

BASE BRIEFS COMMANDER'S CALL CANCELLED

The 30th Space Wing commander's calls scheduled for Monday have been cancelled.

GC FIRES UP

The Guardian Challenge bonfire is Thursday at 1 p.m. at Cocheo Park. The event is open to all Team Vandenberg members. There will be free food, drinks, entertainment and children's activities. For more information, call the Guardian Programs Office at 606-5763.

OFFICIALS OPEN BEACHES

Fridays through Mondays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., people can visit limited areas of Surf, Wall and Minuteman beaches. The open-area boundaries are clearly marked and base officials will issue citations to people who enter closed areas. To date there have been two violations. Both violations were at Surf Beach. For more information regarding beach access or status, call the Beach Hotline at 606-6804.

FITNESS CENTER COUNTS CUSTOMERS

Vandenberg's Fitness Center is taking customer counts for the next several months. Upon entering the center, customers will simply check a box on the appropriate sheet during each visit. The daily counts are also in affect at the aerobic workout room at the Services Center. For more information, call the Fitness Center director at 606-6962.

DEFENSE TIPS FOR FAMILIES

The Community Anti-terrorism Awareness Night is at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Pacific Coast Club. The presentation includes information about individual and family protective measures, chemical and biological protection, identity theft and displays. For information, call 606-4712.

DICEMAN BRIEFS TEAM V

Ray Semko, a.k.a. the Diceman, presents a look at the world of espionage Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon at the base theater. His Defensive Information to Counter Espionage, DICE, briefings go straight to the heart of countering security threats through OPSEC. This edge-of-your-seat briefing is open to all of Team Vandenberg.

TREND STYMIES CONTRACTORS, RAISES HAZARDS

Increased security levels and the parking restrictions associated with them have led people to begin parking on grassy areas surrounding their facilities. This prevents ground maintenance contractors from mowing the area. Additionally, as fire season approaches, this practice drastically increases the potential for vehicle catalytic converters to spark a blaze. For more information, call 606-2330.

Crews aid in recovery at crash site

By MASTER SGT. LLOYD CONLEY
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ In the early morning hours of April 8, many people from Vandenberg focused on the launch of a Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile.

But air crews from the 76th Helicopter Flight and emergency medical technicians from the Vandenberg Fire Protection flight launched a mission of their own.

They were on their way to help in a search and rescue mission of a missing plane carrying an adult pilot and three teenage boys in Sequoia National Park.

Blade 52, one of three helicopter crews sent from Vandenberg, located the wreckage in a heavily wooded area in the national park three days later.

Tragically, what was supposed to be a rescue mission became a recovery effort instead.

"It's unfortunate that the incident ended this way," said 1st Lt. James Blanchard, Blade 52's pilot. "Everyone was hoping that they were still alive."

Although the crew had hoped to rescue the missing four, finding the wreckage allows the family some closure, said Flight Engineer Staff Sgt. Steven Perez.

"They know what happened to their loved ones, and it's better to know than not," Perez added.

"Searching the mountains was difficult at best," Co-pilot 1st Lt. Joe Augustine said. "We were above 6,000 feet so the controls were kind of (slow to respond) at that altitude."

While Blanchard and Augustine concentrated on flying the helicopter, Perez, visually searched the terrain for signs of the aircraft.

"There were patches of snow on the ground, so that made it difficult to spot an aircraft," Perez said.

Around 11 a.m. April 10, the crew started receiving a weak signal from the missing aircraft's emergency locator beacon.

"After we received the signal, we circled and traversed the area to get a fix on the position of the

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PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1st CLASS CANDICE ANGLIN

Capt. Eric Ecker, 1st Lt. James Blanchard, Staff Sgt. Mario Kuhn, all from the 76th Helicopter Flight, take a moment in a UH-1 Huey. The three took part in the recovery efforts of a downed Piper Cherokee in the Sequoia National Park last week.

Fun-filled event salutes Team V's youth



PHOTO BY JOHN OLSON

Max the substance abuse prevention robotic puppet, shares some important anti-drug messages during Salute to Youth.

By MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ More than 200 people gathered for the "Salute to Youth" celebration here Saturday.

Kim Saheim, the Youth Center's new director, said she organized the event to show children of all ages what there is to do here.

She enlisted people from the 30th Medical Group, 30th Security Forces Squadron and the Family Support Center to organize the salute.

Activities got rolling in the new skate park at 1 p.m.

The Surf Connection gave away T-shirts, knee and elbow pads, stickers and a new skateboard. Their skateboard team from Lompoc wowed about 100 on-lookers with ollies, nose grinds and other amazing feats as the freebies were handed out.

"The skateboarding park was our main focus this year," Saheim said.

Even though Brooke Borelli isn't a skateboarder, the six year old said the skateboarding demo was her favorite event during the day "because of the prizes."

Her brother, Matthew, 5, found a new friend in Max, the substance abuse prevention robotic puppet.

Throughout the day, 1st Lt. Chad Johnson and Master Sgt. Ray Vasquez of the 30th MG Substance Abuse Office, traded the duties of driving Max around in his remote-controlled Jeep. Children gathered around Max to get a stuffed toy or bouncing ball and listen to his anti-drug use messages.

Lt. Col. Elizabeth Borelli, Brooke and Matthew's mom, said her son didn't even realize he was carrying on a conversation with a puppet.

Max wasn't the only cuddly attraction during the Salute.

The ever-popular Smokey the Bear, Tigger the Tiger and Geoffrey the Giraffe had their pictures taken with children of all ages.

Later about 30 children and their parents crowded together to watch a puppet show in the Youth Center.

First-time puppeteer Staff Sgt. Timra Campbell, 30th SFS investigations, and

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Blue ribbon symbolizes prevention of child abuse

■ Every day a child is abused – many die from it. In 1989, when a lady named Virginia learned her grandson had died of injuries his parents had inflicted on him, she needed a way to show her grief and outrage.

For her, it was a simple blue ribbon. She tied it to the antenna of her van as a way to remember the bruised and battered body of her grandson. It became much more.

This month, The Blue Ribbon Child Abuse Prevention Campaign runs throughout the nation.

The 30th Medical Group Family Advocacy Office, in conjunction with several base and community agencies, has collaborated to provide a calendar of activities. Today, the United We Stand Marital Enrichment Conference for couples begins in the Services Center. Tomorrow, parents and children can enjoy the festivities at Kids Day in the Park held at Waller Park in Santa Maria.

Additionally, family advocacy workers will man an information booth at the Base Exchange periodically throughout the month.

For more information about the blue ribbon campaign and other family advocacy programs, call 606-5338.

Judge slaps Greenpeace activists with probation

By MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ A federal judge in Los Angeles, sentenced five Greenpeace activists to probation Monday for their roles in attempting to prevent the test launch of the Ground-based Midcourse Defense System here July 14, 2001.

According to Donna Rathbun, 30th Space Wing paralegal, U.S. District Judge Margaret Morrow sentenced the following defendants:

Brent Maness received two years of probation.

Daniel Rudie received one year of probation.

Stephen Fitzpatrick-Morgan received one year of probation.

Guy Levacher received 18 months of probation.

Henrius Haazen received three years of probation.

Jorge Torres was released without probation.

April 12, Morrow sentenced Mathias Pendzialek and Tom Knappe to one year of probation

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Lord gets third star, takes over AFSPC

■ PETERSON AFB, Colo. -- Lt. Gen. Lance Lord holds his fourth star and becomes the 12th commander of Air Force Space Command here, today.

Gen. Ed Eberhart, commander AFSPC and commander in chief North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Space Command, will hand over command to Lord. Eberhart will remain here as head of NORAD and U.S. Space Command.

The tri-hatted position Eberhart has held since February 2000 is being split as the result of a recommendation made last year by the Department of Defense's Space Commission.

Lord, a former director of plans and vice commander of AFSPC, is

no stranger to the space mission. Much of Lord's career has been spent in the missile field. His first duty assignment was as a Minuteman II combat crewmember with the 321st Strategic Missile Wing, Grand Forks AFB, N.D. He has also had assignments as a Minuteman II evaluation member and missile operations staff officer. His first command was of the 10th Strategic Missile Squadron at Malmstrom AFB, Mont.

Other command positions include the 90th Missile Wing, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo., 30th Space Wing at Vandenberg AFB, Calif., and the 2nd Air Force at Keesler AFB, Miss.

Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, will preside over the ceremony.



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1st CLASS CANDICE ANGLIN

Monte McVay, 30th Space Wing pollution prevention chief, shows off one of the Think City shared use vehicles.

Shocking: New shared use vehicle maintenance system moves along with electrical charge

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

■ The 30th Civil Engineer Squadron, in conjunction with the 30th Transportation Squadron, Tetra Tech Incorporated and Advanced Mobility Systems, have developed a Shared Use Vehicle Maintenance System fleet of alternative fuel vehicles.

The 30-vehicle environmentally friendly fleet of trucks, vans, sedans and little hatchbacks are part of a three-year field test conducted by the environmental management flight for organizations located near the Western Range Operation Center Complex area.

Monte McVay, chief of the pollution prevention program, and Nancy Wellhausen, senior scientist for Tetra Tech., came up with the concept of a Shared Use Vehicle Maintenance System for fleet ve-

hicles from a pilot program that started in 1999. The pilot program was initiated to evaluate the feasibility of an AFV program on base.

"Surveys showed that 60 percent of government vehicles are driven less than 20 miles a day and 65 percent of the people that test drove in the pilot program preferred electric vehicles due to their quietness, no fumes and less maintenance," said McVay.

The benefits of the SUVMS are cost-effective fleet management, reduction of fleet size, reduced emissions through the use of the AFVs and compliance with several environmental and transportation regulations, said McVay who has a degree in electrical engineering.

McVay said one of the features of the program is automated maintenance notification.

"The program automatically e-

AFV TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATION

■ The 30th Civil Engineer Squadron environmental flight will have a technology demonstration Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. in the parking lot of Bldg. 7015.

The demo is open to the base populace. People can view the alternative fuel vehicle fleet, watch demonstrations of the Shared Use Maintenance System and test drive an Alternative Fuel Vehicle.

mails the vehicle maintenance flight in transportation to notify them when service is required," said McVay. The notification is generated at set mileage and time usage intervals.

He explained the concept and design of the SUVMS is applicable to other vehicles, meaning non-AFVs can be retrofitted with the system.

The system consists of three primary components: an on-board vehicle system, vehicle registration and a management center.

The main purpose of the system is to automate vehicle checkout, manage fleet maintenance and increase use and effectiveness of AFVs, said McVay.

"The SUVMS matches an appropriate AFV to the user's itinerary and

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Vandenberg's Security Forces prepare to "halt" the competition at Guardian Challenge. See Page 3.



Base hosts Northern Santa Barbara County Area Special Olympics. See Page 4.



Weekend forecast Patchy morning fog with partly cloudy skies for the weekend.

Low/High 36/68

For a full VAFB weather report visit www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather/index.html

Also view The Space & Missile Times at http://www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/news/space_times/index.html

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 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 other base



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

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 in case more information is needed.

Phone 606-7850 or e-mail your message to actionline@vandenberg.af.mil

Credit union gets new parking spaces

Recently, I had business at the Vandenberg Federal Credit Union. Because of my disability, I park in the disabled parking spot, but much to my surprise, I had to walk farther than I would have if I had parked in a non-handicapped parking spot. The two disabled parking spaces should be moved closer to the entrance for easier access.

A Thanks for bringing this to my attention. I have asked our civil engineers to investigate the need for changing the location of the handicapped parking spaces at the Vandenberg Federal Credit Union here. After reviewing the current arrangement they concluded that the spaces should be relocated as you suggested. The spaces are now located closer to the entrance.

Team Vandenberg: More than just a motto

By **LT. COL. DAVID CANNON**
30th Services Squadron commander

We've all been at an awards banquet where we've heard it.

We've all been at a meeting or conference or staff meeting where we've heard it.

The "it" is the term "Team Vandenberg."

Most all of us say it. We all hear it. But how many really pay attention to what "Team Vandenberg" really means?

From my perspective, I can't get the job done without the true essence of "Team Vandenberg" being played out to its true meaning. I'll use a recent real-life example to illustrate what "Team Vandenberg" really means.

The 30th Services Squadron Food Service operation, including the Breakers Dining Facility, the Air Education and Training Command Dining Facility and remote feeding at Space Launch Complexes 3 and 4, was recently evaluated in the annual Air Force Hennessy competition — the "Guardian Challenge" for food service professionals. We were named best in Air Force Space Command. Even though we have some phenomenal folks in our food service operation, we didn't get to be best in AFSPC

on our own.

Without help from 11 other organizations and the backing of the wing's senior leadership, we couldn't have even competed. We needed repairs, upgrades, paint, equipment installed, water and some electrical upgrades at all three of our food service operations.

That's where the Bull, the 30th Civil Engineer Squadron, came in.

We didn't want the horns, so we worked closely with them, the 381st Training Group and the 2nd Space Launch Squadron to coordinate a schedule that would ensure the work was done prior to the AFSPC evaluation.

The 2nd SLS is important in this equation because even though it's a services squadron function to provide food at SLCs 3 and 4, the SLS owns the building. Without their great cooperation and willingness to spend money on up grading equipment and infrastructure, and the backing from the 30th Operations Group, the AFSPC team could just have stayed at home.

When we identified equipment that needed to be purchased, we'd be dead in the water without the 30th Supply Flight who helped us from start to finish in the ordering

process.

"Without Trans, you walk" — that's the 30th Transportation Squadron's motto.

When it came time to meet the evaluation team at Santa Barbara airport, trans was there with a distinguished visitors bus driver and two sedans.

Health and safety are two prime areas the Hennessy team evaluates.

The 30th Medical Group and 30th Space Wing Safety office are continually in the food service facilities helping us ensure sanitary food preparation, storage and food handling procedures are followed.

When updates to the AETC Dining Facility needed to be made, the 381st TRG didn't hesitate — they worked closely with 30th CES to accomplish the work.

Got Comm? Our projection TV in the Sports Room at Breakers, our computer system that tracks inventory, costs and

keeps track of our Subsistence-in-Kind customer base wouldn't happen without the professionals in the 30th Communication Squadron.

The contracting squadron helps us ensure we have the right contractor run our facility.

The comptroller ensures we have the money to pay the contract.

I'm extremely proud to have the best food service operation in Air Force Space Command.

But that award is ours because of the hard work and dedication of at least 11 other base organizations — and they all share in the award.

The next time you hear the words "Team Vandenberg," think about your job and your unit's mission.

I'm willing to guess you can't get your job done either with-out "Team Vandenberg" pulling together and taking you forward.

**... you can't get
your job done ...
without 'Team
Vandenberg' pulling
together and taking
you forward.**

Lt. Col. David Cannon
30th Services Squadron
commander

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Security Forces troops set to keep Schriever trophy at home

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The Warrior Hawks of the 30th Security Forces Squadron Guardian Challenge 2002 Team are poised to meet and exceed last year's stellar performance in their quest to retain the coveted Schriever Trophy.

"This year's team is as good as or better than last year's," said Staff Sgt. Michael Hayes, 30th SFS team captain.

"We experienced some growing pains on last year's team, but this one seemed to jell quickly," said Staff Sgt. Terry Hutchens, 30th SFS GC 2001 team member.

Monday was the first day of training for the warriors. Their regimen is very physically challenging compared to other GC 2002 teams.

The Warrior Hawk's run several times a day, traverse the obstacle course and undergo intense physical conditioning and training, said Master Sgt.



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1st CLASS CANDICE ANGLIN

Airman 1st Class Shay Nakaahiki, known for his agility, crawls under barbed wire in the trench crawl obstacle.

Steven White, 30th SFS team coach.

Once the team is familiar with the obstacle course, "We'll start recording their individual times," White said.

The team also trains and runs outdoors laden with more than 40 pounds of gear, including web gear, canteen, helmet flak vest

and an M-16 rifle that weighs at least 10 pounds.

The team is honing their marksmanship skills with the M-16 rifle, the M-9 pistol and the M-203 grenade launcher.

As a team, they'll also prepare in the classroom to refine their tactics in ground combat skills.

"Then we'll go to the woods

and practice our ground combat and land navigation with the MILES gear," said White.

"Tactics is the most critical part of the competition for us."

MILES, Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System, gear includes a harness that indicates whether someone has been "shot" or not. Each person's M-16 is outfitted with a laser that gives off a signal when the weapon is fired. If the person being fired at is "killed," the harness emits a steady tone. The harness emits a beep for a near-miss encounter.

Unlike the launch operations and maintenance teams, security forces teams have no idea what their exercise scenarios hold in store. They're presented with the actual situation at the time of the competition event. Two members of the six-man team, Hutchens and Airman 1st Class Shay Nakaahiki, competed on last year's team.

But the Vandenberg team isn't lacking in their competitive mettle or experience.

The team coach was a competitor when the space and missile contest was called Olympic Arena. He's also participated in, "Rodeo," Air Mobility Command's premier air mobility competition. Other team members have participated in various Air Force competitions like Peace Keeper and Defender Challenges.

"So everyone brings something to the table," Hutchens said.

For example, Hutchens' particular forte is accurate marksmanship, while Nakaahiki's is his physical speed and ability.

"This is a really good team we've put together," White said. "They're laid back, confident and motivated to get the job done."

The other team members are Staff Sgt. Andy Moran, Senior Airmen Mohamad Hammoud and Jeffery Sack. Staff Sgt.

Nathan Whalen is the weapons trainer for the team.

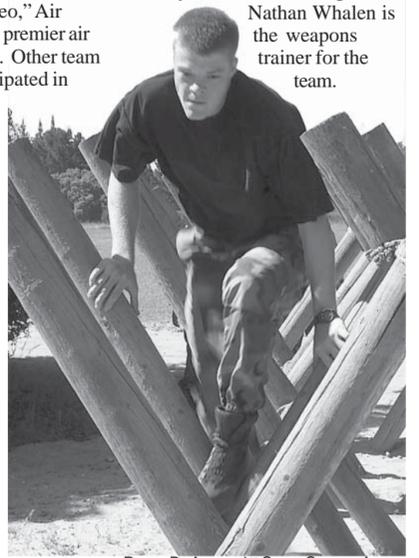


PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1st CLASS CANDICE ANGLIN

Senior Airman Jeffrey Sack maneuvers his way through a tough obstacle.

Hawk maintainers to prey on Sharks

MASTER SGT. LLOYD CONLEY
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Team Vandenberg's Guardian Challenge 2002 Spacelift maintenance team has hungry hawk eyes. Their preferred prey is fish — Patrick AFB, Fla., Shark to be exact.

To whet their appetite, the Hawk Maintenance team has spent more than a month studying operating instructions, procedures and scripts for maintenance scenarios in preparation for the annual showdown here between the best-of-the-best in space and missiles and Air Force Space Command.

"That's just the first phase of our training," said Tech. Sgt. Chuck Spice, 2nd Space Launch Squadron booster electrical trainer. "The second phase, which started Monday, involves applying information gleaned from hours of study and preparation in running the scripted scenarios."

The Hawk maintainers will run at least two scenarios a day up until the start of the annual contest, said Tech. Sgt. Mark Masters, one of two lead trainers for the maintenance team.

Possible scenarios Vandenberg competitors might encounter are reactions to emergencies like a toxic fuel spill or release of hazardous chemicals into the environment, said Tech. Sgt. Scott Benson, 2nd SLS booster mechanics team trainer.

Other elements of the script might call for a security violation like an unauthorized person attempting to enter, a restricted area. Natural catastrophes like earthquakes or thunderstorms with lightning strikes are also embedded in scenarios, Benson added.

The script scenarios are combined with day-to-day performances to make them as realistic as possible, Benson said.

Benson, Spice and fellow GC 2002 trainer, Tech. Sgt. Bill Gardner, launch facilities maintenance

trainer, are putting the lessons they learned as competitors last year into this year's training scenarios.

"This provides a sound and consistent experience base for the team as a whole," Spice said. "It also gives the competitors an idea of what the competition will be like."

Spice said that a very positive and strong aspect of the Hawks team is that everyone trains together.

This is extremely helpful because they become familiar with each other's role in competition and see how their actions contribute to the team's performance.

"It also helps to make sure we're all on the same sheet of music and work in concert to smoke the 'Fish,'" Spice said.

"The team is definitely motivated for the 'Challenge,'" said Masters. "We not only expect to win but to exceed last year's routing of the competition."

The rest of the Hawks maintenance team are: Senior Master Sgt. Dave Drury, project officer; Master Sgt. Tier Williams, lead trainer; Staff Sgt. Kevin Tadder, booster electronics;

Tech. Sgt. Tim Moore, booster mechanics; Staff Sgt. Carl Hinson, launch facility maintenance and Tech. Sgt. Bill Gardner, launch facilities maintenance team trainer.



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1st CLASS CANDICE ANGLIN

Staff Sgt. Kevin Tadder tests the integrity of equipment before connection to ensure there are no "explosions."



"We not only expect to win but to exceed last year's routing of the competition."

Tech. Sgt. Mark Masters
2nd Space Launch Squadron

Team Vandenberg Spotlight

Name: Senior Airman Michele Higdon
Assignment: 30th Medical Group, pediatrics clinic journeyman
Hometown: Valdez, Alaska
Time on Vandenberg: Four years
Time in service: Four years, five months
Supervisor's comments: "Senior Airman Higdon is an outstanding airman who is a dedicated military professional that exemplifies the Air Force core values," said Lt. Col Robert Miller, 30th Medical Operations Squadron commander. "She is truly the best of the best and this has been displayed daily."



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1st CLASS CANDICE ANGLIN



Vandenberg Air Force Base
Earth Day 2002

Vandenberg celebrates Earth Day April 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be artwork displays, drawings and free stuff. You might even win a Land's End pullover jacket made of recycled glass!

Special Olympians converge on Vandenberg Saturday

■ The Northern Santa Barbara County Special Olympics are scheduled for tomorrow at the base track and bowling center.

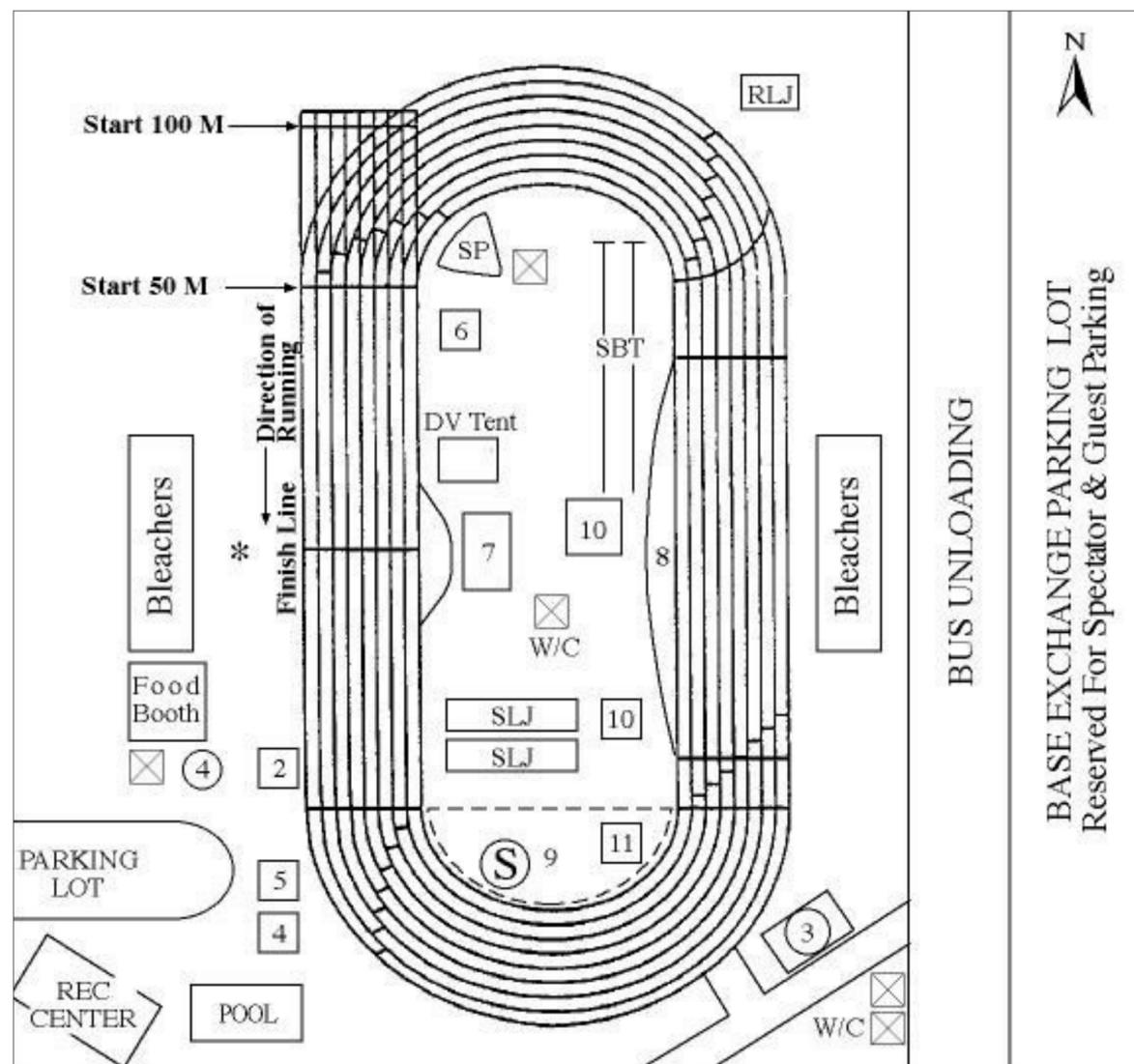
- ♦ Opening ceremonies begin at 9 a.m. with events beginning at 9:45 a.m.
- ♦ The 30th Security Forces Squadron will hold a horse demonstration at noon.
- ♦ Throughout the day participants, volunteers and attendees can view equipment from the security forces squadron, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron fire department and Santa Barbara County Highway Patrol.

♦ Closing ceremonies are at 3 p.m.

In the event of rain the Olympic Village and lunches will move to the basketball court in the base gym. The rest of the fitness center will remain open for normal business.

Community loop road from the intersection of Alaska Way to California Boulevard is closed from closed 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The parking lots of the Vandenberg Credit Union, library, AAFES Four Seasons center and the veterinarian office will be closed. The businesses will have normal operating hours.



CALIFORNIA

EVENTS

- ☒ = Toilet & Water
- ☉ = Snacks & Drinks
- W/C = Accessible Toilet
- SLJ = Standing Long Jump
- SP = Shot Put
- SBT = Softball Throw
- RLJ = Running Long Jump

* Opening Ceremonies

- 1 - Bleachers
- 2 - Volunteer Registration
- 3 - Athlete Registration
- 4 - Games Operations
- 6 - Track Bull Pen
- 7 - Awards
- 8 - Parade Assembly Area
- 9 - Olympic Village Lunch Activities
- 10- Athlete Rest Area
- 11 - Family Services Booth and Souvenirs

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Blanchard said. "The signal kept coming and going, but we knew we were close."

Perez spotted the aircraft after about 30 minutes of searching the area. He immediately marked the position on the global positioning system and transmitted the location back to the search coordination center.

The downed Piper Cherokee was located on steep terrain with high trees, so hoisting the emergency medical technicians John Crotty and John Markley next to the site was not safe from the altitude above the crash site, said Perez.

"We found a small clearing about a mile and a half from the site and lowered them there," said Blanchard.

Crotty and Markley began their hike to the site with the hope of treating survivors and to verify the tail number of the missing aircraft.

A California Highway Patrol of-

ficer who had been lowered closer to the site met up with Crotty and Markley. They verified the tail number and discovered no survivors.

"It wasn't just us that went out on the last day and found (the wreck)," said Blanchard. "Three crews had been flying for several days. We just happened to be the ones that found it on the last day."

The 76th HF's ordeal began about 3 a.m. April 8 when the first crew of Capt. Ryan Campbell, 1st Lt. Guza and Staff Sgt. Mario Kuhn headed northeast to join the search for the missing plane.

Capt. Carl Mullen, 1st Lt. Cliff Graham and Staff Sgt. Jim Beeman made up the last crew.

The third crew was comprised of Capt. Matt Horin, Augustine and Perez. Other EMTs involved in the recovery operation were Tom Gooch and Sean Glaser.

Memorial services were held for the victims in their local community of Visalia, Calif.

YOUTH: Event leaves lasting impression on Team V youngsters

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Trina Hernandez, both Santa Maria Rape Crisis Center volunteers, taught their audience the three rules of "Good Touch, Bad Touch" with puppets Maddy and Coolio.

During the show, Hernandez asked the children who they'd tell if someone tried to "bad touch" them.

"My Mom!" they shouted in unison.

The show left an impression on 8-year-old Quay Hayes.

"Say 'No,' get away and tell a grown up," she said, reciting the rules of bad touch. She and her

brother, Dorian, 4, enjoyed the show and all of the free stuff they'd picked up from SMRCC, Global Hearts, Family Advocacy, the 30th MG Dental Clinic and the local cub scout pack.

While Vandenberg's Salute to Youth was geared more toward older children, this Saturday's "Kids' Day in the Park" at Waller Park in Santa Maria is oriented toward very young children, Saheim said.

For more information about Youth Center activities and programs, call 606-2152.

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trip information," he said.

Checking a shared use vehicle out can be done on-line. Users can log into the website and input trip information, such as cargo, number of passengers and time of use.

The system then assigns the individual a reservation number depending on their needs. To pickup their vehicle, users access the system through a kiosk located at the Bldg. 7015 parking lot. At the kiosk, they enter their reservation number and the system assigns the appropriate vehicle.

People can also do "by demand" acquisitions for vehicles. This allows people to checkout vehicles on the spot with their smart card at the kiosk.

There is a short computer-based training individuals go through to receive their smart card and pin number.

Each unit in the WROCC area has a two-month trial period where they will turn in their General Service Administration vehicle and use

the SUVMS fleet.

"This trial period will help us determine feasibility of a shared use application for each unit," McVay said. The trial will also be used to make system improvements based on customer feedback, he added.

McVay said the program is designed to allow better utilization and less down time for a smaller fleet supporting same volume or usage.

"During the field test, I hope we can demonstrate the functionality and reliability of the this application for transferability to other installations," McVay said. If successful, McVay thinks there could be more applications where multiple stations can be located around the base and intergated together.

According to McVay, this is the only known program of its type in the Department of Defense.

"Once again, Vandenberg leads the way in innovative technology," said Lt. Col. Scott Westfall, 30th CES environmental flight commander. "We are always on the threshold of something new."



"Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

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Airman pays high price

One young airman shares his story so others may learn

By 2nd Lt. Michelle Mayo
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

"I can't believe I'm stuck in here with all of these crazy people." As he listened to the screams of a man in a cell across from him, then Airman 1st Class Justin Kirkland reflected on one stark reality. He was in jail.

And he was stuck there, because he'd been convicted of Driving Under the Influence of alcohol.

He was stuck there, because he'd caused a near fatal accident and seriously injured himself and two other innocent people.

For that, a judge sentenced him to nine to 18 months in county jail.

"When I was sentenced, that was all I heard," said Kirkland, who is now a senior airman for the 30th Medical Group. "Nine to 18 months, nine to 18 months, over and over again."

At the time of his accident in April 2000, 23-year-old Kirkland was stationed at Vandenberg and in line for a Below-the-Zone promotion to Senior Airman.

Six months later, he was sitting in a jail cell, unsure of where his future was headed.

His life was turned upside down during the few seconds of an accident he can't remember.

He, like so many others, never meant to cause trouble or hurt anyone.

Yet, he, like so many others, got behind the wheel of a car when he was obviously in no condition to drive.

Driving under the influence of alcohol or any other drug is the most frequently committed violent crime in our nation, according to the group Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

A study published in 1996 found that every weekday night from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m., one in 13 drivers is drunk and on weekend mornings between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m., one in seven drivers is drunk.

Kirkland was one of those weekend drivers.

At the time of his accident, his blood alcohol content was .27. That is more than three times the legal limit.

According to the National Highway Safety and Traffic Administration, a driver with a BAC of .15 is 300 times more likely to be involved in a fatal accident.

Kirkland, whose BAC was almost twice that, survived his accident. Luckily, so did the other two people he involved in the head-on collision.

All three were alive but not unscathed. Kirkland spent two nights in the hospital. The passenger of the other car spent months in physical therapy.

Kirkland said one of the worst moments of his life was when he looked at the documents the

district attorney would use to prosecute him.

"In those was a list of all the injuries that the woman had sustained from the accident," he said. "I knew she'd been hurt, but until that point, I didn't know how badly. The list was so long."

Kirkland was charged with driving under the influence, two counts of aggravated assault and a slew of traffic violations.

While he was acquitted of the aggravated assault charges, he was convicted of the DUI and other traffic violations.

"The judge said he wanted to make an example of me and he did," Kirkland said.

Despite the victims' recommendation for leniency, the judge sentenced him to up to 18 months in jail.

He served four and a half months in Mercer and Lawrence county jails in Pennsylvania.

Those four and a half months were the worst of his life.

"I needed to see my family, but at the same time it was really hard," he said.

He recounts the humiliation of seeing his mother for the first time from behind jail bars.

After he got out of jail, he was put under house arrest for another four and a half months.

His Air Force career was in jeopardy and he knew it. His commander at the time decided not to sign a waiver that would allow him to stay in the service.

"I thought I was kicked out," he said.

However, he met with a retention board to fight his discharge.

"If there was a chance to stay in, I was going to fight for it," he said. The retention board decided in favor of Kirkland.

"But one message I don't want to send is that you can get a DUI and still stay in the military," he said. "I'm really lucky, but I had to fight for this chance."

There are so many other things he wants to share with people about the life-changing effects of getting a DUI.

"It's not just you who goes through this," he said. "It's your family, friends and co-workers."

"There are the two innocent people that I hurt," he said. "They didn't deserve that."

Then there is the expense. More than a year after he was released from jail, he is still paying off traffic fines and lawyers' fees.

He estimates that he and his family have spent more than \$7,500 on his ordeal already.

Add in the incalculable mental and emotional trauma that a person goes through and the real costs begin to add up, he said.

"I have never been to one party or had one drink that was worth what I had to go through," he said.

Volunteers aim to curb DUIs

By MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Last year, seven Team Vandenberg people found out that the decision to drive under the influence comes at a high cost – two of them died.

In late December, a concerned group of Team Vandenberg's airmen decided they'd try to cut the drunk drivers off at the pass. They revitalized the dormant Airmen Against Drunk Driving program.

Since January, two people have hit AADD up for a ride. Eight others decided not to dial and got popped for DUI.

That's a 73 percent jump over last year's DUI numbers for the same three months.

Among the punishments commanders and first sergeants have meted out are: Letters of Reprimand, Article 15s, forfeitures of pay, reductions in grade, loss of driving privileges, extra duty or restrictions to base. Off-base offenders

don't get off light either. They also face court costs, attorney fees, fines, community service, jail time, probation and mandatory classes.

One, alcohol induced decision can cost as little as \$5,000 or as much as a life.

According to AADD volunteer driver Senior Airman William Riney of the 30th Security Forces Squadron, it's simple – plan ahead.

"If you're going out for a night on the town and alcohol is involved, find a designated driver ahead of time or arrange for a friend to pick you up," he said. "If all other alternatives fail, AADD is free and here to help."

The AADD drivers don't even

need a full name, squadron or rank, Riney said. All a prospective passenger needs is a valid ID card, a time and location to be picked up.

The team is on-call from Thursday through Sunday from 5 p.m. to 5 a.m. including holiday weekends.

Whether the person is on base, in Lompoc or

Santa Maria, AADD will help their over-imbibed Team V members get home.

To volunteer as a driver for AADD, call Airman 1st Class Paige Ramos at 606-6070 or Tech. Sgt. Thomas Merrett at 606-9876.

AADD volunteers encourage people to use their service.

"Our goal is to save lives, not to embarrass anyone," he said.

BEEN DRINKING? GET A FREE RIDE!

Team V's Airmen Against Drunk Driving program serves Santa Maria, Lompoc and Vandenberg. For a free ride, call 698-8822 or 698-8823. The only info needed is a pickup location, time and first name.

District honors base Boy Scouts

By SUSAN SANDERS

Public Relations Troop 394

■ The Air Force Annual Awards weren't the only awards Team V brought home last month.

Vandenberg's Boy Scout Troop 394 and Cub Scout Pack 102 brought home awards of their own.

The awards reflect the "best of the best" of the 27 Boy Scout units in the Del Rio District.

The Earl C. Calvert Memorial Award went to the 30th Support Group. This group received the award in appreciation of services and support provided to Troop 394 and to all units in the district. Last year, Vandenberg sponsored the 2001 Los Padres Council Camporall. More than 450 Scouts and Scouters attended the event.

The troop has also participated

in three food drives for the Vandenberg food pantry and helped put together care packages for deployed troops, said scoutmaster, Master Sgt. Ric Toczek of the 381st Training Squadron. The troop is also volunteering at the Special Olympics Games Saturday.

Life Scout Andy Wuebold received the highest award in the district for a Boy Scout, the Glen and Irene Andersen Outstanding Scout Award.

"I was honored to nominate Andy Wuebold for the outstanding scout award," said Toczek. "He is an excellent example of a well-rounded young man. He has a 4.0 GPA and is active in sports and the chapel. He truly deserved to win the award."

"Although his selection for this

prestigious recognition was a surprise to him, it was not a surprise to anyone who knows him," said Lt. Col. Paul Wuebold, 30th SGTG deputy commander and the award winner's proud father.

"He has great scout leaders who have been great role models within the organization."

For outstanding service and leadership within the units, Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 394, Anthony Pagliassotto and Pack 102 Cubmaster Kari Rosson received Scouter of the Year awards.

Toczek received the Boy Scout Leader's Training Award and Lorraine Villegas, unit commissioner for Troop 394 and Pack 102, was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the American Legion.

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each, said Thom Mrozak, U.S. Attorney's Office spokesman.

Pendzialek and Knappe pleaded guilty to one misdemeanor conspiracy charge of knowingly entering a military installation without authorization and were sentenced to one year of probation, he said.

"Initially, we had 17 defendants who faced felony charges for illegally entering the launch safety zone," Mrozak said. Nine defen-

dants were sentenced to various probation terms Jan. 17.

During the hours leading up to the launch, the Greenpeace activists left Port San Luis Harbor in Zodiac boats about 40 miles north here and divers entered the ocean off North Vandenberg.

Launch officials delayed the launch when the four divers washed up on Minuteman Beach. Crews from the 76th Helicopter Flight whisked the hypothermic

launch protesters away to a Santa Maria hospital for treatment. Later, FBI agents arrested 13 Greenpeace activists at Port San Luis Harbor.

As part of a plea bargaining agreement with federal prosecutors, Greenpeace USA agreed to place \$500,000 in an escrow account in October. The deal requires Greenpeace to refrain from breaking laws at U.S. installations involved with missile defense testing until 2007, Rathbun said.

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