

“Mr. Range Safety” retires after three decades

BY TECH. SGT. LLOYD CONLEY

Editor, *Space & Missile Times*

■ “Mr. Range Safety” will soon retire after more than 30 years on the job here.

Leo Aragon, chief engineer and deputy chief of safety, assigned to the 30th Space Wing Range Safety will pass the reins to another as his time here draws to a close.

For the last 11 of his 30-plus years, Aragon has advised Vandenberg spacelift commanders on safety issues and helped resolve safety concerns regarding missile and rocket launches.

“He is a great person and good leader,” said Col. Alexander Carlisle, 30th SW chief of safety. “He always



STAFF SGT. JENNIFER WALLIS

Aragon reflects on the changes at Vandenberg since the 60s.

keeps a cool head in intense situations.”

Aragon’s three decades of experience and technical expertise will truly be missed, he added.

Aragon distinctly recalls two assignments he worked on as project engineer during his tenure at Vandenberg.

One project was a mobile range safety system. The project involved replacing a missile warhead with a range safety system. There was no other modification made to the missile, Aragon continued. Then the mobile range safety system allowed the missile to be tracked and, if necessary, destroyed from the ground.

The other project Aragon was deeply involved in, as the project engineer, was

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Aerospace Medicine, Dental squadron merge

BY MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ The 30th Medical Group hung out a new shingle when it activated a new squadron in a brief ceremony here at 2 p.m. June 23.

Col. Alan Newton, 30th MDG commander, presided over the redesignation of the 30th Aerospace Medicine Squadron as the 30th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron under the command of Lt. Col. Sven Berg.

“Although the name of our Aerospace Medicine Squadron changes today and the Dental Squadron is now one of its flights, our mission has not changed,” Newton said.

“I really see us as a force for implementing the Air Force medical service’s goal for population health,” Berg said. “All of us contribute to that.”

Teams of physicians, nurses and medical technicians will continue to provide efficient preventive medicine to Team Vandenberg, he said.

Their goal is to prevent the onset of disease or other problems that may affect a patient’s readiness for deployment or the day-to-day mission, he added.

“They will accomplish their goal with annual preventive health assessments. These assessments will identify problems and treat them early. It’s the

old ‘An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure,’” Berg said.

“We anticipate playing a key role in the mission that the Air Force is outlining for medicine in general,” Berg said.

He sees the move as an alignment of the many preventive medicine functions of the Medical Group under one squadron.

“Our bio-environmental engineers will identify hazards and public health will tell us what it means,” he said.

“Our flight doc’s intervene and on top of that our optometrists provide eyewear and gas mask inserts,” he said.

The Health and Wellness Center promotes healthy, active lifestyles and the dental flight will continue to keep our teeth and gums healthy, Berg stated.

Medical readiness manages the Medical Group’s deployment and response to contingencies or disasters, he said.

As far as the clinic’s patients are concerned, the change will be transparent. There are no changes to telephone numbers or care provider offices, Berg said.

“Our mission, as it always has been, is unwavering



AIRMAN CANDICE ANGIN

Col. Alan Newton (left), commander of the 30th Medical Group, passes the unit guidon to Lt. Col. Sven Berg, commander of the newly activated 30th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron, in a deactivation-reactivation ceremony June 23.

support of the people that accomplish Team Vandenberg’s mission,” Newton stated.

Col. William Raines, former commander of the 30th Dental Squadron retires today after 22 years of service.

Comment

CJCS sends Independence Day message

On July 4, 1776, the 13 American colonies declared their independence. The first patriots, with diverse backgrounds, representing different regions and interests, were united in their quest for freedom and their willingness to fight for liberty.

Despite the considerable risk of almost certain defeat at the hands of the greatest land and sea power of that age, they ultimately triumphed and a new, independent United States of America emerged.

At sea, on land, and in the air, whether during peace or war, the men and women of America's Armed Forces have continued to ensure the sacrifices of our forefathers and others who followed them were not made in vain.

The backgrounds of the individuals in today's Armed Forces are even more diverse than those of our predecessors — yet we all continue to unite



“Despite enormous danger, personal sacrifice, and lengthy separation from family and friends, it is your indomitable spirit and steadfast willingness to serve that define America and manifest its ideals, both at home and abroad.”

Gen. Henry Shelton,
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

behind the same ideals and values that guided this nation to independence over 200 years ago.

Today, on the first Independence Day of the 21st century, you — America's soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen — are America's new patriots, linked in spirit to the generations of fighting men and women of our nation's great history.

Around a troubled world, you deter our foes, protect our friends, and keep the peace.

Despite enormous danger, personal sacrifice, and lengthy separation from family and friends, it is your indomitable spirit and steadfast willingness to serve that define America and manifest its ideals, both at home and abroad. On this Independence Day, America honors you and all those who preceded you. On behalf of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, thank you for all you do in the defense of our great nation — on this — America's birthday.

Seat belts really save lives

BY DAVID SMITH
Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — One Saturday morning, about 7:30, my telephone rang. As I sit here, a few months after the event trying to put these words on the screen, I am still choked with emotion.

Chrissy, my baby, a 21-year-old junior at Clemson University, called to say she had bad news. Chrissy was on her way back to school after visiting friends in Virginia for spring break. She almost made it to North Carolina.

Driving west on U.S. Highway 58, she reached down to adjust her radio. When she did, she moved the steering wheel in the direction of her reach to the right. Normally this is a minor concern. When you are on a road with no shoulder and a ditch where the shoulder should be, things take on a different perspective.

She felt the right tire bump off the road and immediately tried to correct back to the left but there wasn't enough ground to make the correction. Her car went down into the ditch next to the

highway and did a full 360-degree roll, with a 180-degree spin.

Mary, her roommate, was driving immediately ahead of Chrissy and saw the event in her rearview mirror. Mary's first thought was, "Chrissy's dead!"

Mary immediately turned around and about 10 other people stopped to help. The driver-side door was crushed closed, so after releasing her seat belt Chrissy had to crawl across to the passenger side to get out.

Chrissy said everything on the car was broken. The wrecker driver said everything on the car was broken. The insurance adjuster said it was a total loss. Everything was broken and the accident was considered a total loss except for two very important things: the seat belt and my daughter.

I still have two daughters because the seatbelt was not broken, because it was properly fastened and because it did its job when it really counted.

Chrissy had an abrasion at the top of her shoulder from the seat belt, a small cut from flying glass and some sore muscles. That was minor considering what could have been.



Col. Steve Lanning
Commander,
30th Space Wing

606-7850

Commander's Action Line

As the wing commander, my primary focus is on the mission and I believe that our mission success will be based on how well we care for our people on and off the job.

The Action Line is your direct link to me. It provides an avenue for you to voice your concerns, share constructive ideas or give your fellow base members a pat on the back. The Action Line is not a replacement for using the chain of command.

Callers are asked to leave their name and contact number in case more information is needed.

I want Vandenberg to continue to be the best Air Force base in the world. Working together, it will be.

Handy phone numbers

Poison Control.....800-777-6476	Space & Missile Times.....606-2040
Clinic Appointments.....606-4077	Launch Update Line.....606-1857
Healthwise lines.....888-252-3299	MPF Customer Service.....606-7756
TRICARE Services.....800-242-6788	Pest Control.....606-1936
Law Enforcement.....606-3300	Visitor's Control.....606-7662
Housing Maintenance.....734-5586	Chaplain.....606-5573

We have a lot to be thankful for — a lot of nice people in Virginia who stopped to help Chrissy, everybody who built that tough little car and, especially, the seat belt — without which this message would have been very different.

JULY 3 AIR FORCE FAMILY DAY

Gen. Michael Ryan, Air Force Chief of Staff, directed the observance of July 3 as a family day. The Air Force will go to minimum manning, duty schedule permitting.

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What does Fourth of July mean to me?

■ Fourth of July can have a powerful meaning for people. The *Space & Missile Times* asked what Fourth of July means to Team Vandenberg. Here are a few responses.

Lt. Col. Bradley Ashley
30th Communications Squadron

There is no greater feeling than proudly saluting our flag - the symbol of our nation, our freedom, and way of life.

Anonymous
392nd Training Squadron

July 4, isn't it just another day? Like June 6 is just another day. A day thousands of soldiers gave their lives to fight against the tyranny of Nazi Germany so we may live free from their prejudice. Like Dec. 7 is just another day. A day thousands of American servicemen died in a surprise attack that vaulted the United States into the Pacific theater in a war that preserved the world

as we know it.

Isn't the flag just another piece of cloth? Bled and sweated for like any other symbol of the greatest nation in the world? Isn't the Constitution just another piece of paper? Detailing broad, sweeping rights and privileges, that few other countries can boast of.

So, is the Fourth of July just another day? Yes, it is. Another great day for the great people who live in a great land. One that lets me sit back and relax. One that lets me sleep well at night knowing that when I wake up, I will live free for just another day.

Barbara Schmaeling
381st Training Support Squadron

There is more to celebrating freedom than gathering with family and friends. It is because men and women cared less for their lives and more for the liberty of living in a country where all are considered free. For this reason, our

children now play freely along shores chasing crabs and dreaming dreams of what the future will bring.

Master Sgt. Nola Veazie
30th Medical Group

Not picnics, not fireworks but one simple thing:

The hope that one day, in the world, freedom will ring. America, like a beacon will shine in the sky for people, cultures and countries near and far reminding us all that independence comes from reaching for the stars.

Pete Dettelis
Hernandez Engineering Incorporated

A celebration of independence and freedom, affirming we will defend our inalienable rights of life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness.

Master Sgt. William Staples
30th Civil Engineer Squadron

A celebration and promise of our continued commitment to providing funda-

mental freedoms to all humanity against tyranny and oppression.

Sal Barrera
Phoenix Management Incorporated

A time to celebrate the many freedoms that we cherish so much, and at times take for granted. To reflect and pay our respects to those who have fallen along the long road in order to achieve them.

Tech. Sgt. Ron Veazie
30th Communications Squadron

Many people died in battle pursuing the dream of freedom, a dream that we now realize. Don't take it for granted because it is truly a blessing.

Nonie Valentine
Det. 1, 22nd Space Operations Squadron

The Fourth of July marks a date of independence, freedom and the assurance this country is mine and yours.

Capt. Ronald Stephens
2nd Space Launch Squadron

Independence Day means I have the freedom to pursue and make the most of my God-given talents.

Wendy DeSilva
30th Logistics Group

It's time for the one event that defines Americans, regardless of race or ethnic background: the barbecue.

Jerry Reyes
30th Space Wing Small Business Office

It is a time to reflect when this nation, in one great voice, declared its independence; this declaration continues to echo.

Staff Sgt. Mark Mackley
30th Communications Squadron

Fourth of July is celebration of the fruit fashioned by the ideals of independence and liberty.

Election day approaches Nov. 7

Base counselors ready to assist absentee voters in general elections

BY 1ST LT. WILLIE RUDD
30th Services Squadron

■ Election Day is less than five months away. That may seem like a long time, but voting officials recommend absentee voters request ballots 45 days in advance, even further in advance if they haven't registered to vote in their home district.

Vandenberg has an installation voting program to help. The program is set up with unit voting counselors from each unit ready to educate military members, civilians, and

dependents about the voting process. They can also answer questions about voting and help people register to vote. Each counselor has a Voting Assistance Guide ready to help individuals register to vote absentee.

Registering to vote is simple. UVCs have the Federal Post Card Application, for people to fill out and mail it in. Each state requires specific information, most require at a minimum, name, birth date, year and county last voted in, voting residence, current address, and signature.

When the state receives the post card, they will send out an absentee ballot. Individuals fill out the absentee ballot, mail it in and that completes the process.

People can also contact the candidate's offices and request information on their views about

issues of interest to voters. With their response, people can see how the candidate's views compare to those of voters. Voters can then make a well-informed decision and choose the candidate who is right for them.

Everyone has the right to vote and every single vote counts. All military personnel are encouraged to vote in the 2000 presidential election. Make a difference Nov. 7.

One vote brought Texas into the Union and saved the selective service system.

For more information about certain candidates, call 1-800-438-VOTE (8683) or visit the Federal Voting Assistance program website at www.fvap.ncr.gov.

Call the base operator at 606-1110 for a list of all unit voting counselors along with their phone numbers.

HELPFUL VOTING LINKS

Online version of the Federal Post Card Application

The Federal Voting Assistance program website has made voting easier for those without immediate access to a voting assistance office. The only down side to using this version is individuals must pay their own postage. The printed, card-stock version can be sent postage-free.

You can access the web site at <http://www.fvap.ncr.gov/othertools/onlinefpca.htm>

How To Do It: Vote Absentee!

This page consists of an electronic version of the useful pamphlet "How To Do It — Vote Absentee." The pamphlet answers such questions as: Can I vote absentee? How do I apply for an absentee ballot? When is the best time to apply?

You can view the pamphlet at <http://www.fvap.ncr.gov/publications/howtoinfo>.

Members pay government travel card bill conveniently

AFSPC FINANCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

■ There is a little-known way travelers can pay off their Bank of America government travel card bills automatically.

The process is called split disbursement.

Essentially, when preparing a travel voucher for payment, travelers mark block one of DD Form 1351-2 and write in the amount they want deducted from their entitlements for payment to Bank of America. The base finance office, after calculating the amount owed to the traveler, then sends the split amount requested electronically to Bank of America and the remaining balance to the traveler's financial institution.

According to Tech. Sgt. Jeff Jewell, Air Force Space Command's government travel card program manager, "Bank of America generally gets this payment the same day the traveler's portion is deposited to their bank account."

"Split disbursement is convenient and safe," Jewell said. "The traveler doesn't have to worry about sending a check to the bank and, since the funds are sent electronically, the bank also gets its money fast. Plus, there's a record of the transaction, so there are no questions about the bank getting paid."

Besides being convenient, split disbursement can also prevent travel card debts.

"Travelers can simply use their Bank of America travel card receipts to determine how much to split, so they can avoid ever having a delinquent bill," Jewell said.

Additionally, travelers can call Bank of America customer service at 1-800-472-1424 (listed on back of travel card) and obtain the amount of their total charges.

For more information, call your base finance office at 606-4031.



AIRMAN JESSICA RAMOS

381st Training Group changes command

Maj. Gen. Andrew Pelak Jr. (left), 2nd Air Force commander, presides over the 381st Training Group change-of-command held June 19. Col. Kenneth Van Sickle receives the group colors from Pelak as Master Sgt. Steven Bartlett, unit first sergeant, looks on.

NEWS**BRIEFS****532ND TRS WELCOMES NEW COMMANDER**

The 532nd Training Squadron change-of-command ceremony is today at 10 a.m. in building 8250, air launch cruise missile training high bay. Lt. Col. Steven Wagner will relinquish command to Lt. Col. John Anderson. Call Capt. Timothy Lincoln at 606-2724 for more information.

PROTESTERS AT SANTA MARIA GATE

The Vandenberg Action Coalition has scheduled a non-violent demonstration Saturday at the main gate from noon to 4 p.m. The group is protesting the test of the National Missile Defense system scheduled for Friday.

The Main Gate will remain open. Casmalia Road from Utah Gate to the Main Gate will be closed. People entering Vandenberg through Utah Gate must use Firefighter Road. In addition, the Lompoc Gate will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

NOMINATIONS FOR CGO OF THE QUARTER DUE

Nominations are requested for the Company Grade Officer of the Quarter for the period of April 1 to June 30. Turn in packages by Thursday at the 30th Space Wing Public Affairs office in building 10577. Call Capt. Matthew Stevens at 606-5003 for more information.

AIRFIELD OPERATIONS BOARD HOLDS MEETING

A special meeting is scheduled for Airfield Operations Board members to initiate the Air Traffic System Evaluation Program Inspection July 11 at 8 a.m. in building 7000, room 200, 30th Operations Group conference room. Call Capt. Thomas Schmidt at 606-4129 for more information.

AFSA HOLDS MEETING

Air Force Sergeants Association is holding its next general membership meeting July 11 at 3:30 p.m. at the Pacific Coast Club. New members are welcome. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Troy Weigel at 606-0285, or Staff Sgt. Glenn Mcalister at 606-6621.

30TH MEDICAL GROUP CLOSURES FOR HOLIDAY

The 30th Medical Group will be closed Sunday through Tuesday. People in need of emergency care should call 911 or report directly to an emergency room. For acute healthcare needs call Healthwise at 1-888-252-3299.

COMMISSARY CLOSURES FOR HOLIDAY

The commissary and mini-comm will be closed Tuesday. The mini-comm will be open Monday 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

BASE FACILITIES HAVE HOLIDAY HOURS

The following facilities will operate with shortened hours for the holiday: Base Exchange and Burger King, Monday and Tuesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Service station, Tuesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The bays will be closed and there will be no propane sales; Shopette will be open Monday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Tuesday 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Food mall is open Monday 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Military clothing sales store is closed Saturday to Tuesday.

PHASE SEVEN HOUSING CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

The following roads will be closed until June 1, 2001, for phase seven construction of the new military family housing project:

Ocean View Boulevard from Juniper Street to Korina Street;
Dogwood Street between Ocean View Boulevard and extending to Arbor Street;
Elm Street from Fir Street to Ironwood Street;
Hemlock Street from Ocean View Boulevard to Elm Street.

For information or questions, call Robert Griswold at 606-2048.

HONOR GUARD NEEDS NEW MEMBERS

The Vandenberg Honor Guard is looking for top-notch individuals willing to go above and beyond the call of duty. People interested in joining should call Staff Sgt. Dalhia Shelton at 606-3654.

381ST TRSS WELCOMES NEW COMMANDER

The 381st Training Support Squadron change-of-command ceremony is scheduled for July 14 at 10 a.m. at the 381st Training Group flagpole. Lt. Col. Michael McNeely will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Edward Rios.

Fire season presents hazards

BY 2ND LT. CHRISTOPHER WATT
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■Vandenberg vegetation is drying up considerably, increasing the potential for wildfires like the one at the trailer park here two weeks ago.

Fire officials caution people to be aware of the dangers this fire season and to be careful with fireworks during this holiday weekend.

Use of fireworks are prohibited on Vandenberg at all times, said base fire chief, Tom Stevens. The policy is in accordance with 30th Space Wing fire protection Air Force Instruction 32-102, he added.

"Winds on Vandenberg are typically 5 to 10 miles an hour and will blow a fire quicker than anyone can catch it," said Mark Smith, Hot Shots crew superintendent. "Parents need to be aware of the dangers and watch their kids."

Smith added that fire awareness is down because there has been relatively few fires this year.

"Typically, by the Fourth of July we've had wildfires throughout the state and

people's awareness is up," said Smith. San Luis Obispo and Ventura counties are breaking fires every day. Santa Barbara County just hasn't had as many this year, said Smith.

Another reason for caution is liability. Families can be held liable for the damages caused by a wildfire that they may have accidentally started, said Smith.

The Christmas 1999 Ojai wildfire was started by children playing with firecrackers, according to Smith.

"Many children lack proper supervision and obtain fireworks without their parents knowing," said Tim Johnston, Vandenberg Fire Inspector. "It's important to educate your children on the dangers of using fireworks and to emphasize the pain they may cause to themselves, their parents or the community if they use fireworks without the proper supervision."

Additionally, Vandenberg fire officials want to remind operators of all-terrain vehicles to have spark arresters installed before riding off-road.

Keep food safe at barbecue

Hot food should be kept hot and cold food should be kept cold

BY TECH. SGT. PHILLIP DAVIS
30th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron

■With the warm weather comes backyard barbecues. They're fun, but can become unpleasant if people get sick because food wasn't stored properly.

Keeping cold items cold and hot items hot is important in food safety, especially at a barbecue or other summer activities. Cold food should be kept at 41 degrees Fahrenheit or less and hot foods at 140 F or higher. Protecting your family and friends from food-borne illness and food contamination begins long before you put meat on the grill.

Here are some safety tips:

- * Shop for meat and poultry last, just before you go to the checkout. Don't let raw meat or poultry juices drip on other foods. Put meat in separate plastic bags.

- * Take groceries home or to the picnic site immediately. If you will be traveling more than 30 minutes, pack raw meat and poultry in an ice chest. Be sure to pack beverages in one cooler and perishables in another. Separate, don't cross-contaminate.

- * Be sure all work surfaces and utensils are clean before preparing food. Don't use the

same cutting board or utensils for raw meat as for fresh or cooked foods. Any bacteria present in raw meat or juices can contaminate other foods.

- * Always marinate food in the refrigerator, not on the counter. If some of the marinade is to be used as a sauce on the cooked food, reserve a portion separately before adding the raw meat, poultry or seafood. Don't reuse marinade.

- * Cook foods thoroughly and check with a meat thermometer if you have one. Beef, lamb and veal steaks should be cooked to 145 F. Pork and ground beef to 155 F. Poultry should reach 165 F. If you don't have a meat thermometer, look for signs that the food is done. Cut into the food to check, don't guess, juices should run clear. Hamburgers should be medium well to well done and brown in the middle. Poultry should have no pink to it.

- * Serve food right away. It should not sit out more than an hour, and not more than 30 minutes in hot weather. Grilled food can be kept hot until it is served by moving it to one side of the grill away from the coals where it could overcook.

- * Home-prepared foods containing raw eggs, such as ice cream, mayonnaise and cookie dough, may carry a salmonella risk, but commercially prepared products do not. For homemade foods, consider substituting pasteurized eggs, which usually are sold refrigerated or frozen in cartons at the grocery store.

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in the development of an automatic abort system for the Titan II ballistic missile. The system worked very well, Aragon added.

Aragon said that one of his most memorable Vandenberg experiences was when he had the opportunity to be the missile flight control officer for a Minuteman II launch back in the 1970s.

It was a very nervous and exciting experience, said Aragon. "You're flying those things by the seat of your pants," he added.

"Those days they used to train you," he said. Now there is whole certification process to become a mission ready person. Luckily, everything went well, he added.

"I think the most significant change this base has experienced is the transition from Air Force Systems Command to Air Force Space Command," said

Aragon.

Before then, operations at Vandenberg involved acquisition and testing, Aragon continued. "That's what Vandenberg and the range were all about," he said.

"We used to be so deeply involved in the engineering aspects here at safety, but we've had to pull away from those functions because it's an Air Force Material Command responsibility now," he added.

Consequently, design and testing is done at AFMC, Aragon said.

"Once AFMC declares a system operational then the operational commands continues to fly the system," Aragon said.

That was the major transition at Vandenberg, said Aragon.

"A lot of changes have taken place since then," said Aragon. The changes are still happening, he concluded.

Aragon said only the operational, the day-to-day, functions remain at AFSPC.

Aragon said that in the time he has spent here at Vandenberg, he has not had any major obstacles to get to the position he is at now.

Actually, he views obstacles as challenges.

"I've always had the support of my senior leaders. They have always encouraged me. They trained and prepared me well for this particular job," he said. "This is what I wanted to do, I wanted to be the chief engineer," he continued.

Aragon said it has been a good career and a good job he has enjoyed doing, but now it is time for him to move on.

He and his wife are going to do some traveling for a while and then he will decide what he is going to do next.

Seven airmen selected for below-the-zone

Last week, the Space & Missile Times printed the names of the base board selectees for senior airman below-the-zone.

The following Airmen first Class are large unit selectees for below-the-zone promotions

30th Security Forces Squadron
Anthony Creazzo
Gilbert Deleon
Efrain Espinoza
Bryon Lee

576th Flight Test Squadron
Kristopher Neely

30th Civil Engineer Squadron
John Crook
Romeo Orio



ARRIAN AMANDA EDWARDS

APA BANQUET

Capt. Janice Hance, 2nd Space Launch Squadron Atlas launch controller, performs a cultural dance called "Love & Honesty." Hance is a member of the Hawaiian Dance Troupe who performed during the Asian Pacific Association Banquet held at the Pacific Coast Club June 23. More than 260 attendees watched the performance at the banquet.

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The 30th Services Squadron and Non-

commissioned Officer Association are hosting a **Fourth of July barbecue celebration** from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday on the lawn beside the Bowling Center. There will be free food and games for all ages. The Bowling Center will have free bowling and the Family Aquatic Center will have free swimming during the event. The Travis AFB "Galaxy" band will perform.

All base member are invited. For more information call Staff Sgt. Jessyca Castillo at 606-3832.

An **Old Fashioned Fourth of July celebration** will be held in Lompoc Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at Centennial Park on south "H" Street. All base members and their families are invited by the Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce. There will be a barbecue lunch, old-fashioned ice cream social, music, kids face painting and a parade. At 5 p.m. the Travis AFB "Galaxy" band will open the fireworks evening events in Huyck Stadium. The fireworks will be presented by Lompoc Parks and Recreation. Volunteers are needed to assist with set up and cleanup. For information, call the chamber office at 736-4567.

A **Playtime for tots** sponsored Family Advocacy and Mental Health office It is held every Tuesday at 10 a.m. The time is for parent participation support group for parents and their tots under the age of five. For information and location call

Chapel services

CATHOLIC

- ♦ Sunday Morning Mass 9:45 a.m., Chapel 1
- ♦ Saturday Evening Mass 5 p.m., Chapel 2
- ♦ Daily Mass 11:30 a.m., Chapel 2
- ♦ Confessions Saturday 4:15 to 4:45 p.m., Chapel 2

PROTESTANT

- ♦ Contemporary Worship Service 8:30 a.m., Chapel 2
 - ♦ Traditional Worship Service 11:15 a.m., Chapel 1
 - ♦ Inspirational Worship Service 11:30 a.m., Chapel 2
- For information call the Chapel Office at 606-5773.

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Beki Melone at 734-2668.

6 THU The **Vandenberg AFB Officer Christian Fellowship**

meets on Thursdays at 7 p.m. in Chapel one. People interested in fellowship and bible study with VAFB officers may attend. Call Col. Kenneth Van Sickle at 606-4315 or Chaplain William Toguchi at 606-5773 for details.

10 MON There will be a **Tri-Counties Blood Bank**

blood drive July 10 at the 30th Medical Group Auditorium from 8 a.m. to noon. For more information or to set an appointment, call Capt. Alfredo Olaes at 606-8475.

12 WED The **Santa Barbara County Fair** is scheduled

for July 12 to 16 at the Santa Barbara Fair Grounds in Santa Maria. This year the theme is "Race to the Fair." The following is a small list of events: The Miss Santa Barbara County Fair pageant will be held July 11. Kid's Day is scheduled for July 12. Senior's Day is July 13. Agriculture Day is July 14. Military and Law Enforcement Appreciation Day will be July 15. Fiesta Day is scheduled for July 16.

AUG 5 SAT A **Woomera reunion** is scheduled for Aug. 5 by the

alumni of Joint Defense Facility, Hurrungar and the Village of Woomera, South Australia. The reunion will be at Peterson AFB, Colo. For more information, call Paul Chester at (719) 567-9016.

The base library has a 24-hour **Dial-a-Story Program** where parents may call for a story telling service. Stories are changed every Monday and feature a wide variety of entertainment for children.

Call 606-4300 for the service.

The **Santa Barbara Chamber Orchestra** season begins Oct. 17 at the

Lobero Theater located at 33 East Canon Perdido Street in downtown Santa Barbara. All concerts take place on Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. Single tickets prices are \$35 and \$30 plus a \$2.50 Lobero Theater fee. The cost is \$210 or \$170 for a six concert package. For information or tickets call (805) 687-7820.



At the Movies

Tonight

Screwed

Starring Norm McDonald and Dave Chappelle.
(PG-13) 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

Gladiator

Starring Russell Crowe and Joaquin Phoenix
(R) 7:30 p.m.

Sunday

Gladiator

(R) 7:30 p.m.

July 7

Shanghai Noon

Starring Jackie Chan and Qwen Wilson
(PG-13) 7:30 p.m.

July 8

Shanghai Noon

(PG-13) 7:30 p.m.

July 9

Road Trip

Starring Breckin Meyer and D.J. Qualls
(R) 7:30 p.m.



STAFF SGT. JENNIFER WALLIS

Spike it

Anna Dunlop (center) of the Lady Hawks, returns the volleyball toward John Bailey of the National League All-stars, during action June 23 at the Fitness Center. Jessyca Castillo (left) and Bonnie Jameson (right) prepare for the return. The National League All-stars prevailed in straight sets 15-10 and 15-0.

SPORTS BRIEFS

YOUTH SOCCER SIGN-UPS START

Vandenberg Youth Soccer sign-ups are taking place now at the Youth Center Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. until July 28. Cost is \$35 for youth center members and \$40 for nonmembers. Youths age 5 to 13 as of Aug. 1 with base access may register. Some teams may be participating in the Orcutt United Soccer League. Volunteer coaches and referees are needed. Call the youth center at 606-2152 for more information.

FREEDOM RUN SCHEDULED JULY 5

The fitness center is having a 5K/10K Freedom Run on Wednesday at 11 a.m. There will be male, female, and clydesdale categories. Sign up at the Fitness Center. For more information call Staff Sgt. Jessyca Castillo at 606-3832.

ALL-STAR SOFTBALL SET FOR JULY 21

The all-star softball tournament is scheduled for July 21 on field #2.

- 6 p.m. - National league all-stars vs. American league all-stars
- 7 p.m. - Homerun hitting contest
- 8 p.m. - All-star winners vs. men's varsity softball team.

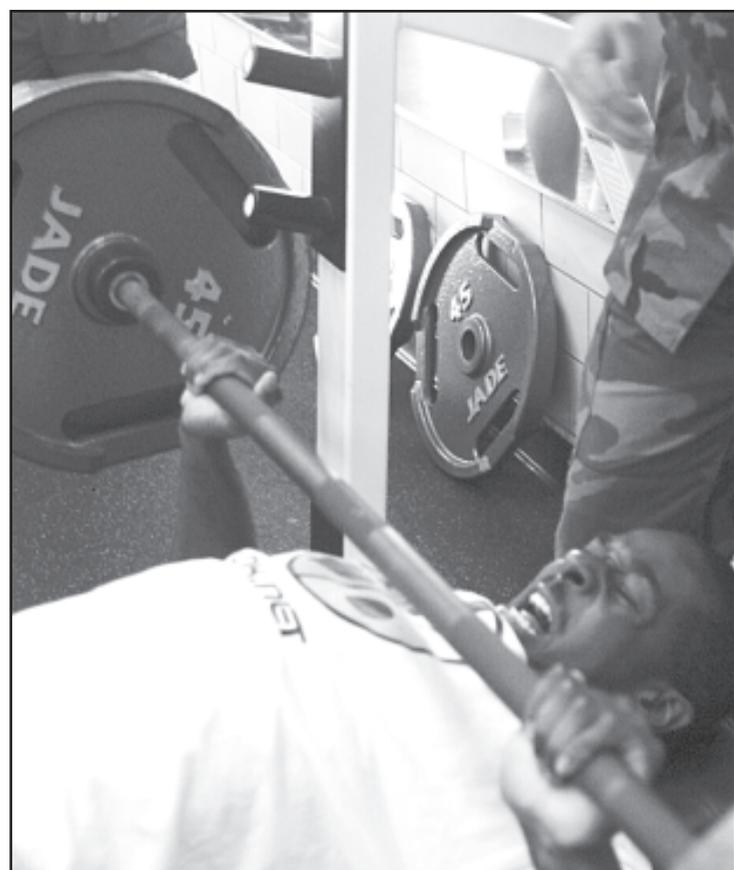
OKC HOST GOLF TOURNAMENT

Operation Kid's Christmas presents Christmas in July Golf Tournament July 14 at the Marshallia Ranch golf course. The four-person team scramble registration begins at 10:30 a.m. through noon with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Prizes will be given away for first, second and third, closest to the pin, longest drive, and straightest drive prizes to be determined. For more information call Capt. Timothy Spies at 606-5029.

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2000 INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL

National League			American League				
	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
30 th SFS	10	0	1.000	533 rd TRS	8	1	.888
576 th FLTS No.1	9	1	.900	NRO	8	1	.888
392 nd TRS	7	2	.777	30 th MSS	6	2	.750
2 nd SLS	6	3	.666	30 th CES No.2	6	3	.666
30 th CS	5	5	.500	614 th SOPS	6	3	.666
30 th CES No.1	3	6	.333	576 th FLTS No.2	4	5	.444
381 st TRG No.1	4	7	.364	381 st TRG No.2	3	6	.333
30 th CONS/LG	3	8	.273	Det. 9	2	7	.222
30 th TRANS	2	8	.200	30 th MDG	1	8	.111
576 th FLTS No.3	2	8	.200	576 th FLTS No.4	0	8	.000
As of Wednesday							



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS APRIL MUNIZ

Maxing out

Kadesh Gayle-Guardia, 30th Transportation Squadron general purpose vehicle maintenance journeyman, pumps out a repetition while working out at the Fitness Center. The Fitness Center's hours of operation are Monday to Friday 5 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and weekends 8 a.m to 6 p.m.

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VOLKSWALK SCHEDULED SATURDAY

The Central Coast Peregrine Pathfinders Volkssport Club is sponsoring a Volkswalk Saturday at 9 a.m. The walk will start at the Visitor Control Center and proceed onto the base and finish at the VCC. Children under 12 should be accompanied by an adult. Dogs are allowed, but owners must clean up after them. For more information call Bill Uttenweiler at 606-7722 or (805) 349-0134

SPORTS BRIEFS

WOMEN VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS NEEDED

The VAFB Lady Hawks varsity volleyball team is looking for players. Interested women who would like to play volleyball at an intermediate level, and are active duty, dependent or DOD civilians on base, should call 2nd Lt. Rich Otton at 606-6375 for more information.

VARSITY FLAG FOOTBALL TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the Vandenberg varsity flag football team will be held at 6:30 p.m. on the base football field behind the Base Exchange. For more information call Senior Airman Chris Hollis at 606-3181.