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PHARMACY CHANGES DROP-OFF HOURS MONDAY

Beginning Monday, the 30th Medical Group pharmacy will limit the hours patients can turn in all prescriptions written by off-base doctors. The new turn-in hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. During the drop-off hours, a pharmacist will be on duty to verify the prescribed dosages, potential side effects and drug interactions. For information, call the pharmacy at 606-7440.

VANDENBERG HOLDS POW/MIA CEREMONY

A POW/MIA Day ceremony will take place at 2 p.m. Sept. 21 at the base POW/MIA memorial located near the library. The ceremony will honor those listed as POW or MIA and their families. All base people are invited to attend. For information, call Master Sgts. Sam Warren at 606-5550 or Troy Weigel at 606-9044.

MOBILE HOME PARK RESIDENTS WILL BE PAID FOR MOVE

Effective Sunday, all VAFB mobile home park residents who move to an on-base address or the local area will be paid by the government for their moving expenses. Moves from the mobile home park will be considered a directed move. However, as in the past, the payment for movement of the mobile home must meet criteria established in the joint travel regulation. For more information about the regulation, call Tech. Sgt. Michael Dobbs at 606-0904. For information about housing, call Elaine Denton at 606-3434.

CONTRACTING CHANGES COMMAND SEPT. 25

Col. Mitch Slate, 30th Logistics Group commander, will officiate at a change-of-command ceremony Sept. 25 at 9 a.m. in the Pacific Coast Club ballroom. Lt. Col. Corby Clark will relinquish command of the 30th Contracting Squadron to Maj. Daniel Demott. A reception will follow the ceremony.

ALS CLASS 01-G HOLDS GRADUATION BANQUET

The graduation banquet for Airman Leadership School class 01-G is scheduled for Sept. 26 in the Pacific Coast Club. The social hour begins at 6 p.m. with dinner following at 7 p.m. Attire for the event is semi-formal or mess dress. For more information, call the ALS staff at 606-5595.

HOUSING STAFF CLEARS UP BIN PLACEMENT CONCERN

According to the Vandenberg housing staff, residents should not place containers out for pick-up before 6 p.m. the day before the scheduled pick-up. Containers should be placed curbside between the sidewalk and street with a clearance of two feet from any obstruction. Containers must be removed from the curb and put away by 6 p.m. the day of pick-up.

Bulk items must be placed curbside and not in the street. Items shouldn't be put out for pick-up prior to Saturday before the Monday pick-up. Pick-up dates remain unchanged. Direct questions to the housing facilities section at 606-3795.

PACIFIC COAST CLUB HOLDS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Pacific Coast Club is conducting a membership drive through mid-November. For more information, call Josie Cooper at 606-3330.

OSI INVESTIGATES RENTAL CAR

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SPACE & MISSILE TIMES CORRECTION

In last week's story titled "AFSPC taps 65 people for space, missile command jobs" on the front page, Maj. Eric Batway, 576th Flight Test Squadron was misidentified as Eric Barnes.

30th Weather Squadron's weekend forecast

Vandenberg will have low clouds in the morning and sunny afternoons. Fog will roll in early evening.



Low/High
50/67

Visit the 30th Weather Squadron's website at www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather/index.html to get a five-day forecast.

Minuteman III launches on hold



Members of the 576th Flight Test Squadron run through launch checklists Wednesday at the Integrated Launch Support Center.

By STAFF SGT. REBECCA BONILLA
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Higher headquarters officials postponed the launch of two unarmed Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missiles Wednesday due to ongoing worldwide events.

The launches, previously scheduled for today, have been postponed until further notice. The purpose of the launches, was to test the reliability and accuracy of the weapon system.

The first missile was to be launched by a task force from the 91st Space Wing, Minot AFB, N.D., led by Lt. Col. Harold Springs.

The second missile was to be launched by a crew operating the airborne launch control system aboard a U.S. Strategic Command airborne command post aircraft. The airborne crew originates from Offutt AFB, Neb.

Maintenance members from the 576th Flight Test Squadron and the 91st SW task force conducted maintenance activities for the launches.

"The 576th, the task force from Minot and the rest of Team Vandenberg have worked very hard to bring these two missiles to alert status to meet Air Force Space Command's (previously scheduled) launch date," said Lt. Col. Douglas Kelley, 576th FLTS commander.

In these types of tests the missiles' unarmed re-entry vehicles travel approximately 4,800 miles in about 30 minutes, hitting pre-determined targets at the Kwajalein Missile Range in the western chain of the Marshall Islands.

Vandenberg's next scheduled launch is a Taurus rocket, Sept. 21 at 11:49 a.m. from Space Launch Complex 576E.

Chief, Secretary call for support, prayers

In the aftermath of the cowardly attack on our homeland Tuesday, we are extremely proud of the service and contributions of America's Air Force men and women.

Our vigilance and response was quick and purposeful, potentially limiting the extent of this terrible tragedy.

For example, we proactively provided expeditionary medical support in direct support of the New York City attack. We delivered 1,600 units of blood and deployed 400 medics to McGuire AFB, N.J., now serving as the medical support hub. Additionally, more than 1,800 Air Force medics are on standby, ready to respond when required.

Air Force medical people here are providing on-scene care to the fire-fighting and rescue operations continuing at the Pentagon.

As we respond, watch and wait many of us are looking for ways to help. It is time for action. We implore you to visit your local Red Cross and on-base blood donor facilities and give blood.

Finally and most importantly, our ardent prayers go out on behalf of the hundreds of families of our fellow comrades in arms, public servants and citizens who have perished during this tragedy. May we, as members of the United States Air Force, take the opportunity to serve our Nation in any way.

America's Air Force is on your wing and ready.

Gen. John Jumper, AF chief of staff
James Roche, secretary of the AF



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. GARY COPPAGE

Firefighters and emergency teams battle smoke and fire at the Pentagon following a suspected terrorist attack when a commercial airliner crashed into the building at about 9:45 a.m. Tuesday. The building was evacuated, along with other federal buildings in the Capitol area, including the White House.

America stands strong after terrorist attack

By STAFF SGT. ANDREW LEONHARD
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

A portion of the Pentagon collapsed Tuesday after an airliner struck it as part of an apparent series of attacks aimed at the heart of the United States' centers of power and commerce.

At least 71 people were injured, some seriously, when the aircraft struck the Pentagon at about 9:40 a.m. EST. Between 100 and 150 people are still missing.

This attack against the Headquarters of the U.S. Department of Defense happened just minutes after two aircraft crashed into the twin towers of the World Trade Center.

Many Pentagon employees were watching the events unfold in downtown New York City when the Pentagon became an apparent target.

One Army lieutenant colonel who worked near the building segment hit by the plane said everyone in his office was gathered around the television watching coverage of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York City when the plane crashed into the Pentagon.

"We felt a thump and saw the flash," the colonel said. Then all the people in his section evacuated and met outside the building.

The FBI suspects the events in New York and Washington are part of an organized terror-

ist campaign.

President George W. Bush sent a warning to countries that turn a blind eye to terrorist activities within their borders.

"The search is under way for those who are behind these evil acts. I have directed the full resources of our intelligence and law enforcement communities to find those responsible and to bring them to justice," Bush said in a nationally televised address less than 12 hours after what is being called the worst act of terrorism in America's history. "We will make no distinction between those who committed these acts and those who harbor them.

"Our country is strong. A great people have been moved to defend a great nation," Bush said. "These acts shatter steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve."

The president said America was targeted for attack because "We are the brightest beacon for freedom and opportunity in the world." He went on to reassure the country that the U.S. military is strong and prepared by saying, "No one will keep that light from shining."

Despite the damage caused by the attack, the 3.7 million square foot headquarters reopened Wednesday. Approximately 23,000 people work at the Pentagon daily.

PENTAGON FAST FACTS

- Headquarters of the U.S. Department of Defense.
- Five-sided building, covering 34 acres.
- Built from 1941 to 43 at a cost of \$83 million.
- Three times the floor space of the Empire State Building in N.Y.

Atlas takes off



PHOTO BY THOM ROGERS

An Atlas IAS rocket launches Saturday at 8:25 a.m. from Space Launch Complex-3 carrying a National Reconnaissance Office payload. This was Vandenberg's fifth launch of the year and the first spacelift launch. January, a Titan II mission, scheduled to carry a Defense Meteorological Satellite Program satellite, was scrubbed. A Taurus rocket, carrying OrbView-4 and QuikTOMS satellites, is scheduled to launch Sept. 21 at 11:49 a.m. from Space Launch Complex 576E.

RECENT TERRORIST ATTACKS AGAINST AMERICANS

Oct. 22, 2000: A suicide bomber attacked the U.S.S. Cole in Yemen's Aden Harbor — 17 American sailors dead and 39 others wounded.

Aug. 7, 1998: Twin bombings at U.S. embassies in Nairobi, Kenya and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania killed 24 and wounded thousands.

June 1996: The Air Force lost 19 airmen when a terrorist bombed U.S.

barracks in Dharhan, Saudi Arabia. Another 500 were injured in the blast.

Nov. 13, 1995: A bomb at U.S. military headquarters in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia killed five U.S. service people.

April 19, 1995: A truck bomb at U.S. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Okla. kills 168 and wounds more than 1,000 others.



Col. Robert M. Worley II
Commander,
30th Space Wing

back. I appreciate your input, and I am personally involved in every response. While the Commander's Action Line is a great way to communicate, don't forget there are many other avenues to get answers to your questions including your chain of command, first sergeants, base services officials, and many other base professionals.

Thanks for helping to make Vandenberg such a great place to work and live.

When calling the action line, please leave your name and phone number.

Call the Commander's Action Line at 606-7850

EMERGENCY.....	911
Information.....	411
Poison control.....	800-876-4766
Clinic appointments.....	606-2273
After-hours urgent care.....	888-252-3299
TRICARE services.....	800-242-6788
Health Care Information Line.....	800-611-2883
Law enforcement.....	606-3911
Housing maintenance.....	734-5586
Child Development Center.....	606-1555

Commander's Action line

Mission success is our top priority, and the talented men and women of Team Vandenberg get it done with excellence. Key to the effectiveness of any great team is good communication. The 30th Space Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct communication link to me. It provides an avenue for you to voice your concerns, share constructive ideas, or give your Vandenberg teammates a pat on the

OKC tee-off



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1st CLASS JONATHAN POMEROY

Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30th Space Wing commander, tees off for the Operation Kid's Christmas golf tournament at the Marshallia Ranch Golf Course Sept. 7. OKC is one of the local unaffiliated organizations listed in the Combined Federal Campaign. The

reference number is 5409. OKC benefits 200 underprivileged children with Christmas presents, clothes and food. A hundred percent of the revenue goes to the children and their families. The party is at the Pacific Coast Club each December.

Key leadership traits can raise retention

By MASTER SGT. TIMOTHY KNIPP
 30th Medical Group first sergeant

When a discussion arises about leadership, a debate will almost always surface. The debate will not be about the importance of leadership, but about the certain philosophy or principles of leadership.

When the word leadership comes to mind, one may think of such people as Gen. George Patton or Coach Vince Lombardi. Let's use the latter to discuss how leadership philosophy can be tied into today's Air Force in leading our troops.

Lombardi was the coach of the famous Green Bay Packers in the 1960s. During his tenure, he had to make some tough calls and unpopular decisions. He had to call plays, cut players, and discipline players for breaking curfew. He had the final say. The players may have not agreed with his decisions, but his entire team supported and respected his final word.

When he called the famous Packer sweep, it was executed. The quarterback did not change the play nor did the other coaches challenge his authority. When a player missed a tackle, or fumbled the ball, he knew exactly what was going to happen; there were no surprises, doubts, or hidden agendas. The rules were established and enforced, the players knew that the problem was going to be properly addressed and corrected.

Lombardi's famous grass drill consisted of running in place, hitting the ground when he blew a whistle, then getting back up and running in place again. Why did the players continue to do it?

The reason was because the players believed in his leadership capabilities, goals, and, most importantly, they respected and trusted him.

They believed that he was taking them in the right direction to become champions. Why did they respect him? Some reasons are that he instilled pride, discipline, teamwork, dedication,

commitment, motivation, and had high standards. He expected nothing but the best from his players and his assistant coaches.

Some may question whether this leadership style would work in the military today. My personal opinion is that it most certainly would. As leaders, we must hold people accountable and responsible for their actions, even if we have to make those unpopular decisions, or discipline our subordinates to achieve the desired results.

It's important to let your subordinates know what your expectations are as a leader and what will happen if they are not met.

As supervisors, it's important to take an avid interest in your people and make the effort to get to know them and to find their God-given talents. Take care of them, and they will take care of you.

There will be times when our people will test us. They may not conform to standards, or they may become complacent on the job. This is the time to take action to correct behavior and to maintain good order and discipline.

It's also vital that we properly recognize those who excel in their job, live by our creed, and carry out our core values. We should spend our time and energy on these people, molding them to become our future leaders. We should mold them through example with key traits such as pride, respect, commitment, integrity, teamwork, and dedication to be the best. I feel as leaders, if we concentrate on this, our retention rates would significantly increase.

As the Packers took pride in wearing their colors, we in the armed services must take pride in everything we do. We are defending this great nation that we so proudly serve.

If a Packer dropped a pass, he was given another chance, but if we fail to do our duty for this great nation, people may lose their lives.

Thanks for serving your country and being part of this great team!

ORI note: Rank hath its privileges

■ RHIP refers specifically to those special courtesies which persons of junior rank or status extend to their "seniors."

When you extend a verbal courtesy like saying sir or a physical courtesy, such as a salute to a senior, you are not just acknowledging that person's service longevity or age; rather you're acknowledging a privilege the senior has earned and therefore has a right to expect from you.

It is an acknowledgment of authority; it is also an acknowledgment of respect which reflects positively on both you and that senior.

Rank of course has its obligations—not the least of which is to see that one's subordinates' rights are respected; and that they get the privileges they deserve.

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76th HF rescues injured hiker in Death Valley

MASTER SGT. LLOYD CONLEY
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ It was a routine night ops training mission Sept. 5 for the 76th Helicopter Flight's Blade 52. That is, until they received a search and rescue request for a missing hiker.

The crew of Blade 52 received the request from the Air Force Rescue Control Center, Langley AFB, Va. to respond to a call from the California Office of Emergency Services, said Capt. Derrick Stamos, Blade 52 pilot.

"The Inyo County Sheriff's Department needed our assistance in locating a solo hiker who was missing for two days," said Stamos.

The county officials had used aircraft and volunteers to search the area on foot earlier but weren't able to locate the hiker.

"The primary reason the 76th HF was tasked with such a difficult search and rescue mission was because we were the only ones in the area capable of night operations," said Stamos.

The last known location of the hiker was in a severe mountainous region near China Lake which is about 192 miles northeast of Vandenberg, said Stamos.

After coordinating the rescue mission with Inyo County officials, the U.S. Navy, Los Angeles Air Traffic Control Center and Edwards AFB, Joshua Approach, Blade 52 departed Vandenberg at about 10:30 p.m., Stamos said.

The crew stopped at China Lake Naval Air Weapons Center to refuel for the rescue mission, Stamos said. "We left the China Lake facility at about 1 a.m. and arrived at the Inyo county sheriff's base camp a half-hour later."

Stamos said that from the county sheriff's base camp the 76th crew flew into the canyons of Death Valley with steep mountains ranging from 1,500 to 9,000 feet on either side.

After a reconnaissance for power lines and other



FILE PHOTO

The 76th Helicopter Flight crew of Blade 52 used an aircraft like the UH-1N above, to

perform the difficult nighttime rescue of a hiker stranded in Death Valley Sept. 5. hazards to the aircraft, they flew into the canyons using night vision goggles. They flew at 500 feet above the ground, Stamos said, because it's almost impossible to find a person when flying at a higher altitude.

The 76th's ability to search at night proved to be pivotal, said Stamos.

Using their NVGs, they found him at 4,700 feet elevation in the Panamint Mountains after about 25 minutes of searching.

Maj. Christopher Ryan, 30th Medical Group flight

perform the difficult nighttime rescue of a hiker stranded in Death Valley Sept. 5.

surgeon, spotted the hiker first.

"He used a dim flashlight to signal us," said Capt. Eric Ecker, Blade 52 co-pilot. "The light was easy to see with our NVGs."

The hiker used his flashlight to signal S.O.S. in Morse code, said Stamos.

Once the hiker was located, the crew did a reconnaissance of the area to find a suitable landing site. Staff Sgt. Mario Kuhn, Blade 52 flight engineer, then marked the area with a chemical light stick. Kuhn made detailed power calculations to see if the craft

would be able to land or possibly hoist the survivor out.

Stamos said Kuhn needed to make calculations because of the high elevation they were at and the 92-degree temperature. Then Kuhn guided the pilots down onto the small landing zone on the canyon floor while avoiding surrounding obstacles.

The hiker, David McMullen, 43, of Inyo County, "...picked the chemical stick up and began waving it at us as we landed," said Stamos. "He was really happy to see us."

After landing, Ryan made contact with McMullen and diagnosed his condition as having a sprained ankle.

Stamos said it was unlikely that he could've hiked out of the steep 4,000-foot canyon under his own power. Given the condition of his ankle, it's likely he would still be there, Stamos said.

McMullen said he was getting ready to go to sleep when he heard the helicopter. At first he thought he was dreaming until he saw the lights of the aircraft and realized he wasn't and began to signal S.O.S. with his flashlight.

After Ryan stabilized the injured hiker, the 76th HF crew returned him to the base camp, released him to the Inyo County officials and returned to China Lake for refueling and crew rest before the return trip to Vandenberg.

This is the fourth rescue the 76th has completed this year. Ecker said the distance flown and the nighttime rescue added to the mission's complexity.

He added that the crew felt a great deal of accomplishment from rescuing McMullen in the 76th HF's longest range mission in the unit's history.

Stamos said, besides using Morse code to signal them, McMullen did a few other things to help with his rescue.

Before he left, he told his family when they should expect him back and he indicated his expected return date in the hiker's log at the park ranger station.

Team Vandenberg Spotlight



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1st CLASS JONATHAN POWERS

Name: Staff Sgt. Robert Harlow.
Assignment: 532nd Training Squadron NCOIC technical order library.
Home town: Plant City, Fla.
Time on Vandenberg: Nine months.
Time in the Air Force: 11 years.
Proudest achievement: Raising two of the greatest children in the world.

Supervisor's comment: "Staff Sgt. Harlow has done wonders striving for continuous improvement in the T. O. library. He is an enthusiastic NCO and is always looking for ways to make improvements. He is a qualified emergency medical technician who volunteers his time helping the local community," said Capt. Erika Kelley, 532nd TRS.

AF secretary, chief of staff recognize 54th Air Force birthday

BY JAMES ROCHE AND GEN. JOHN JUMPER

Secretary of the Air Force and Air Force chief of staff

■ WASHINGTON — Within two short years following victory in World War II, our nation's leaders confronted a dramatically new strategic and technological environment. The global alliance against fascism had yielded to the Cold War, and new weapons systems introduced in the previous conflict promised to fundamentally change the nature of warfare.

At the same time, our own defense budget and military manpower shrank considerably as our people turned from wartime military mobilization to peaceful domestic pursuits. Our armed forces, which were organized so successfully to defeat the Axis powers, were faced with a more complex set of roles and missions. In short, it was a time — much like today — that demanded innovation, vision, and transformation.

President Truman rose to that challenge when he signed the National Security Act of 1947, creating our contemporary defense establishment, including the United States Air Force.

Since that time, the men and women of America's Air Force have ceaselessly and selflessly mastered the challenges of a

changing world.

From the heroic airlift in Berlin to the awesome displays of global vigilance, reach and power in Desert Storm and Allied Force, and from peacekeeping missions in the Balkans to humanitarian operations in Africa, America's Air Force has enabled aerospace power to serve the cause of peace and freedom.

"In the past 54 years, our airmen have served with an extraordinary combination of integrity, selflessness and creativity across the spectrum of operations."

James Roche and Gen. John Jumper
secretary of the Air Force and Air Force chief of staff

In the past 54 years, our airmen have served with an extraordinary combination of integrity, selflessness, and creativity across the spectrum of operations. Whether standing on guard for deterrence in Europe or Asia, conducting joint combat operations, helping to make the expeditionary aerospace force succeed, or manning our logistics and support functions at home, no one comes close.

We pause on the eighteenth of September to remember the day our great Air Force began this journey. We pause to reflect on our mission and our purpose, and to extend our most sincere best wishes to our highly respected team of active duty airmen, Air National Guardsmen, Air Force employees, and Air Force reservists, retirees, veterans and their families.

Happy Birthday to the United States Air Force!
(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. RAUL NAVAS

Malcolm Grow Medical Center staff at Andrews AFB, Md., load ambulances with medical supplies and equipment Tuesday as they prepare to respond to the terrorist attack at the Pentagon.

Med teams join recovery effort

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Kinkade

Air Force Print News

■ SAN ANTONIO — Air Force medical teams from bases around the nation are gathering at McGuire AFB, N.J., to provide mass casualty medical assistance in the wake of the Tuesday terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

The teams are part of a national medical mobilization effort in support of the president's activation of the National Disaster Medical System to handle mass casualties in both cities after two jet airliners struck each of the World Trade Center's twin towers in New York and another jet crashed into the Pentagon in an apparent coordinated terrorist attack.

The medical support teams will be positioning vital medical equipment to ensure civilian hospitals that are receiving disaster victims are properly equipped. They will also offer relief to over-strained medical facilities by providing short-term surgical and primary care.

Psychologists, social workers and mental health technicians will be available to help patients and rescue workers deal with the psychological trauma associated

with these kind of disasters.

About 400 Air Force medical professionals are expected to stage out of McGuire. The base is lending another 250 medical professionals to the relief effort, base officials said Wednesday. The Federal Emergency Management Agency is directing the operation.

More than 100 combat medics from the 81st Medical Wing at Keesler AFB, Miss., flew out of Gulfport, Miss., aboard a C-17 Globemaster III and a C-9 Nightingale. The contingent included a general medical and surgical team, equipment for a field hospital, two mental health response teams and two critical air transport teams.

Two teams totaling roughly 110 people from Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland AFB, Texas, departed the base Wednesday on a C-5 Galaxy cargo aircraft. The teams, from the 59th Medical Wing, will handle critical care, minor surgery and other medical operations.

Lackland is preparing to send several hundred more medics to McGuire, and Keesler has medical professionals on standby, Air Education and Training Command officials said.

Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, deployed a 22-person trauma, surgical and critical care team Wednesday on a C-141 Starlifter cargo aircraft. The 445th Reserve Airlift Wing at Wright-Patterson also has aeromedical crews on standby.

Teams from the 1st Medical Group, Langley AFB, Va., and the 60th MDG, Travis AFB, Calif., are also gathering at McGuire.

Additionally, the Air Force is prepared to provide airlift, evacuation, civil engineering and communications and mortuary support as needed.

A six-man mortuary affairs team from Air Force Services Agency here deployed this morning to Dover AFB, Del. The team will be working at Dover's Port Mortuary, which will be receiving remains of people killed in yesterday's terrorist attack on the Pentagon. The Armed Forces Medical Examiner has determined that all remains recovered from the Pentagon will be sent to Dover. AFSVA manages the Air Force's worldwide mortuary affairs program.

(Master Sgt. Michael Briggs, Air Education and Training Command, and Sue Baker, Aeronautical Systems Center, contributed to this report.)

AF says 'no' to NASA's 'X' demos

■ WASHINGTON — The Air Force announced Sept. 7 it will not assume program management and funding responsibility for the NASA X-33 or continue funding beyond September 2002 for the NASA X-37 experimental demonstration programs.

In March, NASA allowed the X-33 cooperative agreement with the contractor to expire and deferred work on the X-37.

Both the X-33 and the X-37 are unmanned aerial vehicles. The X-33 was designed as a technology demonstrator and a possible next step toward a replacement for the aging space shuttle system.

The X-37 is a prototype of a reusable, flexible spacecraft that can be launched into space by another vehicle, maneuver using its own engine, and then re-enter the atmosphere and land. The Air Force, with the assistance of NASA and the National Reconnaissance Office, conducted a 60-day study

of the military utility of the X-33 and X-37 programs.

Both programs have made significant contributions toward understanding performance, cost and integration issues, and have provided valuable information on the dynamics of launching space vehicles.

However, the Air Force assessed these programs against desired military space plane performance requirements. Air Force officials determined neither of these programs provide a level of military utility needed to continue development and funding by the Air Force. Responsive spacelift is a critical capability to support future military operations in space.

The Air Force will continue to pursue the integration of space technology assets with NASA, working to define the future for reusable launch vehicles and develop a national approach for our vision of space operations, officials said. (Air Force Print News)



FILE ILLUSTRATIONS



The Air Force announced that it will not assume program management and funding for the X-33 (top) or X-37 (bottom) unmanned aerial vehicles.

Movin' on up



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JONATHAN POMEROY

2nd Lt. James Madis (left) and Mark Stoneman, both from the 381st Training Group, carry a trunk into their new apartment Sept. 7 in the East Housing quadplexes. The lieutenants were some of the first single active-duty people taking advantage of the unaccompanied housing units. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Hannah Garcia at 605-2048.

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COMPANY

The British Ministry of Defense Police and Air Force Office of Special Investigations are currently conducting an investigation into a company that rents vehicles to U.S. and other authorized personnel in and around the Royal Air Force Lakenheath, Alconbury and Mildenhall areas in the United Kingdom.

The allegations are that this company charges for damage to rental vehicles, which did not occur, and that U.S. people may have been deceived into paying other fraudulent charges for vehicles. This scheme was cleverly disguised so that those who were defrauded may not have known they paid unnecessary or unlawful fees.

In order to establish if people have been subjected to the alleged frauds committed by this company, call Det. 804, AFOSI at 606-1852.

CENTER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS, SUPPLIES

Officials at the Lompoc Valley Community Center are looking for "handy" people to help finish building a youth center. Volunteers with construction experience are needed. The center is located on South K Street across from Lompoc High School. For information, call Master Sgt. Clifford Tebbe at 606-0143.

MED GROUP HAS NEW OB-GYN NURSE

The 30th Medical Group has a new gynecologist nurse practitioner. All military beneficiaries including active duty may schedule appointments through their Primary Care Team by calling 606-CARE. No referral is required. Patients who schedule appointments will check in with the Internal Medicine Clinic staff located next door to the OB-GYN clinic.

MED GROUP MINIMAL MANNING TUESDAY

The 30th Medical Group will be at minimal manning Tuesday, from 3:30 to 5 p.m., for an official function. Only acute appointments will be seen during this time. Additionally, only acute appointments will be seen Tuesday through Thursday. During this time, the medical group will participate in a base exercise. For information, call 1st Lt. Kevin Staples at 605-2335.

BREAKERS STAFF HOLDS AF BIRTHDAY MEAL

Come celebrate the birth of the United States Air Force! Join the Breakers and AETC staffs Tuesday during normal dinner hours. For more information, call Senior Airman Jennifer Kottke at 606-3219.

Community Calendar EVENTS

14 FRI PCPA Theaterfest presents *"The 1940's Radio Hour,"* a live studio broadcast of a 1942 radio show and its characters at the Solvang Festival Theater now through Oct. 1 at 8 p.m. For information, call the box office at (805) 922-8313.

Pacific Coast Performing Arts Theaterfest presents Alfred Hitchcock's play, *"The Rope"* now through Sept. 13 in the Marian Theater on the Santa Maria Allan Hancock Campus. For tickets and show times, call PCPA's box office at (805) 922-8313.

PCPA Theaterfest presents the comedy-drama *"On Golden Pond,"* now through Oct. 7 at the Solvang Festival Theater from Sept. 13 through Oct. 7. For tickets and show times, call the PCPA box office at (805) 922-8313.

15 SAT The Taste of Downtown, is Saturday in Paso Robles. The event will feature food from more than 20 different local restaurants, art exhibits, wine tasting, horse-drawn carriage rides, music and entertainment. For more information, call (805) 238-4103.

The American Association of University Women will start its academic year with a brunch at Maria Del Sol restaurant from 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday. For more information, call (805) 937-0825.

The Santa Barbara Concours d'Elegance show will be held 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday through Monday at Glen Annie Golf Course. The show will feature fine cars, fashion shows, a children's art contest, food and music. For more information, call (805) 884-9972.

16 SUN The Las Fiestas Patrias street festival will be held Sunday at Santa Maria's civic center on the corner of East Cook and South McClelland. The festival will feature live music, entertainment, food and fun. The event celebrates the cultural diversity of the Santa Maria Valley. For more information, call (805) 925-2403, Ext. 817.

17 MON A Walk Through the Farmer's Market will be held from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. from Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends until Oct. 1 in the Santa Barbara Public Library. The market is an art exhibit presented by the Los Padres Watercolor Society. Call (805) 966-6414.

The 19th annual Taste of the Town will be held from noon to 3 p.m. Monday at Riviera Park Research and Communications Center in Santa Barbara. The event will feature food from more than 30 restaurants and wine from 25 vintners. Proceeds will benefit the Arthritis Foundation. For more information, call (805) 687-1592.

The Santa Ynez Valley Wine Auction will be today through Monday. The event features a golf tournament at the River Course at Alisal, special events at valley wineries, silent and live auctions and a dinner at the Fess Parker Winery. For more information, call (805) 568-0588.

19 WED A job opportunity expo is scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the family support center. The expo can provide people information on local job employment opportunities, sources for job seekers and how to add their resume to Air Force and local websites. Call Tinisha Agramonte at 605-8557 for information.

Free tours of Vandenberg take place every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The tour includes a visit to the Heritage Center which contains Cold War artifacts dating back to Vandenberg's beginnings. Reservations should be made at least three weeks in advance. For more information or to make reservations, call the public affairs office at 606-3595.

20 THUR The third quarter birthday meal will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Breakers Dining Facility. Team Vandenberg members whose birthdays are in July, August or September should contact their first sergeant to sign up. For more information, call Deborah Myjak at 606-1219 or Staff Sgt. Dahlia Shelton at 606-3219 or 606-5496.

21 FRI The annual Warbird Roundup fundraiser for the Santa Maria Museum of Flight will be held Sept. 21 to 23. People can view exciting warbird fly-ins and historic planes at the Santa Maria Public Airport. For more information, call (805) 922-8758.

Velkommen to Danish Days in Solvang from Sept. 21 to 23. The event is held to celebrate Solvang's Danish heritage. Old world customs and pageantry are relived with Danish folk

Fish & Chips anyone?



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JONATHAN POMEROY

Staff Sgt. Gary Desmaris, 576th Flight Test Squadron, piles on the fish as Richard Steele, Bureau of Prisons employee, prepares to serve a

hungry crowd. The base SCUBA diving club, the Aqualiers, sponsored the fish and chip lunch sale in the library parking lot Sept. 6.

dancing, music, parades, food and entertainment. For more information, call the Solvang conference and visitor's bureau at (805) 668-6144.

22 SAT There will be a Central Coast Exclusive Artists sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 22 at Lakeview Junior High's multi-use room located on 3700 Orcutt Road in Orcutt. The show will feature local artist works, pottery, woodworking, baskets and more. All proceeds benefit Operation Kid's Christmas. Call Master Sgt. Kenneth Lucia at 606-3663 for more information.

The Space and Sea Girl Scout troop will hold an ice cream social Sept. 22 from 1 to 3 p.m. on the lawn in front of the base bowling center. The event is open to all new or returning girl scouts grades Kindergarten through 12 and family members or adults who are interested in becoming leaders. For more information, call the Scout Hut at 605-2217 or the Santa Maria office at (805) 928-2008.

The Cal Poly Arts center will present jazz saxophonist Kenny G in concert at 8 p.m. Sept. 22 at Harman Hall in the Christopher Cohen Center. This is the first show of Cal Poly's center stage series. Call the performing arts ticket office at (888) 233-2787 or visit the web site at www.pacslo.org for information.

Readers can enjoy the News-Press Book and Author Festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 23 at the De la Guerra Plaza in Santa Barbara. For more information, call 805-892-2250, ext. 3000.

The Santa Maria Valley YMCA's Tri-for-Fun triathlon will be held Sept. 23. The event offers a challenging course for the whole family. For more information, call (805) 937-8521.

People can enjoy a montage of jazz, blues and readings at Jazz and Blues: Words and Music beginning at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 23 at the Lobero Theater in Santa Barbara. For more information, call (805) 963-0761.

24 MON The South Coast Railroad Museum offers miniature train rides, model railroad exhibits and self-guided tours during Depot Day from 1 to 4 p.m. at 300 North Los Carneros in Goleta Sept. 24. For more information, call (805) 964-3540.

28 FRI The V6 Ranch 2001 Cattle Drive will be held Sept. 28 in Paso Robles. A meal and guide is included. For more information, call (805) 463-2371 or 463-2323.

The Harvest Festival and Parade in Arroyo Grande will be held Sept. 28 and 29. The event will feature a parade, arts and crafts, games and agricultural exhibits. For more information, call (805) 489-1488.

29 SAT Lompoc's annual Old Town Fair is scheduled for Sept. 29. The event will feature bed races, a barbecue, an ice cream social, arts crafts and entertainment like a Renaissance Minstrels group of musicians. For more information call Gene Stevens at 735-4567.

The California Avocado Festival will be held from 4 to 9 p.m. Sept. 29 to Oct. 1 in Carpinteria on Linden Avenue. For more information, call (805) 684-0038.

The Circle Bar B Dinner Theater presents the Neil Simon play, "Rumors" Sept. 29 through Nov. 11. Show times are Friday and Saturday at 8:15 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Call (805) 965-9652 for information.

OCT 25 SAT The Guadalupe Beach Festival and Indigenous People Celebration is scheduled from 10 a.m.

to 4 p.m. Oct. 13 and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 14 at Guadalupe Beach and Jack O'Connell Park on West Main Street.

The event will include live music, cultural activities; a surfing, fishing and photo contest, a fun run and nature hikes. For information, call Ed Griggs at 343-2052.

MEETINGS

17 MON The 30th Medical Group is sponsoring Operation Baby Launch at 5 p.m. Monday in the Vandenberg Clinic. People can learn information about available resources in local hospitals, TRICARE financial concerns and Vandenberg family practice clinic services. Spouses and partners are welcome and registration is not necessary. For more information, call Capt. Jean Eagleton at 605-8254 or Nancy Sias at 606-8217.

The Asian American Pacific Association will hold its monthly meeting at 5 p.m. Monday in the base library in conference room A. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Call Staff Sgt. Maxxwell Starks at 606-9963 for more information.

19 WED The National Society of Military Widows, Central Coast Chapter 44, meets at 2 p.m. in the Retiree Activities Center the second Wednesday of each month. The center is located between the bowling center and the Four Season's store. Guest speakers will address issues on items of interest to widows and retirees. For more information, call 606-5474.

20 THUR Military retirees meet at 1 p.m. in the retiree activities center on the third Thursday of the month.

This month's event will be 30th Security Forces Squadron members speaking on safety and security in the home and while travelling. Upcoming events include: James Raggio, CEO of Lompoc Healthcare District discussing healthcare issues Oct. 18 and Retiree Appreciation Day at 8:30 a.m. Nov. 16 in the Pacific Coast Club.

The Hispanic Heritage Month planning committee meets in the services center Thursdays from 11 a.m. to noon. People do not have to be Hispanic to participate. For more information, call Airman 1st Class Mercedes Zamora at 605-2644 or Senior Airman Alexander Rodriguez at 606-1541, Ext. 3718.

The Titan Toastmasters meet from 4 to 5 p.m. every Thursday in the services center. People can learn how to speak effectively in a no-pressure and supportive environment.

Participants can also learn how to run a meeting. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. For information, call Loretta Williams at 605-3001 or Bruce Henderson at 606-1541, Ext. 3627.

CLASSES

14 FRI The aerospace education foundation is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to spouses of Air Force active duty, Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve members.

The scholarship can be used for any reasonable cost related to pursuing a degree. The deadline for applications is Nov. 1. Call the base education office at 605-5904 for eligibility requirements.

Former Veteran's Education Assistance Program participants still have a

chance to enroll in the Montgomery GI Bill, a benefit worth \$23,400. Call the education office at 605-5904 before Nov. 1. This is the last opportunity for current and former VEAP participants to enroll.

A mutual funds basics classes will be held at 11 a.m. today in the family support center. People can learn how to begin their investment portfolio with as little as \$25. Call Jimmy Camacho at 606-4491 to register.

17 MON A financial planning seminar will be held in the family support center at 11 a.m. Monday. People can learn the fundamentals of financial planning principles and how to create a financial plan. Call Jimmy Camacho at 606-4491 to register.

18 TUE An Individual Transition Plan session is offered every Tuesday morning from 8 to 9 a.m. except during the transition assistance seminar week. An ITP is required for military members scheduled to retire or separate at least 90 days before they leave the service. The mandatory counseling session consists of service member's benefits. Spouses are welcome and encouraged to attend. Call Sunny Park at 605-0134 for more information.

19 WED The health and wellness center has weekly nutrition classes from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Topics include heart smart for cholesterol control, meal planning for diabetes, prenatal and child nutrition, and nutrition for health. For more information, call the HAWC at 606-2221.

People making a Permanent-Change-of-Station in the near future can attend a manage your move workshop at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the family support center.

Briefings from the military housing office, traffic management office, base legal office, personal financial management office and Tricare will be held. Call the relocation assistance program at 606-0801 for registration.

20 THUR A blended families and step parenting class will begin at 2 p.m. Thursday at the health and wellness center.

The class will look at the characteristics of a blended family, how to build a family with less distress, how to enrich a new marriage, divorce and custodial issues, and effective step parenting.

For registration or information call Linda Bastine at 606-9958.

21 FRI A marketing yourself for a second career seminar will be at 8:30 Sept. 21 in the base theater.

The class is intended for officers and senior NCOs who plan to leave the service within the next five years.

People can learn what perceptions civilian employers have about military people competition for finding a job, how to strengthen their resume, preparing for and conducting a successful interview, salary negotiations and benefit packages. For more information, call Sunny Park at 605-0134.

25 TUE A Veteran's Administration and California veterans home loan seminar will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 25 in the family support center.

People can learn the veterans home loan application procedures about the VA home loan guaranty application process.

Call Sunny Park at 605-0134 for more information.

CHAPEL NOTES

Catholic Worship Services:

Saturday at 5 p.m. in Chapel 2
Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in Chapel
Daily Mass is Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 2.

Catholic religious education is Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in the religious education building.

Confirmation is 11:30 a.m. in the religious education chapel.
Youth confirmation is Sundays at 6 p.m. in the religious education chapel.

Protestant Worship Services:

Contemporary Service is

Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in Chapel 2.

Traditional service is Sunday

at 11:15 a.m. in Chapel 1.

Gospel service is Sunday at

11:30 a.m. in Chapel 2.

Protestant religious education opportunities are as follows;

Summer Sunday school is 10

a.m. in the religious education

building.

The youth Believers in God

seminars are scheduled for

Sundays at 6 p.m. in the religious

education building. For other

faith groups or concerns, call the

chapel at 606-7773.

AT THE MOVIES

Today THE SCORE

Starring Robert Deniro, Edward Norton and Angela Bassett.

An aging thief has retired to live off his riches, running a Montreal jazz lounge until he's blackmailed into doing one more heist by a young upstart. The unlikely alliance requires that Nick violate his most important rule: Always work alone. Rated R for strong language.

Saturday ORIGINAL SIN

Starring Angelina Jolie. When Luis takes Julia as

his American bride, he thinks his life in Cuba is complete. But people aren't always who they seem, and Luis' life begins to unravel. When Julia disappears with his money, Luis is forced to look into Julia's past. Rated R for strong sexual content and some violence.

Sunday 3 p.m. OSMOSIS JONES

Starring Bill Murray and Chris Rock.

Deep in the city of Frank (actually the body of construction worker Frank Detomello), Osmosis Jones is a white blood cell cop who has to team up with a rookie cold tablet to fight off evil viruses intent on taking over. Meanwhile, out in the "real world", a doctor is trying to diagnose what's going on inside Frank's body. Rated PG for bodily humor.

Sept. 21 RUSH HOUR II

Starring Chris Tucker and Jackie Chan.

Hong Kong Inspector Lee and LAPD Detective Carter arrive in Hong Kong for a vacation. No sooner do they arrive, they are confronted with the biggest case of their careers. A bomb has exploded in the American Embassy killing two U.S. Customs agents who had been investigating a money smuggling ring. Rated PG-13 for action violence, language and some sexual material.

Sept. 22 PLANET OF THE APES

Starring Mark Wahlberg and Tim Roth.

In the year 2029, Astronaut Lee Davidson boards a Space Station for a routine reconnaissance mission. But an abrupt detour leaves him on a planet where talking apes rule over the human race. The race is on to reach a sacred temple within the planet's Forbidden Zone to discover the shocking secrets of mankind's past and the key to its future. Rated PG-13, some sequences of action and violence.

Sept. 23 CLOSED

All movies start at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

S 30th Services



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GAME SCHEDULE

- Monday Minnesota vs. Baltimore
- Sept. 24 Washington vs. Green Bay
- Oct. 1 San Francisco vs. NY Jets
- Oct. 8 St. Louis vs. Detroit
- Oct. 15 Washington vs. Dallas
- Oct. 22 Philadelphia vs. NY Giants
- Oct. 29 Tennessee vs. Pittsburgh
- Nov. 5 Denver vs. Oakland

GAME SCHEDULE

- Nov. 12 Baltimore vs. Tennessee
- Nov. 19 NY Giants vs. Minnesota
- 6 Nov. 26 Tampa Bay vs. St. Louis
- Dec. 3 Green Bay vs. Jacksonville
- Dec. 10 Indianapolis vs. Miami
- Dec. 17 St. Louis vs. New Orleans
- Dec. 22 Tennessee vs. Oakland
- Dec. 29 Baltimore vs. Tampa Bay

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Membership Fact Sheet

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Lieutenants:	\$15
E-7 to E-9, GS-1 to GS-6	\$10
E-4 to E-6	\$8
E-1 to E-3	\$5
Retirees	\$8
Widows/Widowers:	\$5

Dues were \$25 (Officers) and \$13 (Enlisted)

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