hors d'oeuvres and R&B or snacks and a DJ. For those who would rather bowl than dance, Travis Bowl holds a Colorama New Year's party with hors d'oeuvres and the chance to win money and prizes. Call the DBC at 437-3711 or Travis Bowl at 437-4737 to make reservations by Dec. 15.

#### Thrift Shop sale

The Travis Thrift Shop is having its monthly bag sale today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fill a paper bag full of "bargain alley" items for \$5. The Thrift Shop is located on the corner of Airman Drive and Hickam Avenue and is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 437-2370 for more information.

### Services

#### Today

▲ Traditions dining at the Delta Breeze Club offers gourmet dinners at buffet prices. Get a fine-dining experience without the huge price in the Redwood Room from 6 to 9 p.m. They also have a half-price children's menu.

▲ It's the last day to register for the Fitness Center's Extreme Powerlifting competition on Dec. 7. The fee is \$20. Call 424-2008 for details.

▲ There is a gift wrap fundraiser for the pediatric ward at David Grant Medical Center. Bring items to the Teen Zone from 4 to 6 p.m. today and all next week. Call 424-3131 for more information.

▲ Outdoor Recreation hosts a Snow Bash from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the DBC. There will be over \$200 in prizes given away, a live band and lots of ski and snowboard information. Call 424-5659 for more information.

#### Sunday

▲ The Fisher House wreath and craft sale is at noon. All proceeds benefit the Fisher House.

### Monday

▲ Monday Night Football is on the big screen TV at 5 p.m. in the DBC's Gold Rush Lounge. Drink specials, free snacks, prize drawings. The event is open to all ranks.

### Tuesday

▲ Winter Story Time for pre-schoolers is from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. at the Mitchell Memorial Library. A seasonal art project will follow the story reading. Call 424-3279 to volunteer as a story time reader for future events.

▲ Stop by the DBC for the club card drawing from 5 to 6 p.m. for free snacks, drink specials and a chance to win at least \$200.

### Wednesday

▲ Karaoke is from 8 p.m. to midnight in the DBC's Gold Rush Lounge. There is a \$3 cover. Members First get in free.

### Thursday

▲ The Youth Center's ballet recital features older dancers performing Jenny Doyle's interpretation of "Swan Lake" as well as a variety of dances by the younger students. The performance is free and will be held at the base theater from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

▲ The Sierra Inn is serving an airman appreciation meal from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

### Family Support

#### Monday

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

#### Tuesday

▲ Resume Writing Skills is from 8 a.m. to noon. Fundamentals include effective formats, cover letters and marketing plans. Individual resume review

## Breakfast with Santa



Airman 1st Class Daniel Jobe and Senior Airman Matt Reid help children make holiday cards during the Breakfast with Santa event held Saturday at the Fairfield Community Center. Four Travis personnel assigned to the 60th Equipment Maintenance Squadron volunteered at the event. Tech. Sgt. Mark Warinner and Senior Airman Kyle Stewart also volunteered. Stewart said about 250 parents and children from the local area attended the event.

sessions are available by appointment.

▲ The Uniformed Services Thrift Savings Plan briefing is from 1 to 2 p.m. Call 424-2486.

### Wednesday

▲ Employment Interviewing Skills I is at the FSC from 8 a.m. to noon. Learn interviewing techniques, how to answer difficult questions and more. Call 424-2486.

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

### Thursday

▲ The Professional Growth and Development class, for airmen E-3 and below, is from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the FSC. Call 424-2486.

▲ The Long Distance Job Search Workshop is from 8 to noon at the FSC. Call 424-2486.

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

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

### Family Advocacy

#### Dads' boot camp

The Boot Camp for Dads is a program in which veterans (new fathers) show rookies (fathers-to-be) the ropes of fatherhood. The program is for men only and is currently recruiting for new fathers-to-be. Classes are being held quarterly. The next three-hour workshop is scheduled for Thursday January 30, 2003. For more information, call 423-5168.

### Parenting class

The Parenting class is a six-week program geared toward parents of children 3 and older. Topics include peer pressure, corrective teaching, how to prevent problems before they occur, family meetings and how to stop problem behavior. Classes are held at the David Grant Medical Center. Call the Family Advocacy office to register at 423-5168.

### Anger management

Anger management is a five-week course in which participants learn to recognize their feelings and direct them in a constructive manner. This class is held on Mondays at the DGMC or Thursdays at the Health and Wellness Center. Seating is limited. Call the Family Advocacy office at 423-5168 to register.

### Couples class

Couples Communication class is for couples considering family counseling or those already involved in marital therapy. It's offered on Tuesdays or Fridays at David Grant Medical Center. Call 423-5168.

### Chapel Events

#### Prayer meeting

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

#### Languages of love

Has your mate ever said, "You don't Love me" or have you ever felt unloved by your spouse? Join a discussion on the five love languages Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. in Chapel One.

### 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.

# Holiday stress and divorced families

**Editor's note** — This article is the third of a four-article series on avoiding holiday stress and depression; Part of Operation Reduce the Holiday "Blues."

**By 1st Lt. Thomas J. Madden**  
LSSC Promotions

Holidays are a stressful time for most families. However, they may be more troubling for children in single parent and stepfamily homes.

Holiday traditions can cause children to remember times when mom and dad were together. And new family arrangements may require children to celebrate at several homes.

Here are some ways to help children in these families cope with the special stress of the season:

First, be aware of different types of families as you talk about holiday plans and make gifts and decorations. Encourage all children to share their plans and make items for all members of their families.

Second, continue to enforce rules and limits. During times of stress, children need a stable and predictable world. Although some children may misbehave more when under stress, discovering that the rules have not changed comforts them.

If children seem upset, encourage them to

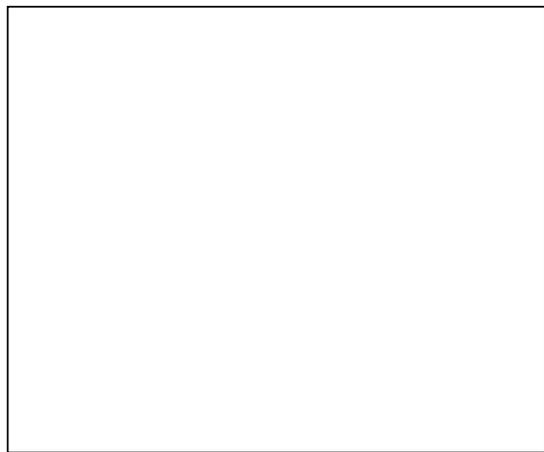
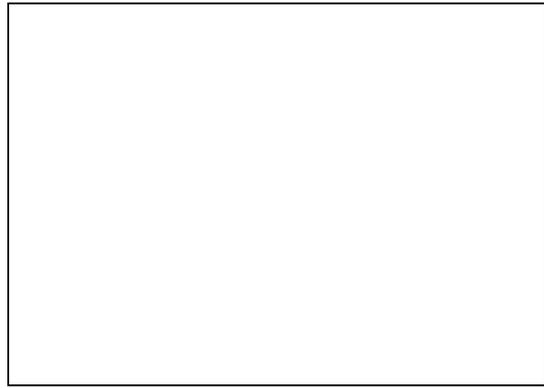
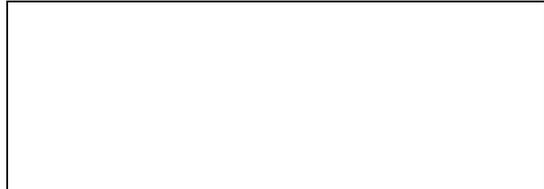
express their feelings. For example, if a child expected a big present from a distant parent and shows anger or sadness because he or she received nothing, let the child know you care. You can comfort a child by saying "that must have made you feel let down." Find out if the parent called or sent a card. If so, point out that these are also ways people show they care.

However, be careful in assuming that a family situation is the sole reason behind a child's behavior. Holidays create stress for all families. The behavior you observe may simply reflect the tendency of all families to do too much or have unrealistic goals during the holiday season. It takes most children some time after the holidays to unwind and get back into daily routines.

Finally, Be realistic about what you can or cannot do. Remember that there are many

aspects of your child's life over which you have little control. You may hear stories from children about conflicts between parents or competition for children's loyalty that you think are unhealthy for children. In most cases, there is not much you can do to change the parent's behavior.

However, you can work to create a stable, predictable and safe environment for the children you care for. This will help them cope with the holiday season or other type of stress.



## Travis employee wins Traveler Award

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

For the first time in the history of the Innkeeper evaluations, a Travis employee has been awarded the Air Force Innkeeper Traveler Award. This prestigious award is presented each year to the lodging employees who are the best examples of what Air Force Inn personnel should be.

This year the award was presented to Westwind Inn maintenance worker Christopher Diaz. He received the award during the 2002 Innkeeper Award ceremony in New York on Nov. 9.

"I was very surprised," said Diaz.

When the Westwind Inn was named Best Lodging Facility in Air Mobility Command, the evaluators also named Diaz as the AMC Traveler of the year. He and his wife were flown to New York for the annual convention and trade show of the American Hotel and Lodging Association.

Although Diaz was surprised by the recognition, his boss, Westwind Inn manager Tim Wible, was not.

"Chris sets the standard with his can-do attitude," said Wible. "He is a go-getter and a team player."

Diaz was recognized for his customer services skills and ability to keep things running smoothly at the Inn, but he also went above and beyond with some of his accomplishments this year. Diaz was a key player in developing a preventive maintenance program that



*Christopher Diaz, a Westwind Inn maintenance worker, tests a smoke detector in one of the Inn's rooms. Diaz was recently awarded the Air Force Innkeeper Traveler Award for 2002.*

included monthly safety checks and an inspection card in each guestroom.

To prepare for the Innkeeper evaluation, Diaz put in more than 250 hours of overtime to ensure all of the facilities met standards for the evaluation and for the long term.

Additionally, he was instrumental in completing both the underground irrigation system and the exterior lighting projects before the evaluation.

"Chris is always willing to help guests and co-workers," said Wible. "He is a natural leader among peers."

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# Wrapping up the Christmas spirit

## Travis teens buy toys for sick children

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

This holiday season the Keystone Club and youth from the Teen Zone are proving that it is better to give than to receive.

Through money earned at their Holiday gift wrapping fundraiser, the teens will buy toys and gifts for the patients in David Grant Medical Center's pediatric unit.

"They wanted to give something to someone else, but didn't have the money to do it," said Teen Zone Director Larry Williams. "So they decided to start a little business."

The teens will be wrapping gifts for holiday shoppers after school from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday until Dec. 17. The Teen Zone is located in the Base Exchange Mini-mall, near the Post Office. All proceeds will be used to purchase gifts for the children at DGMC.

"This is the kind of thing that the Keystone Club does," explained Williams. "Through this activity they will learn about and gain experience in serving others, running a business, money management and leadership."

The Keystone Club is one of the programs brought to Travis

by the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Youth ages 14 to 18 focus on six areas: service to community, leadership development, education and career exploration, unity, free enterprise and social recreation.

"They try to make a difference in the community by dealing with teen issues and being a positive influence," said Williams.

Travis youth are invited to attend a Keystone Club meeting from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday to see if they are interested in participating.

For more information about the Keystone Club or the holiday gift wrapping, call the Teen Zone at 424-3131.

# Modern-day Santa

## SVS employee organizes Christmas toy drive for Fisher House children

**Story and photo by Linda Mann-Iames**  
60th Services Squadron

Retired Army Sergeant First Class Dave Hayes organizes a toy drive for the children at the Fisher House every Christmas.

"When I had a stroke about five years ago, I was at David Grant feeling sorry for myself. I went for a walk and ended up in Pediatrics. When I saw those kids, I stopped feeling sorry for myself," said Hayes.

The next Christmas, Hayes brought toys donated by his coworkers at Cencal Insurance Services to pediatrics for the ill children. Then he started bringing the toys to Fisher House for the children far away from home and friends.

"There are so many toys that some go to Fisher House, some go to the shot box at the hospital as rewards for kids who have to get a shot," said Hayes.

If there are still left over toys, he said they are donated to the children of needy airmen.

The Fisher House is a home-away-from-home for families of loved ones receiving care at David Grant Medical Center. Up to seven families a day stay at Fisher House at no charge to the family.

Each year Fisher House holds a Holiday Wreath/Craft sale to earn money for the home. They will sell donated wreaths, holiday decorations, crafts and gift items at noon on Sunday. All proceeds benefit Fisher House.



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# Club promotes Designated Drivers

By Linda C. Mann-Iames  
60th Services Squadron

The Delta Breeze Club has continually supported the designated driver program by supplying free sodas to designated drivers, but the club puts added emphasis on DUI prevention during the holidays.

"There is always an increase in drunk driving accidents nationwide over the holidays," said Charles Thomas, DBC assistant manager. "We want to make sure that our people are safe."

To emphasize its free drinks for designated drivers program, DBC bartenders will be giving out buttons during December for the DDs who say, "I'm Driving."

"We take care of our own," said club Manager Mark Larios. "When you are a club member, you are part of our family. We are here to help you stay out of trouble."

Although none of the recent on-base DUIs have been attributed to drinking at the DBC, the management wants to ensure people drink responsibly at the club so they don't endanger their career and safety of themselves or others.

The Designated Driver program at Travis encourages every active-duty military member to carry a card that lists the phone numbers to call in case they become inebriated. Friends, family

members and first sergeants phone numbers are included on each card.

Even with this program in place, there are times when every person on the list might be unavailable.

"We know that most people who come in here don't come in with the intention of getting drunk, but it happens. They buy one or two drinks, and then a friend buys a round ... the next thing you know they're drunk and they don't have a designated driver with them," Larios said.

With this in mind, the DBC duty managers will wear buttons that read, "Need a ride? Ask me." This will make the managers more visible and remind people there is an easy and safe alternative to getting behind the wheel after drinking. The duty managers are prepared to help the customer find a safe ride home.

Many of the functions at the DBC offer alcohol for their customers who are over 21, but the club always offers non-alcoholic drinks for the same or lower prices than the current drink specials.

"If we have a drink special, like \$1 drafts, we always make sure there are sodas available at the same price or less.

"We are not just a bar, but also an entertainment and event venue. We want to make sure everyone has a good time at our club, but that doesn't mean getting drunk and driving home," added Larios.

## Heart Link helps Travis spouses

By Dale Fogh  
Family Support Center



The new spouse orientation program, Heart Link, is slated to debut Dec. 17 at 8 a.m. in the Travis Family Support Center.

The Air Force Community Action Information Board has established Heart Link as the primary Air Force spouse orientation program.

The goals of the program are to strengthen military families and enhance mission readiness.

Heart Link will enable spouses to capitalize on the availability of resources. It is also designed to help increase spouses' awareness of the Air Force mission, customs, traditions, protocols, and give them knowledge on how to interact with base resources and services.

The program is a collaboration of the Travis support agen-

cies that comprise the Travis Integrated Delivery System, also known as TIDeS. Speakers from the Family Support Center, Family Advocacy, Military Personnel Flight, 60th Services Squadron, Chaplain

Office, Legal Office and Tricare will provide spouses up-to-date information from their areas of expertise and will be available to answer questions.

Heart Link is open to all spouses, with emphasis on those spouses with five years or less affiliation with the Air Force.

Family Support Center officials said that through the Heart Link program they hope to confirm to spouses and families their importance to the Travis community and mission.

To register for Heart Link, or for more information, call 424-2486.

# Safety officials urge caution at rail crossings

By 60th AMW Safety Office

On May 9, a civilian driver of a four-door sedan tried to maneuver around traffic that was backed-up at the train crossing at Vanden and Cannon. The driver's car dropped off the paved part of the road and became stuck on the tracks.

Seeing the approaching train, the driver wisely left his car and moved out of the way.

The train was unable to stop and it demolished the vehicle. The driver was unharmed.

Although this particular driver was not injured, others have not been so lucky.

During the summer of 2001, a Travis member lost his life while crossing the same train tracks.

The U.S. railroad system is made up more than 500 railroads running on more than 110,000 miles of track with about 280,000 highway-rail crossings.

At the Federal Railroad Administration, reducing rail-related accidents is their number one goal. As part of this endeavor, they are working to reduce highway-

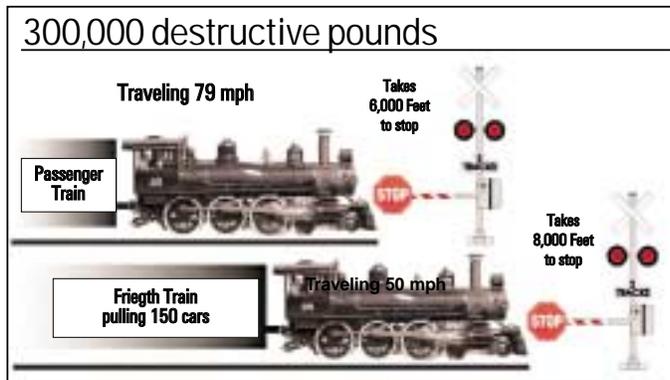
rail crossing and trespasser incidents. A difficult task considering that about every 115 minutes in America a train hits someone.

Combined, highway-rail crossing and trespasser deaths account for 90 percent of all rail-related deaths.

The 60th Air Mobility Wing Safety office wants Travis people to know that most of these accidents are avoidable. Safety officials said most crossing accidents occur simply because motorists chose to ignore warning signs, signals or safety gates.

It takes a train traveling at 50 mph about a mile and half to stop. Some accidents are a result of adults and children not understanding that a train can be on the track at any time, with less than a minute of warning. That is why the Federal Railroad Administration has launched a public information campaign to educate the American people that they should "Always Expect A Train."

The goal of the campaign is to change the public's behavior by increasing awareness of the dangers at high-rail crossings and of trespassing on railroad crossings.

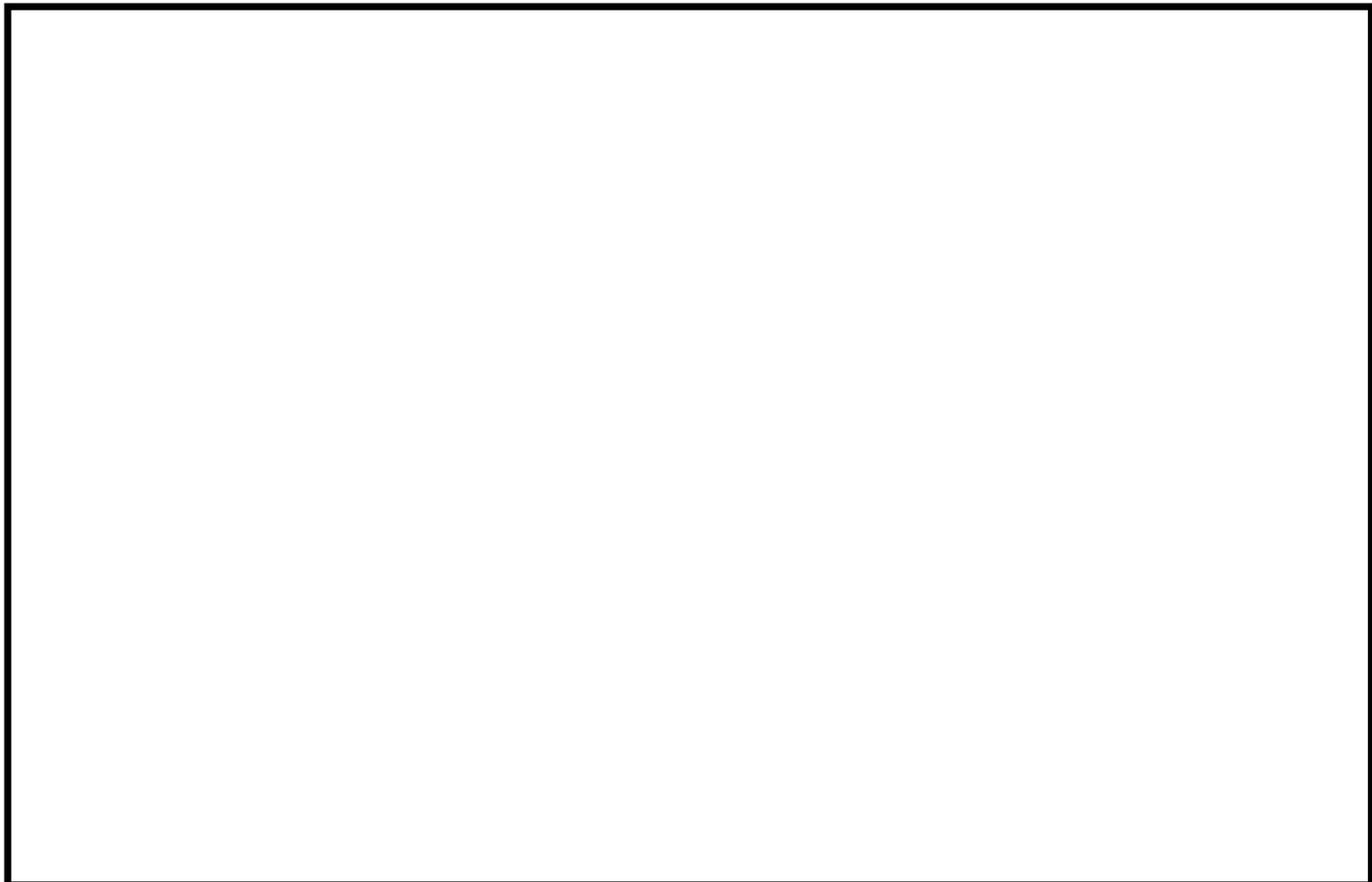


Wing Safety officials said education and consistent Operational Risk Management are the most important elements of the initiative to reduce any tragic and avoidable incidents. The Federal Railroad Administration is also combining with state and local governments, transportation and civic associations, schools and all possible partners to

alert the public that they should "Always Expect A Train."

Travis safety experts said, "When the gates are down, or when any other hazard alert devices are operating, do not ignore them."

The bottom line is, never traverse a railroad crossing without identifying and assessing the risks."





# TRAVIS EDUCATION

**TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE**

## Beware of scholarship scams

Not long ago, a military education center counselor contacted DANTES about a company trying to sell military member information on scholarships.

According to DANTES officials, there is no reason for any student or potential student to pay for such information. Officials said there is a wealth of free information about scholarships and financial aid online.

In addition, the resource library at the base Education Center has many scholarship reference books.

## Funded pilot program starting

Computer Technology Industry Association will team with DANTES to offer a funded pilot certification program for military personnel. DANTES purchased 475 vouchers so eligible active-duty or Reserve component personnel can test on the A+ and A+ OS exams.

Those with a minimum of six months experience in information technology may have the opportunity to take the A+ and A+ OS exams at no cost.

Examinees must successfully complete both exams to be awarded certification from CompTIA. A+ and A+ OS exams are administered only at Prometric or VUE national test centers and are available only in computer based testing format.

For more information, refer to the DANTES Certification Program Web site at [www.dantes.doded.mil](http://www.dantes.doded.mil) or e-mail [stephanie.beebe@travis.af.mil](mailto:stephanie.beebe@travis.af.mil).

## Aerospace Education Foundation

The Aerospace Education Foundation is offering scholarships to Air Force Spouses. Applications are being accepted from Nov. 1 to Jan. 31. Thirty \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in March. Applications can be picked up at the Base Education Center.

For more details, call the Education Center at 424-3444 or 424-3445.



## Solano spring registration

Priority registration for continuing students takes place through Dec. 15 by telephone and online. Open spring registration (phone and online) is Dec. 18 - 19 and Jan 6 - 15. In person registration is Jan. 6-15.

Military personnel must visit the Education Center first to get their TA before registering for classes.

For more information, call the Solano on-base office at 437-5671.

## CLEP/DANTES/PME testing

There will be no CLEP, DANTES or PME testing during the holidays, from Dec. 23 until after Jan. 1.

Call 424-3444 to schedule testing appointments.

## Financial aid workshop

It will soon be time to apply for financial aid for the 2003-2004 academic year.

The key to obtaining financial aid is to apply early. A free workshop teaching the ins and outs of the financial aid process will be held Jan. 8 at 10 a.m. in the Base Education Center.

All active-duty personnel, civilian employees and their families are encouraged to attend.



# Travis club patron wins with Football Frenzy contest

By Linda Mann-Iames  
60th Services Squadron

For an avid San Francisco 49er fan, nothing can beat watching them play in person ... unless it's an all-expense-paid trip to Dallas to witness the 49ers challenge the Cowboys. On Sunday, Retired Col. Hans Eriksen and his wife, Deirdre, will be in the stands cheering on their home team. The Eriksens currently reside in Sacramento.

Deirdre was the winner of the Air Forces' Football Frenzy drawing for tickets to the Dallas-San Francisco game.

"I was so surprised when Chief Thomas from the club called me," said Eriksen. "He asked me if I would like to go to Dallas. Of course, I said yes."

One football fan from all of Air Mobility Command is sent each year to an NFL game as part of the Air Forces' Football Frenzy promotion. This year, the winner is from Travis.

The drawing was conducted on Nov. 5 and Eriksen and eight other fans from throughout the world won airfare, hotel

## Still time to win Super Bowl tickets

accommodations, transportation and tickets to the Dallas-San Francisco.

"We will not only go to the game, but they are also taking us to Six Flags and other tourist sites in Dallas," said Eriksen.

All this, just from being a faithful Monday Night Football fan.

"We usually drive all the way to Travis to watch the game on Monday nights. It is really fun," she said. "All I did was fill out the entry form each week. I never thought I would win."

The Eriksen family has a tradition of holding their own football competition each week. Husband, wife and daughter each pick the winners of the Sunday and Monday NFL games and the person with the most correct, wins.

"But we don't win any prizes [at home]," Eriksen said.

The regular football season is drawing to a close and Monday Night Football will be over for another year. There is

still a chance for Travis fans to win tickets to the Pro Bowl in Hawaii as well as tickets to the 2003 and 2004 Super Bowl games. There is also a drawing for a trip to San Francisco to meet 49er's wide receiver Terrell Owens.

To enter to win these Air Force prizes, go to Monday Night Football at the Delta Breeze Club at 5 p.m. and fill out entry forms for both the Football Frenzy and Punch or Punt promotions.

In addition to Monday Night Football games, everyone at Travis has a chance to win prizes from the DBC at the club's Super Bowl parties. There will be an adult party in the Gold Rush Lounge for all ranks and a family party for those with children under 10. Prizes include football memorabilia and electronic equipment. Snacks will be served and drink specials will be available from 2 p.m. until the end of the game.

For more information, pick up rules and entry forms at the club.

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## 2003 Air Force Sports Calendar

EVENT	303'S DUE	AIR FORCE TRIAL AND TRAINING CAMPS		ARMED FORCES CHAMPIONSHIPS		NATIONAL/*CISM CHAMPIONSHIPS	
		DATE	LOCATION	DATE	LOCATION	DATE	LOCATION
BOXING	2 DEC 02	2 JAN-22 MAR	LACKLAND AFB, Texas	17-22 FEB	NB VENTURA COUNTY, CA	23-30 MAR	COLORADO SPRINGS
WRESTLING	17 JAN 02	3 MAR-6 MAY	MT HOME AFB, Idaho	10 - 14 APR	MT HOME AFB ID	7 - 10 MAY 13-23 SEP	LAS VEGAS NEVADA CATANIA, SICILY
CROSS COUNTRY FRANCE	30 DEC 02	NO TRIAL CAMP	NO TRIAL CAMP	13 - 17 FEB	HOUSTON, TEXAS	24-28 FEB	DORDOGNE,
BOWLING	20 JAN 03	5 - 13 MAR	LACKLAND AFB, Texas	14-22 MAR	LACKLAND AFB TX	DEC 03	RENO, Nev.
BASKETBALL (W)	3 FEB 03	18 MAR-6 APR	VANDENBERG AFB, Calif.	11 - 18 APR	NS EVERETT, WASHINGTON	23-27 APR	LAS VEGAS, NV
TAEKWONDO	15 MAR 03	1-6 MAY	FT INDIANTOWN GAP	7 - 13 MAY	FORT INDIANTOWN GAP PA	14-22 OCT	ZAGREB, CROATIA
VOLLEYBALL (M)	23 JUN 03	7 - 24 AUG	SCHRIEVER AFB, Colo.	25-31 AUG	SCHRIEVER AFB CO	13-23 SEP	CATANIA, SICILY
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TRACK & FIELD ALS (AIRNORTH)	25 APR 03	NO TRIAL CAMP	NO TRIAL CAMP	10 - 12 JUN	RAF UXBRIDGE, UK	4 JUN 13-23 SEP	USA T&F NATION- CATANIA, SICILY
ARMED FORCES MARATHON	1 MAY 03	NO TRIAL CAMP	NO TRIAL CAMP	23-29 OCT	WASHINGTON DC		
GOLF	14 AUG 03	28 SEP-3 OCT	OFFUTT AFB NE	4 - 11 OCT	NAS MILLINGTON, TN	12 - 18 OCT	NAS JACKSONVILLE
SOFTBALL (W)	9 JUN 03	18 AUG - 5 SEP	EGLIN AFB, Fla.	6 - 11 SEP	EGLIN ABD FL	18 - 21 SEP	TBD
SOFTBALL (M)	9 JUN 03	24 JUL-10 AUG	EGLIN AFB, Fla.	11 - 16 AUG	EGLIN AFB FL	21 - 24 AUG	JACKSON, MS
SOCCER (W)	6 MAR 03	22 APR-9 MAY	MAC DILL AFB, Fla.	10 - 18 MAY	FORT EUSTIS, VA	26 MAY-5 JUN	WARENDORF, GERMANY
SOCCER (M) SICILY	16 JUN 03	29 JUL-15 AUG	ROBINS AFB GA	16 - 24 AUG	MCS NEW RIVER, NC	30 NOV-6 DEC	13-23 SEP CATANIA,
BASKETBALL (M)	TBD	29 JUL-15 AUG	CHARLESTON AFB, SC	16 - 24 AUG	CAMP LEJEUNE NC	13-23 SEP	CATANIA, SICILY
RUGBY	29 AUG 03	14 - 19 OCT	NS EVERETT, Wash. (NAVY)	20-27 OCT	NS, EVERETT, WA (NAVY)	5-7 DEC	TAMPA, Fla.

# SPORTS SHORTS

## TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

### Relay race

The monthly Fitness Challenge Relay Race hosted by the 60th Medical Group will be Dec. 19 at 2:30 p.m. at the David Grant Medical Center. Each squadron team will run 10 laps around the hospital. Entries are due by Dec. 18 at 1:30 p.m. For more information contact Capt. Shannon Phares at 423-7417 or Senior Master Sgt. Eric Harmon 423-5463.

### Ski Season

As soon as snow falls in the Sierras, the Outdoor

Adventure Program will be taking skiers and snowboarders to the slopes every Wednesday and Saturday. To prepare for that event, Outdoor Rec has reduced waxing prices until Dec. 10. Get skis waxed for \$5, or tuned-up for \$15. Snowboards are \$9 for waxing, \$22 for tune-ups. Call 424-5240 for more information.

### Power lifting

Sign up for the Fitness Center's Saturday Extreme Power Lifting competition. Early bird registration is \$15.

After Dec. 2, registration is \$20. Compete in men's and women's light, middle and heavy weight categories in the bench press and dead lift events. There will be an optional squat event. All competitors will receive a T-shirt and trophies will be awarded for first, second and third place in each category. For more information, call Patty McMorro, Robin Jones or Earl Butts at 424-2008.

*If you have a sports announcement or an upcoming squadron sports event, contact the Tailwind at 424-2001.*

## Martial Arts Dojo Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Intro to Judo 12:00-1:30 pm HAWC/Niki	Piyo 8 a.m. - 7 a.m. Niki 12:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Niki	Capit 17 class 11-12:30 1st & 2nd Wed. Kakumbe 5-8:30 pm Claire	Piyo 8 a.m. - 7 a.m. Niki Voge 12:30 a.p. - 1:30 p.m. Dana	Piyo 8:45-9:30 Niki Kakumbe 5:30-6 pm Claire
Kung Fu San Soo 6:30-8 pm Beto	Wing Chun 6:30-8 pm James	Kung Fu San Soo 6:30-8 pm Beto	Wing Chun 6:30-8 pm James	

## Boxing Gym Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Kickboxing 5-7 p.m. Dan Stell		Kickboxing 5-7 p.m. Dan Stell	
Kickboxing 7-9 p.m. Dan Stell		Kickboxing 7-9 p.m. Dan Stell		

## Aerobics Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Core Cycling 6:30-8:30 a.m. Rita	Core Step 6:30-8:30 a.m. Rita	Core Cycling 6:30-8:30 a.m. Jan	Core Step 6:30-8:30 a.m. Rita		Cycling 6-9 a.m.
Cardio/Sport 8:30-10:30 a.m. Niki	Devoe Fitness 8-10 a.m. Rita	Yoga 8:30-10:30 a.m. Dana	Devoe Fitness 8-10 a.m. Rita	Piyo 8:30-9:30 a.m. Molly/Arb Dgc Niki	Total Fitness 9-10 a.m.
Core Step 11:30 am-12:30 p.m. Harvey	Core Cycling 11:30 am-12:30 p.m. Mark	Core Step 11:30 am-12:30 p.m. Harvey	Core Cycling 11:30 am-12:30 p.m. Mark	Core Step 11:30 am-12:30 p.m. Harvey	
		Intro to Cycling 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. HAWC/Niki			
	Squadron Cycle 3-4 p.m. 15th AF		Squadron Cycle 3-4 p.m. 15th AF		
Fit Fitness (12 & older) 4-5 pm Sita	Squadron Cycle 4-6 p.m. MDG	Fit Fitness (12 & older) 4-5 pm Sita	Squadron Cycle 4-6 p.m. MDG		
Core Step 5-6 p.m. Rita	Core Step 5-6 p.m. KathyHarvey	Core Step 5-6 p.m. Tanya	Core Cycling 5-6 p.m. Rita	Core Kickboxing 5-6 p.m. Tanya	
Boa n-Core Kickboxing 5-7 p.m. Aechal/Jan	Core Power Blast 5-7 p.m. Rally/Niki		Power Blast 6-7 p.m. Rita	Yoga 6-7 p.m. Tanya	
Cycling 7-8 p.m. Lori	Cycling 7-8 p.m. Rita	Cycling 7-8 p.m. Lori	Cycling 7-8 p.m. Jan		

**AEROBIC AND EXERCISE PROGRAM** Please check the current schedule for seasonal changes. Core classes are free to active duty military only. You must present your military ID to be allowed into the class. All other classes require a pass for both active duty and other authorized users. For details, call 424-2008.

## TRAVIS CINEMA

### Brown Sugar

(PG-13), Friday, 7 p.m.  
Starring: Taye Diggs, Sanaa Lathan  
Dre and Sidney can attribute their friendship to a single childhood moment. Now some 15 years later, as they lay down the racks toward their futures, hip-hop isn't the only thing that keeps them coming back to that moment on the corner. (Sexual content and language)

### Red Dragon

(R), Friday & Saturday, 9:30 p.m.  
Starring: Anthony Hopkins, Edward Norton

After capturing Dr. Hannibal Lecter, former FBI agent Will Graham is recruited by the agency to help track down a new killer who has slaughtered entire families. To do this, he has to work with the imprisoned Lecter, with whom he shares a unique relationship. The FBI comes to believe the killer is in contact with Lecter, and as Will works with his mentor, Agent Crawford, on the case, he finds himself the target of the press, namely a tabloid reporter. Meanwhile, Francis Dolarhyde, the killer, develops an odd relationship with a blind coworker which may help tame his violent ways — or stoke the fires even more. (Violence, grisly images, language, some nudity and sexuality)

### How the Grinch Stole Christmas

(PG), Free Saturday matinee, 3 p.m. Sunday, 7 p.m.  
Starring: Jim Carrey, Anthony Hopkins, Molly Shannon, Jeffrey Tambor, Verne Troyer

Live-action adaptation of the Christmas tale by Dr. Seuss. Director Ron Howard (Apollo 13, Splash), casts comedian Jim Carrey in the title role. Special effects and a fast-moving script add to the story of this freakish green monster living in a mountainside cave who dis-

guises himself as Santa Claus, and steals the Christmas goodies from every single home in Whoville. (Some crude humor)

### The Transporter

(PG-13), Saturday, 7 p.m.  
Starring: Jason Statham, Shu Qi  
Dangerous complications ensue when a former U.S. Special Forces soldier turned expatriate mercenary is hired to kidnap the feisty daughter of a lethal Chinese cook who's smuggling his fellow country men into France. (Violent sequences and some sensuality)

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