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Base Briefs

NEW PARKS OPEN TODAY

The grand openings for the new tennis courts, skatepark and roller rink are today at 4 p.m. For more information, call the Fitness Center at 606-3832.

RECOGNIZE AWARD WINNERS

The Space and Missile Times plans to feature Team Vandenberg's 2001 individual and unit-level AFSPC award winners in a special upcoming feature. The deadline for submissions is today. Awards are also posted on Channel 2. For information, call the Space and Missile Times Staff at 606-2040 or e-mail them at space&missiletimes@vandenberg.af.mil and team.vandenberg.network@vandenberg.af.mil.

BASE RECOGNIZES APRIL PROMOTEEES

Team Vandenberg's April promotion and induction ceremony will be Monday at 3p.m. in the Pacific Coast Club. Dress for the event is battle dress uniform for promotees and service dress for NCO inductees.

WING NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The 30th Space Wing needs volunteers to march in the Salute to the U.S. Air Force Armed Forces Day Parade May 18 in Torrance, Calif. Call the Public Affairs office at 606-3595 for more information.

OSI SEEKS NEW RECRUITS

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LEGAL OFFICE CHANGES HOURS

Effective April 3, the 30th Space Wing Legal Office changes legal assistance hours on Wednesdays. The new hours are from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Attorneys are available for a range of legal issues. Notary services for Powers of Attorney, affidavits, etc., are also available. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Yovanne Prince at 605-6220.

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PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN ANNE MCCORMICK

Vince Culliver (left) and Mitch Stumph (right), members of the Vandenberg Hot Shots team, watch the flames during a controlled burn March 18. Fire crews conducted the burns this month to reduce vegetation around the base. Controlled burns make wildfires much easier to contain should one ever flare up.

Crews torch tinder, reduce danger

BY STAFF SGT. REBECCA BONILLA

30th Space Wing Public Affairs
Smoke and flame surrounded East Housing last week as the Vandenberg Fire Department conducted prescribed burns in the area. Using two brush trucks and a Hot Shots crew, firefighters established a firebreak around the homes in preparation for a 1,209-acre burn scheduled for east of the area this

summer, said Mark Smith, Hot Shots superintendent.

The larger burn will be conducted once the brush dries out and is more likely to burn well, Smith said.

The department does prescribed burns every year to reduce the threat of catastrophic wildland fires, Smith said. The burns reduce old vegetation that serves

as fuel. They also enhance wildlife diversity and create firebreaks in the large vegetation fuel beds that cover Vandenberg's 99,900 acres.

Controlled burns occur only on California Air Resource Board authorized burn days. Weather factors also dictate when the burns take place.

VAFB's top man leaving

BY 2ND LT. MICHELLE MAYO

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

The 14th Air Force commander is moving onward and upward.

Maj. Gen. Bill Looney, soon-to-be Lt. Gen. Bill Looney, is leaving the 14th Air Force in May to become the commander of Electronic Systems Center at Hanscom AFB, Mass.

Looney took command of the 14th Air Force in June 2000. The 14th Air Force is the only numbered air force for space.

As such, one of Looney's big thrusts as commander of the 14th is to integrate space effects seamlessly into theater operations, according to his vice commander Col. John Larned.

Looney, a United States Air Force Academy graduate, began his 30-year career as an AC-130 gunship pilot in Thailand. He is a command pilot who has logged more than 3,900 flying hours throughout his career. He has flown the T-37, T-38, C-21 and has over 2,500 hours in the F-15 Eagle. During his career he has commanded the United States Air Force Academy Cadet wing, a flight, a fighter squadron, two fighter wings, an air expeditionary force, and a warfare center.

Looney's change of command ceremony is May 3 at the base parade grounds. Brig. Gen. Michael Hamel is taking over as the new 14th Air Force commander. Hamel is currently the deputy chief of staff for air and space operations at Headquarters U.S. Air Force in Washington, D.C.

Base beaches open April 5

BY CAPT. TOM KNOWLES

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Limited areas of Vandenberg's beaches re-open to recreational access April 5. Beach patrons will be able to access areas of Surf, Minuteman and Wall beaches Friday through Monday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Access has been restricted since March 1, the beginning of the Western Snowy Plover nesting season, to allow for the hiring of personnel required to monitor and protect the threatened shore bird.

"We've hired four contract personnel to ensure beach goes understood and comply with all

posted rules and stay out of the closed areas," said Col. Steve Robinson, 30th Support Group Commander. "Because federal rules prohibit contracted employees from issuing citations, we've also hired two additional civil service personnel who will be trained and authorized to write citations for anyone caught breaking the law." Robinson added that people from Vandenberg's Fish and Wildlife office will oversee the entire process.

BEACH FACTS

Call the Beach Hotline at 606-6804 to get more information about beach status. To volunteer as a beach Docent, call Supervisor Joni Grey's office at 737-7700.

"Monitors will be positioned at each of Vandenberg's beaches to include Ocean Beach," said Jim Mercier, Vandenberg's Wildlife Enforcement chief. "All will be equipped with radios, which will be used to contact enforcement personnel of any violations."

Enforcement personnel and monitors are required as part of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and California Coastal Commission approved beach management plan. The plan is designed to protect the threatened species and assist in its recovery, while allowing the base to open limited areas to recreational access during the nesting season.

The plan will allow for one-quarter mile of recreational beach

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PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN JONATHAN POMEROY

Col. John Larned, the new 14th Air Force vice commander, poses in front of the headquarters building.

Former 614th deputy steps into 14th AF slot

BY 2ND LT. MICHELLE MAYO

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

The 14th Air Force welcomed Col. John "Motown" Larned to the helm of its space operations as the new vice commander this month.

The new vice commander is not new to the 14th Air Force. He has been the deputy chief of operations for the 14th and the deputy commander for the 614th Space Operations Group since August 2000.

His vision as vice commander for the 14th Air Force is to take part in the continued evolution of aerospace operations centers as weapons systems.

"We have an aerospace operations center here that we use to plan, task and direct space operations," he said. "It's Maj. Gen. Looney's vehicle for executing his mission."

"The Air Force, institutionally, is turning AOCs into weapons systems," the colonel said. "Continued evolution as a part of the AOC weapons systems is important, because it determines how we integrate with theater operations, and the type of manning, equipment and training we get."

Larned said his focus for the past four to five years has been space's role in the operational level of warfare.

"Space doesn't just support the fight," he said. "Space

operators are warfighters."

Larned became interested in space operations as an F-111 navigator in Europe.

"The Air Force space support teams were just organizing while I was (stationed in Germany)," explained Col. Larned. "During some of our operational level exercises over there, we received the benefit of the then 76th Space Operations Squadron, whose mission was to provide forward space support to theater air commanders."

"So I was on the receiving end of that support and got familiar and interested in the space business because of some of those exercises," he said.

After his European tour, he sought a job at the Space Warfare Center at Schriever AFB, Colo.

"I wanted to work some of the emerging air and space integration issues," he said.

Larned got a position at the SWC in 1997. He became chief of the center's Space Integration Branch and was there for three years before coming to Vandenberg.

Larned's career has spanned 25 years and taken him from Idaho to the United Kingdom, Florida and Germany.

He spent 11 years as an F-111 weapons system operator before crossing over into space operations.

AFSPC names 2nd SLS best

BY CAPT. DAN WETMORE

2nd Space Launch Squadron

Air Force Space Command recently recognized Vandenberg's 2nd Space Launch Squadron as the best spacelift unit in the command for the third time in a row.

The 2nd SLS is the first squadron in AFSPC history to ever "three-peat" for the best spacelift award, the Kutyna Trophy. The 2nd SLS won the trophy during the 2001 Space and Missile Operations awards. Space launch and range squadrons from Vandenberg and Patrick AFB competed for the prestigious title.

"This is an amazing accomplishment," said Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30th Space Wing commander. "Spacelift is one of our core missions here at Vandenberg. This is what America pays us for. For the 2nd SLS to be named the best in the command reinforces that Team Vandenberg is simply the

best in the world at what we do. We are very proud to have the men and women of the 2nd SLS at

the tip of the spear leading the way."

"Given their unprecedented success, the 2nd SLS team makes it look so easy that sometimes people forget just what a complex process the spacelift business really is," said Col. Mark Owen, commander of the 30th Operations Group. "As we are fond of saying in the operations group, this stuff really is rocket science, and to be named best in the command in such a highly technical field -- not once, not twice, but three years in a row -- is absolutely staggering!"

The 2nd SLS is coming off a stellar year of "bests," "firsts," and historical precedents. In January 2001, the 2nd SLS team successfully performed the first Titan II detanking procedure in 13 years after a ground system aborted only 19 seconds before launch.

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PHOTO BY MAJ. ERNEST ALBRITTON

Crews prepare a Titan IV rocket for an October 2001 launch from Space Launch Complex 4-East.

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Red Hawk, a hard-working GI, retires with little more than a blanket and some hay.

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Chiefs stomp Eagles in a softball grudge match last Friday. Want to know how badly?

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Weekend forecast
Patchy early morning fog with skies clearing by mid-morning.

Low/High
39/72

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

Commander's Action line 606-7850



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

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

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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 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 in case more information is needed.

'Ladies first, airmen second': AF women in earlier years

By RETIRED CHIEF MASTER SGT.
ANNE O'CONNOR

I entered the Air Force twice — the first time Jan. 10, 1971, the second Nov. 7, 1981.

The first time I was a pampered novelty: a woman in the Air Force. Ten years later, I was a valuable commodity: a prior-service airman.

American values had shifted, marking significant changes for women in the Air Force. Before the history of "the good old days" is lost, I'll record with some fondness the values of the 1967 to 1972 era and the impact those values had on me and others.

In 1967, President Johnson signed Public Law 90-130, lifting grade restrictions and strength limitations on women in the military. That

was the first major policy change affecting servicewomen since the Armed Forces Services Integration Act of 1948.

In 1972, Roger Kelley, assistant secretary of defense for manpower and reserve affairs, asked all services to "take action to eliminate all unnecessary distinctions in regulations applying to women and, where appropriate, recommend legislation to eliminate any inequities which are now required."

Action was taken, but between 1967 and 1972 we were special. Femininity influenced everything about women in the Air Force.

Women weren't recruited like men. I had to submit a package with references and four pictures: front and side, full-length, and head-and-shoulders views. Had I been under 21, I would've needed parental consent; men only needed parental consent if

they were under 18.

I had to have a high school diploma; for men, the Air Force considered a high school diploma "desirable." Married women or those with children could not enlist, while married men could enlist but needed a waiver for more than one dependent.

Basic military training reinforced both feminine values and the feeling that we were special. In a 1993 interview, retired Senior Master Sgt. Theresa Picarro told

me about her memories of basic training in 1967.

She remembered having to carry lipstick and perfume in her "ditty bag" at all times. Many times she heard her instructor say, "You are ladies first and airmen second." She was required to have two girdles — one

on, one in the drawer. There was no obstacle course, weapons firing or guard duty.

Not much had changed when I went to basic training in January 1971. At 23, I was older than most and had been on my own for some time. I had never worn makeup and did not think of myself as particularly "feminine," but the Air Force set out to fix that.

The learning center presented a personal development course with a variety of tips for women. There were four hours about skin and hair care, two hours on etiquette and office manners, six hours about makeup, and a one-hour manicure and pedicure course.

The howling favorite was a two-hour block about posture and movement. According to the course syllabus, it was designed to "include definition and purpose of good posture with

emphasis on grace in motion."

We were instructed in many aspects of good posture: climbing and descending stairs, removing and donning coats, and the all-important manner of crossing one's legs. The most startling of the instruction was an exhibition of how to "walk like a lady again."

The instructor said that marching for six weeks of basic training had ruined our walk. Touching the inside of each of her wrists, she showed us how to "bump" our hip against the wrist, evoking a fairly substantial bump-and-grind motion as she sallied up the aisle between the ranks of 55 awestruck young women. We were sent back to the dorm to practice the newest of our grace-in-motion traits.

Things changed tremendously fast after 1972. Although values didn't change overnight, change had been in the wind for several years and the overprotective umbrella was gone. Paternalism was dying. No longer were we decorations or little princesses.

Equality became a core value in American and military culture. The military was so successful in making equality a part of its culture that when I returned to active duty in 1981, I entered an Air Force far different from the one I first entered.

The shift in values is reflected in many ways, not the least of which is how the media portrays issues. News of women in the Air Force in 1971 saw a number of "firsts" and Jeanne Holm's selection as the first female general was touted by Airman magazine with an article entitled, "The Lady Is a General."

Twenty years after Assistant Secretary Roger Kelley put out the order for elimination of inequities, Dr. Sheila Widnall's selection as the first woman secretary of the Air Force engendered the November 1993 Airman magazine's nine-page article that only mentioned the fact she is a woman twice. (Courtesy Air Combat Command News Service)

Anatomy of failure

By COL. MARK OWEN
30th Operations Group commander

President Kennedy once said, "Success has many fathers, but failure is an orphan."

Few are as interested in failure as they are success. Yet, if we dissect failure to understand its anatomy, many lessons reveal themselves.

People rarely approach any given day with a goal of failing. When I am faced with a situation in which either I have failed or someone I work with has, there are generally six principle causes.

TRAINING
When a person fails to succeed in their job, one of the main reasons is training. Somewhere along the way they weren't taught the particular set of techniques necessary to achieve a repeatable expected result.

The antidote? Each of us must assure we have the requisite skills to perform our jobs successfully. Supervisors have a greater responsibility — they are required to know the skills their subordinates

need. Got a new troop? What training do they have? Is it the right kind? Current enough? What more training do they need? Figure it out and get it for them!

EXPECTATIONS
Next, failure shows up as initiative that has fallen short of expectations. Sometimes, expectations between the supervisor and subordinate are mismatched — each measures success differently.

The antidote for this failure is elemental but often overlooked. Supervisors, have you shared your expectations, compared them with your troops' and

reconciled the differences? Subordinates, do you keep your boss "in the loop" and frequently compare notes? If the answer to both is "yes," success will surely follow.

INITIATIVE
In other cases, failure results when skills simply do not match the enthusiasm — the member strives outside of their comfort zone and misses the mark. Too often, supervisors brand someone as a failure instead of recognizing their first attempts to test their skill. Failure to reward and encourage initiative is a certain way to kill it.

AVENUE AND ACCESS
The next element in the anatomy of failure is avenue and access. People want to be loyal to their chain of command. Yet, many times commanders and

supervisors send out signals that discourage open communication. When subordinates feel that they cannot bring forward what they believe to be legitimate issues, they may attempt to circumvent the chain of command. This is unfortunate and avoidable.

The antidote is simple. An open-door policy is more than a period of time in a supervisor's day. It is a philosophy of being accessible and available for those issues your subordinates think are important. If the issues truly are not issues, then a mentoring opportunity has presented itself — use it. If you think you've found an issue and an approach to fix it, your chain of command wants to hear from you!

ALIENATION
Another element of failure is alienation. The Air Force is composed of teams. Teams make us greater than the sum of our parts.

Far too often, however, individuals and organizations make corrosive distinctions. For example, differentiating between operators and acquirers, rated and non-rated operators, mission and mission support. I have also witnessed this at the individual level whereby a person is somewhat different in appearance or personality causing the unit's members to shun him or her.

The last Air Force Chief of Staff Survey revealed a sense of belonging as a vital element to job satisfaction and retention in the Air Force. Supervisors are the first lines of defense against alienation. Assure maximum participation in the workplace and police unit pride so that it is positive and contributes to the productivity of the entire team.

For Air Force members the antidote is participation — at all levels. Throw your shoulder not only against the load your unit faces, but also join professional organizations, play intramural sports, and volunteer in base and community programs. Your Air Force experience will be significantly enriched.

OPPORTUNITY
Opportunity or, more accurately, the lack of opportunity is a consistent element of failure. Today's force is approximately one half the size of what it was in 1997. Yet, in the face of our ever-increasing operational demands, we consistently maintain the standard.

Today's airmen work harder than ever before. They only stop working when we, as supervisors, fail to put in the proper amount of effort into recognizing, recording and rewarding their efforts. Commanders who fail to be active in performance reports and awards and decorations programs garner similar results. The antidote is to work as hard or harder as your troops are working for you.

An anatomy of failure reveals many important leadership lessons. Lessons the rank and file, supervisory and command billets can — and should — share.

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PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN ANNE MCCORMICK

Members of the 2nd Space Launch Squadron prepare to launch their entry at the sixth annual model rocket competition March 22.

3, 2, 1 ... Blast Off!! VCA launches sixth annual model rocket competition

By 2nd Lt. JAMES HOGAN

381st Training Group transition student
 ■ The site of the sixth annual Model Launch Vehicle Competition held March 22, was the launch site for miniature rockets and flying palm trees.

A total of 21 teams from all over Vandenberg and the Lompoc community designed their own model rockets and launched them from the miniature space launch complexes set up at the parade ground.

They battled it out for two and a half hours to win titles for the best looking, most accurate and most spectacular flight.

"This is an awesome turnout," said 30th Space Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant Mike Morey. "I'm rooting for them all." However, only three walked away with the prizes.

The best-looking rocket award went to the 30th Space Wing Safety team. The white, blue and green model was painted with the unit logo and was even attached to a model gantry. The safety team got creative and designed a window in the payload area, so the mini person inside of it could "see" out.

Morey joined 30th Space Wing commander Col. Robert M. Worley II, and Denny Anderson from the Lompoc Chamber of Commerce to judge the entries for best looking.

The Detachment 9 Test and Evaluation Division team walked away with the prize for most accurate flight after landing down within 25 feet of the target. No easy feat considering the wind played a major part in determining the trajectory of the model rockets' flights. Some teams found that out the hard way.

The Guardian Challenge maintenance team touched down 675.3 feet from the target.

The 30th Civil Engineer Squadron members determined the distances each rocket soared by using surveys. The survey team used a piece of equipment, known as an Electronic Distance Measurement Instrument, to shoot a strong beam to a reflector, which sends the beam back.

Readings are within a tenth of an inch. The most spectacular flight award went to 2nd Space Launch Squadron Generation Flight Satellites Division.

"The crash and burn award goes to the flying palm tree," Worley said of the team that launched a rocket that was designed like a palm tree. The flying palm took off and flew about 20 feet, did one loop and crashed to the ground.

The parade grounds had three launch platforms for the model rockets to take off from. Prior to the contest, there were two test launches to determine the best spot for the SLCs and the target location, said event organizer 1st Lt. Larry McGraw of the 30th Operations Group Standards and Evaluations Section.

The fundraiser for the Vandenberg Competition Association raised nearly \$700. Each team paid a \$50 contest entry fee. The fee included a kit and engine and all proceeds went to support Vandenberg's four Guardian Challenge teams.

"It's a great opportunity to raise money for Guardian Challenge, the base and have fun," Worley told the competitors and spectators at the event.

GUARDIAN CHALLENGE GEAR

The Vandenberg Competition Association has Guardian Challenge jackets, shirts, hats, scarves, patches and pins available. To purchase gear, call 606-2415. Proceeds raised by VCA benefit Team Vandenberg GC teams.

Team V retiree takes last ride to Mojave Desert

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

Regardless of how many years someone spends serving his country, it's not too common that he leaves his final station with little more than a warm blanket and a flake of hay to munch.

Most GIs would feel insulted if they were loaded into a horse trailer for their trip home. But all of that was plenty fine with Red Hawk.

The 20-year-old gelding retired from duty as a military working horse Saturday.

Base Game Warden Jim Mercier bought the 975-pound horse for \$2,000 in 1997.

"I named him after Vandenberg's Redtail Hawk because he's a red roan," Mercier said. After confrontation management training, Red Hawk joined his seven equine peers.

Last year, Red Hawk partnered up with Staff Sgt. Wayne Moses, a base game warden. Moses, a novice horseman, was a perfect match for Red Hawk's easygoing temperament.

Team V's military working horses and their handlers patrol the base to protect critical habitat and the various wildlife species that call the base home. Fish and Game also uses the mounted patrols to sweep the beaches prior to launches, control crowds during demonstrations, visit local schools and assist with special

operations training for U.S. Navy Seal teams.

But the varied terrain of the Central Coast took a toll on Red Hawk's ability to bear the burden of daily patrols.

"He recently became chronically lame," Mercier said. "His body is just not capable of doing the job anymore."

Red Hawk's disability could have meant a trip to the auction — maybe even the slaughterhouse.

"Carolyn Curry, our horse trainer, spent five months researching and speaking with various agencies in order to find the perfect home for Red Hawk," the game warden said.

She found Ron and Fran Becker of The Jack Auchterlonie Memorial Equine Sanctuary in Twentynine Palms, Calif.

"JAMES is a home for horses that have special needs," Curry said. The Beckers enlisted the help of a specially trained farrier in Arizona. Farriers care for horses' hooves by trimming the excess growth and custom fitting metal shoes to the sole of the hoof.

"He's trained in a rare method of corrective trimming that has been able to make unsound horses sound again," the horse trainer said.

With treatment, Red Hawk's condition could improve and eventually he might even be able to be ridden lightly, Mercier said.

The Beckers usually find

loving homes for the horses that come to live with them, but not for Red Hawk. Now, JAMES is his home.

According to Mercier, the soft, sandy soil of the Mojave Desert provides relief for Red Hawk's hoof pain and the warm, dry climate will ease his arthritis.

Curry's search for Beckers boiled down to one thing — what's best for Red Hawk.

"They, like us, want to ensure that

horses like Red Hawk are provided the best of care throughout their lives," she said.

"We all believe that this horse, who served his country faithfully, deserves to live out his last years in a relaxing and comfortable home," Mercier said.

Editor's note: Check out the April 5 edition of the *Space & Missile Times* for a story about

Liberty and Justice — Team V's newest military working horses.

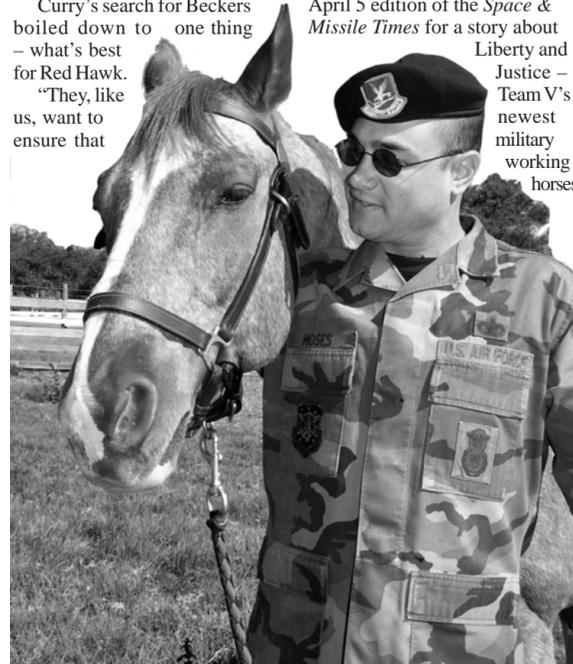


PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN ANNE MCCORMICK

Red Hawk shares some horse sense with handler Staff Sgt. Wayne Moses, 30th Security Forces Squadron. The 20-year-old horse retired Saturday to Twentynine Palms, Calif.

WHAT IS JAMES?

■ The Jack Auchterlonie Memorial Equine Sanctuary, or JAMES, is a nonprofit organization located in Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Owned and operated by Ron and Fran Becker, the 10-acre refuge offers charitable rescue and rehabilitation for abandoned, abused, neglected, unwanted or retired equines like Red Hawk.

JAMES was founded with one purpose in mind — to provide a safe and

healthy environment for horses in need. The organization accepts all equines, regardless of breed, age or condition.

Their philosophy is that every horse deserves a life with proper care, whether it be with JAMES as a retired or companion horse or being placed with a caring, responsible adoptive family.

Each horse is provided shelter, proper diet, constant water access, exercise as appropriate, professional veterinary and farrier care and love.

As a nonprofit, tax-exempt agency, your donations of equipment, feed,

supplies or funds are deductible to the full extent allowable by law.

People can further the JAMES cause by donating the following items:

Everyday veterinary supplies, feed, used tack and trees. Cash donations are also accepted.

Send donations to: Jack Auchterlonie Memorial Equine Sanctuary (JAMES) at 69626 Brant Crossing Road, Twentynine Palms, Calif. 92277.

For more information, log onto the website at www.jamesrescue.com

Med group collects patient health insurance information

By CAPT. VERNON SWINTON
 30th Medical Group

■ Beginning Monday, the 30th Medical Group requires all active duty dependents and retirees to provide information about their health insurance carrier before they check in for their scheduled appointments.

TRICARE beneficiaries who don't carry additional health insurance are also required to participate.

The effort is part of a federally mandated program designed to allow the 30th Medical Group to recover authorized treatment costs from the patient's insurance provider for treatment received at the base clinic. The monies collected will fund pharmaceutical costs, staff education and certification, medical equipment and contracted healthcare services.

Participation in the program won't increase patient health insurance costs. Health insurance premiums, unlike automobile policies, don't increase due to use.

Additionally, if the full cost of care isn't collected from the patient's insurance provider, the patient won't be billed for costs the clinic can't collect.

Regardless of whether they have health insurance other than TRICARE or not, patients won't be billed for the treatment they receive here.

Throughout the month of April, all patients, except active-duty members, need to arrive at the base clinic at least 25 minutes earlier than their appointment time. This information must be updated annually and is filed in the patient's medical records.

Once the forms are filled out and when applicable, patients will receive an Other Health Insurance Pass Card. For all future appointments at the base clinic, the OHIPC must be presented to healthcare technicians prior to treatment.

For more information about the Third Party Collection Program, call 606-9076.

Team Vandenberg Civilian Spotlight



ILLUSTRATION BY STAFF SGT. ANDREW LEONHARD

The Team Vandenberg Civilian Spotlight is one of the easiest and most visible ways for supervisors to recognize their top civilians for duty excellence and awards. To submit someone for the spotlight, send an e-mail to the *Space & Missile Times*. Include the following information in the message: nominee's name, pay grade, unit, duty title, hometown, time on base and a quote from their supervisor. Include a phone number for the point of contact so a photograph can be taken.



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN ANNE MCCORMICK

“Top” Chun aims at first base to throw out a base runner March 22 during the chiefs and Eagles softball game. The Chiefs won 8-1, taking their mark against the Eagles to 2-0.

Chiefs cage Eagles 8-1

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

■ In a softball grudge rematch, the Chiefs defeated the Eagles 8-1 here March 22.

Before the game, banter about the Chiefs' 21-15 win last November being “an anomaly” stirred the teams' competitive spirits.

Both teams were scoreless going into the bottom of the fourth, when Greg Egan stepped up and blasted an in-the-park homer. At the end of the inning, the score stood 2-0 Chiefs.

Throughout the game, the first basemen proved their mettle.

“Caddo” Cox, Eagles' first

baseman, kept his glove warm fielding hits and throws to send eight runners back to the dugout with an out tallied in their stats. “Dutch” Van Sickle had a hand in four of the team's defensive outs.

For the Chiefs, pitcher Rich Vassaur and first baseman Dan Hehe were a stand-out pairing. Vassaur fielded five hits and hit the mark with Hehe at first. By the end of the game, Hehe had bagged his limit of 11 Eagles – too bad it wasn't a golf game.

While the Eagles played tight defensive ball, they couldn't get on the board.

The only screech out of the be-

leagued birds came after the Chiefs stretched their lead to 8-0 with a string of singles and doubles in the sixth and seventh innings.

But “Top” Chun's scoring off his triple in the bottom of the seventh proved too little too late.

In the end, it was the Chiefs' “we will prevail attitude,” great field play and solid hitting that won the game.

Showing his team's good sportsmanship and sense of humor, “Hawk” Worley, a.k.a. 30th Space Wing commander, hailed the Chiefs' win and added, “It's amazing how two such anomalies could happen within a four month period.”

Base honors March promotees

■ Promotions in the military signify that one has demonstrated the ability to do the job right, is ready for increased responsibility, up to the challenge of leading others, or all of the above.

Airman

Nicholas Alexander 532nd Training Squadron
Eugene Bazile 532nd TRS
Kevin Beavers Det. 1, 345th TRS
Jamaal Bostick Det. 1, 345th TRS
Keichanta Chaney 532nd TRS
Brian Church 532nd TRS
Brandon Chustz 392nd TRS
Fabian Clark 532nd TRS
Jamison Coffin 532nd TRS
Jeremy Coleman 392nd TRS
Vincent Cusay 392nd TRS
Katrina Daniel Det. 1, 345th TRS
Jonathan Davila Det. 1, 345th TRS
Bryan Delapenha Det. 1, 345th TRS
Christopher Donohue Det. 1, 345th TRS
Brian Estonactoc Det. 1, 345th TRS
William Ferguson Det. 1, 345th TRS
Nicholas Ferraio 532nd TRS
Gregory Gilmore Det. 1, 345th TRS
David Gomes 532nd TRS
Mark Hawkinson 532nd TRS
Nicolas Hernandez 392nd TRS
Raymond Hinds Det. 1, 345th TRS
Troy Hollis Det. 1, 345th TRS
Robert Huber Det. 1, 345th TRS
Mortimer Jacob Det. 1, 345th TRS
Joseph Kaufmann 392nd TRS
David Lam 392nd TRS
Eric Lee 532nd TRS
Leonid Limun 392nd TRS
Chad Marsh Det. 1, 345th TRS
Adam Miller 532nd TRS
Curtis Miller Det. 1, 345th TRS
Jeffrey Moore 392nd TRS
Kevin Murphy 392nd TRS
Christopher Patterson 30th Security Forces Squadron
Donshay Peoples 532nd TRS
Bojan Peterkovic Det. 1, 345th TRS
Steve Priore 532nd TRS
Scott Provencher 532nd TRS
Balam Ramdatt Det. 1, 345th TRS
Jennifer Ramey Det. 1, 345th TRS

Stephanie Reames 392nd TRS
Alexis Sanchez Det. 1, 345th TRS
Joseph Sheffer Det. 1, 345th TRS
Robert Smiley 532nd TRS
Melissa Smith 532nd TRS
Caleb Smyth 532nd TRS
Antoni Suchoicki 532nd TRS
Jennifer Tarmann 392nd TRS
Steven Trott 532nd TRS
John Wernke Det. 1, 345th TRS
Claudia Wortham 30th Space Wing
Hyung Yoon Det. 1, 345th TRS

Airman First Class

Mirza Baig 30th SFS
Dallas Bryan 30th Civil Engineering Squadron
Haris Johnson 30th SFS
Michelle Miranda 30th Communications Squadron

Oleg Perchine 30th Contracting Squadron

Senior Airman

Brian Barry 30th CES
Junicio Caical Jr. 30th CES
Chad Davidson 30th SFS
George Flores Jr. 30th SFS
Cesar Guzman 30th SFS
Josephine Harrison 30th SFS
Alejandro Herrera 30th SFS
Tyler Nelms 30th SFS
Ana Marie Noriesta 30th Transportation Squadron
Pelagio Perez III 30th CES

Staff Sergeant

Jason Baldwin 532nd TRS
Amy Blount 2nd Space Launch Squadron
Kathryn Brady 30th Mission Support Squadron
Lynnette Bryant 576th Flight Test Squadron
Stephen Deen 30th CES
Jennifer Dias 381st TRS
Johnathan Drop 30th SFS
Sean Forne 30th Services Squadron
Marcus Jones 30th SFS
Suzanne Jenkins 30th CS
William McComas 30th CES
Rubendante Mercado 14th Information Warfare Flight
Rogelio Meza Jr. 30th SFS
Daniel Miller 30th SVS
James Nelson Det. 1, 345th TRS
Donna Vargas 30th CS

Micheal Robison 30th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron
Franco Villamor III 30th Medical Operations Squadron
Joshua Wennberg 30th CES

Technical Sergeant

Scott Alguire 30th TRNS
Brett Barkman 533rd TRS
Roderick Board 532nd TRS
Bryan Coburn 576th FLTS
Michael Cormican 576th FLTS
James Darsey 576th FLTS
Christopher Denz Det. 9, Space and Missile Systems Center
Jose Dorado 576th FLTS
Richard Freeland 30th CS
Tom Guidry 532nd TRS
Dennis Halman 532nd TRS
Thomas Merret 30th CES
John Rehkop 532nd TRS
Joseph Stilwill Det. 1, 345th TRS
Keith Vivian Det. 1, 345th TRS

Master Sergeant

Peter Caputo 381st Training Group
James Douglass 30th SFS
Andre Summers 30th Operations Support Squadron

GS-05

David Baker 30th CES

GS-07

Francis Breaux Jr. 30th MSS

GS-08

Gerald Thompson 30th CES

GS-09

Paul Ariola 30th CES

GS-11

Martha Crouthers 30th Comptroller Squadron
Kenneth Kester 533rd TRS

GS-12

Deanne Edlund 30th CES

Captain

John Patrick 534th TRS

Filing deadline nears for tax season

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

■ Attention Team V – there's only 17 more days until tax-filing season is over.

Since Jan. 22, Team V's 50 volunteer income tax preparers have been working non-stop toward the April 15 filing deadline.

To date, they've processed 1,425 federal returns securing nearly \$1.9 million in refunds for Team V, according to Ann Fox, base tax office manager. They also prepare and file all state taxes.

How much did the tax prep and filing cost her customers?

“Nothing,” Fox said.

According to Air Force post-tax filing season reports, the average cost of filing these returns at a com-

mercial tax prep office would be \$146 per return.

Fox figures that Team V has saved about \$206,000 in filing fees so far this season.

Base tax office patrons have a couple of options when it comes to filing.

“We can print the forms for mailing, but the most popular method is electronic filing for both federal and state returns,” she said. “To e-file any state other than California, we must file the federal and state returns together.”

The difference between the two filing methods is the time it takes for people to see their refunds.

“If the return is filed by Wednesday, the federal refund is in the bank account for by direct

deposit within 10 days – the following Friday,” Fox said. State refunds are taking three to 14 days. When filing by mail, refunds can take as long as 12 weeks.

Highlighting the importance of using the base tax office, the base tax office manager said, “This week, we fixed last year's and this year's return for a military member and she received approximately \$500 more back on her Virginia taxes than the paid preparer had figured.”

To make an appointment, call 606-3650 or 605-3668. Customers need to bring all W-2 forms, bank statements, school payments for education and any other tax-related documents to their appointment.

Team Vandenberg airmen take next step

30 E-4s graduate leadership school

■ ALS Class 02-C graduation was Tuesday night at the Pacific Coast Club. The following Senior Airmen graduated:

John L. Levitow Award winner
Anthony Creazzo 30th Security Forces Squadron

Distinguished Graduate and Academic Achievement Award winner
Edward Braly 30th Communications Squadron

Distinguished Graduate winner
David Goodnight 576th Flight Test Squadron

Leadership Award winner
Jenne Patterson 30th SFS
Richard Dimso 30th CS
Shimere Andrus Los Angeles AFB
Steven Barousse 30th CS
Eric Bernhard 576th FLTS
Elisa Delgado 30th Comptroller Squadron
Richard Dimso 369th Rescue Squadron
Ericka Duggins 533rd Training Squadron
Kelly Elijah 30th SFS
Miguel Gonzalez LAAFB
Philip Goodrich 30th CS
Juan Hernandez-Solano 30th Civil Engineer Squadron
Michael Klemm 576th FLTS

Michelle Higdon 30th Medical Operations Squadron
Dennis Leon 30th Aeromedical Dental Operations Squadron

Glenn Logan LAAFB
Darryl Lyles 30th SFS
Nicholas Marzan 30th SFS
Joseph Merica 576th FLTS
Gary Morgan 30th SFS
Fitzroy Munroe 30th ADOS
Kristopher Neely 576th FLTS
Trevor Scott 30th CES
Nichole Sneed 576th FLTS
Joshua Torrance 30th SFS
Candace Webber LAAFB
Cassie Whitcomb 30th Transportation Squadron
Kelly Williams 30th Operations Group

BEACHES: Violation threshold same as 2001

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access at Wall Beach, and one-half mile at Surf Beach and Minuteman Beach during the nesting season.

The public will have access to one-half mile at Surf Beach. All other beach areas on Vandenberg supporting nesting snowy plovers are closed throughout the season.

Violation thresholds for the 2002 season will be the same as 2001 and are as follows: 25 for Surf Beach, five for Minuteman Beach, 10 for Wall Beach. Once a beach's violation threshold is reached, that respective beach will remain closed until Sept. 30,

which is the end of the nesting season.

“The base has worked very hard to ensure access to the beaches,” said Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30th Space Wing commander. “Now it's up to everyone who frequents these areas to follow all posted rules and stay out of the closed areas. This will not only ensure continued access but continued protection of the species.”

Also working to help in species protection and educational awareness will be the Lompoc Docent Program. Volunteer docents will be on-hand at Surf Beach to help educate the public on the plover's plight and the importance of adhering to the rules.

2SLS: Squadron achieves many firsts during 2001

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The quick reaction of the launch team and maintenance crew salvaged the booster and saved the \$250 million weather satellite for a future launch attempt.

During last year's Guardian Challenge competition in May, they led the wing operations team to the title of “Best Spacelift Operations” by the largest margin in competition history.

They also scored a victory in the maintenance competition, resulting in the first Best Operations and Best Maintenance sweep in 5 years.

The second half of 2001 brought the squadron their highest operations tempo in squadron history.

They were challenged with simultaneously building three rockets on three different launch pads and posting two successful National Reconnaissance Office launches only 27 days apart — a Vandenberg record.

Last fall, the 2nd SLS successfully launched the first NRO satellite to ever fly aboard an Atlas II from Vandenberg. They overcame unprec-

edented satellite and booster integration challenges. That same mission also set a record for the heaviest payload ever flown aboard an Atlas II.

Last year, the Air Force Space Command Inspector General team was so impressed with the 2nd SLS's performance during an Operational Readiness Inspection that they named the entire 2nd SLS launch team an “IG Professional Team” — a first in AFSPC history. The IG evaluated the 2nd SLS team during a real-world Titan IV launch of an intelligence satellite.

Because of real-world events at the time, the Titan IV launch was also the first launch in AFSPC history conducted under Force Protection Condition “Charlie.”

“I couldn't be more proud of our team,” said 2nd SLS Commander Lt. Col. Clint Crosier.

“What's most gratifying to me, is now the rest of AFSPC knows the same thing that I already knew. From operations to maintenance, and the mission support personnel who glue the whole team together, the men and women of Team 2nd SLS are the finest group of spacelift professionals in the world!”

Moving on up



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN ANNE MCCORMICK

Michelle Morey unpacks household goods after she and 30th Space Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Mike Morey moved into their new house this past week. The Moreys were the first family to move into the newly opened Phase Seven housing.

Briefings offer insights into making top enlisted grades

Sessions begin Thursday at 9 a.m., 2 p.m.

BY MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ The 30th Support Group commander teams up with the Air Force Personnel Center chief of enlisted promotions to brief Team V about enlisted promotions Thursday.

At 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the base theater, Chief Master Sgt. Greg Haley leads off briefings by covering the enlisted promotion process from airman basic to chief.

During his portion of the two-hour sessions, Col. Steve Robinson shares his insights as a former AFPC promotion board secretariat.

He'll discuss senior and chief master sergeant board member se-

lection and the training they receive prior to grading promotion packages.

“He'll also discuss the board scoring scale and the factors the board reviews to score a record,” said Master Sgt. Mark Long, 30th Mission Support Squadron superintendent of customer support.

The briefings are important to airmen because promotion is an individual responsibility.

“This briefing will educate them on the promotion system and give them goals to shoot for,” Long said. Given that the majority of the Air Force is enlisted and that officers play such a key role in the shaping of careers, young officers stand to gain a great deal from the briefings. Haley's brief also covers the “10-year look back.”

According to Long, board members review a members performance

reports going back 10 years from the promotion eligibility cutoff date.

“You've heard the old saying, ‘You start making senior or chief as a staff or tech sergeant' right? Well, it's true.” Long said. Over the years, he's encountered several unknowing staffs and techs who had no idea those “old” EPRs counted for top-two promotions.

Having worked with Haley for three years, Long gained an appreciation for the fairness of the selection board system.

“The rumors you hear about secret handshakes and brother-in-law deals are just that – rumors,” he said.

“All grades need to understand the senior and chief board process – it's not a great mystery,” Long said. “The bottom line is that these briefings will show how it's a tried and true board process.”

Base Briefs: Coffee house opens, commissary closes

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COFFEE HOUSE TO OPEN SOON

The G.I. Java Coffee House at Bldg. 13406 opens April 12. For more information, call Senior Airman Mary Straub at 606-5773.

GC STAFF NEEDS ESCORTS

The Guardian Programs Office is looking for officers to serve as escorts for distinguished visitors during Guardian Challenge 2002. Call 1st Lt. Erick Fonseca or 2nd Lt. Joe Mannino at 606-2959 or 606-6035 to volunteer.

DENTAL SCALES BACK HOURS

The dental clinic limits the afternoon sick call to space and missile students only, starting Monday. All others wishing to be seen at dental sick call are asked to report to the dental clinic at 7:30 a.m. hours for evaluation. Active-duty patients presenting after 7:30 with severe dental emergencies will continue to be seen 24 hours a day. Call the Dental Clinic at 606-8860 for questions.

GC STAFF NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The hangar detail team is looking for volunteers from April 8 to May 31. The volunteers will set up the main hangar. Volunteer work involves construction, electricity, lighting and power tools. For more information call Capt. “Tool” Ayars at 606-2940.

SEPARATING MEMBERS CONTACT RESEVE RECRUITER

Active-duty Air Force members who are separating are required to meet with the Air Force Reserve recruiter. This is a mandatory requirement regardless of whether or not you plan to join the Air Force Reserve. The recruiter must sign off out-processing checklist. For information, call Master Sgt. Brenda Kartheiser at 606-2704.

COMMISSARY CLOSERS EASTER

The commissary is closed Sunday for the Easter holiday. The Mini-Com is open from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Community Calendar

EVENTS

29 FRI The Dunes Center at the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes

Preserve offers **guided tours** to visitors. The center also has hands-on, interactive exhibits such as a virtual reality, no-sand-in-your-shoes tour of the preserve and computer exhibits of dune birds, amphibians, reptiles and arthropods for children of all ages. The center is open from noon to 4 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. For tour reservations, call the Dunes Center at (805) 343-2455.

The Vandenberg Spouses' Club offers **scholarships** to college-bound students demonstrating exceptional commitment to academic excellence, extracurricular activity and community involvement. Graduating seniors in the class of 2002 who are dependents of active duty, retired, or deceased military members are eligible to apply. Anyone interested in applying for these scholarships should contact their high school counselor or Terri Hatten at 734-0282. Applications must be received by today.

30 SAT Visitors can enjoy **walking tours** of historic

downtown Santa Barbara every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon, weather permitting. Covering four square blocks, the tour takes guests through historic Spanish downtown. For more information regarding tours, call (805) 965-6407.

The Lompoc Kiwanis Club holds an **Easter egg hunt** Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. Times vary for different age groups. Call the Lompoc Parks and Recreation department at 736-6565 for more information.

31 SUN The Chapel Community Night is every Sunday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Religious Education Bldg. classrooms. For more information, call Jill Hembroff at 734-1360, Sharon Egan at 734-4102, or Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Husfelt at 606-5773.

The Protestant parish sponsors a weekly event for the whole family Sunday. A **time for praise, worship and fellowship** begins at 5:30 p.m. Sunday. Classes for the whole family begin at 6 p.m. For more information, call Jill Hembroff at 734-1360, Sharon Egan at 734-4102, or Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Husfelt at 606-5773.

APRIL 2 TUE The Lompoc Museum offers guests a glimpse into local history

from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Trained docents lead **guided tours** by appointment only. Admission is \$1 for adults and free for children and museum members. For more information, call the museum at 736-3888.

6 SAT The 30th Medical Group holds a **Women's**

Health Celebration Day April 6 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Vandenberg Recreation Center. For more information, call the Medical Group at 606-3011.

7 SUN Registration for **Crestview Elementary**

School kindergarten for the upcoming school year is April 10 from 8:15 to 11 a.m. for students whose last names begin with A through M and from 1 to 2:30 p.m. for students whose last names begin with N through Z. For

Happy birthday to me



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN ANNE MCCORMICK

Col. Mitchell Slate, 30th Logistics Group commander, serves up the bubbly to Master Sgt. George Pacheco, 14th Air Force, at the Quarterly Birthday Meal held at Breakers Dining Facility. Pacheco turned 48 this year. The Services Squadron holds a birthday meal every three months. Call Breakers at 606-7540 for more information.

more information, call the Lompoc Unified School District at 736-2371, Ext. 301.

13 SAT The Vandenberg Youth Center holds a **"Salute To Youth"** April 13 from 12 to 2 p.m. at the Youth Center. For more information, call 606-2152.

15 MON Registration for **Los Padres Elementary School kindergarten** is April 15 from 8:30 to 10 a.m. for students whose last names begin with A through L and 10 to 11:30 a.m. for students whose last names begin with M through Z. For more information, call the Lompoc Unified School District at 736-2371, Ext. 301.

20 SAT Special Olympics returns to Vandenberg April 20 at the base track. The Vandenberg Special Olympics committee needs several hundred volunteers to be athlete escorts, event workers, set-up/tear-down teams and more. Anyone from Team Vandenberg can volunteer. Call Capt. Trevor Flint at 606-0101 to volunteer.

27 SAT The Air Force Band of the Golden West performs a concert April 27 at 8 p.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Community Center in Santat Maria. For more information or to get free tickets, call 606-3595.

29 MON Circus Chimera comes to Solvang April 29 and 30 at the Old Mission Santa Ynez Grounds. The circus will also be in Lompoc May 1 and 2 at Central and O Streets. For more information, call 1-800-548-5318, Ext. 29.

30 TUE The USAA Educational Foundation conducts a **child passenger safety technician certification** training program for military and civilian people on Vandenberg. The course is April 30 through May 3. Class size is limited to 35 people. For more information, call Valerie Andersen at 606-5338.

CLASSES

29 FRI The Health and Wellness Center offers **T.G.I.F.**

Lunchtime Relaxation every Friday at 12:30 p.m. in the HAWC. Linda Bastine guides participants through various exercises for mind relaxation. Relaxing the mind is one of many ways to manage stress. No registration is required. For more information, call Linda Bastine at 606-9958.

Step-parenting education and counseling is available to couples experiencing the unique challenges of step-parenting. Linda Bastine is available for one-

on-one assistance regarding parenting, marriage enrichment and stress management. Call 606-9958 to schedule an appointment.

APRIL 2 TUE **Tan Soo Do Karate** classes begin April 2 and runs until April 30 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Civic Auditorium in Lompoc. For more information call the Lompoc Parks and Recreation Dept. at 736-6565.

6 SAT Allan Hancock College holds a **Nursing Student Workshop** from 10 a.m. to noon April 6 in the AHC Forum,

Bldg. C, Room 40, on the Santa Maria campus. For more information about the workshop or AHC nursing programs, call (805) 922-6966.

8 MON Students in the 4th grade and up can learn to play a band instrument in the **All Valley Band**. The class is from April 8 to May 1 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Civic Auditorium in Lompoc. The cost is \$40 for residents and \$48 for all others. For more information call the Lompoc Parks and Recreation Dept. at 736-6565.

23 TUE **Beginning and Advanced East Coast Swing** classes begin April 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Anderson Recreation Center in Lompoc. For more information, call the Lompoc Parks and Recreation Dept. at 736-6565.

MEETINGS

29 FRI Vandenberg's Chapter 62 of the **Non-commissioned Officer's Association** holds its general membership meeting today at 3 p.m. in the Pacific Coast Club's enlisted conference room. The agenda for the meeting is nominations for trustees and upcoming events. For more information, call Master Sgt. Mike Brown at 606-7398 or Tech. Sgt. Tony Palacios at 606-1225.

Vandenberg's **Single Parents' Support Group** meets for lunch every second and fourth Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Pacific Coast Club. The group is open to Vandenberg's military and civilian single parents. The next meeting is Tuesday.

The **Lompoc Valley Bicycle Club** meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Baker's Square Restaurant on North H Street in Lompoc. The group is family and singles oriented and consists of about 30 members ranging in age from 1 to 70 years. Activities range from casual, mountain and road-bike rides to cross-country road rides. There are also regularly scheduled rides to Buellton and Orcutt for breakfast.

Air Force Sergeants Association general membership meeting is Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the Base Service Center, Bldg. 10122.

The meeting is open to all AFSA members and any enlisted member or retiree desiring to join. For questions, call Tech. Sgt. Debra Wheeler at 606-2563.

The **Protestant Adult and Youth Bible Study** meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday nights in the Chapel 1 Annex. Currently, participants are using the discipleship book "Growing In Christ." For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Ken Gordon at 734-1816 or Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Husfelt at 606-5773.

Men's Weekly Bible Study is held at 6 a.m. in the Breaker's Dining Facility every Wednesday.

Titan Toastmasters meet every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Base Library. Participants can learn how to speak effectively in a no-pressure, supportive environment. Meetings are open to all interested parties. For information, call Bruce Henderson at 606-1541, Ext. 3627 or Chief Master Sgt. Archie Mitchell at 605-8081.

The **Women's Saturday Morning Bible Study** meets the first and third Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Religious Education Complex Administration building. The current topic is "Spiritual Warfare." For more information, call Genette Howard at 734-1693 or Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Husfelt at 606-5773.

The **Vandenberg Top Three Association** meets at noon every third Thursday of the month in the Services Center. Membership is open to all master sergeant selects through chief master sergeants who are permanently assigned here. For more information, call Master Sgt. Cary Rosson at 606-6232.

APRIL 8 MON The Family Support Center holds a **Newcomer Spouse Orientation** April 8 from 7:45 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Pacific Coast Club. For more information, call 606-0801.

HEALTH

People can visit the Health and Wellness Center's **Relaxation Room** from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. HAWC guests may enjoy the massage chair, listen to soft music and melt their stress away. Call the HAWC at 606-2221 to reserve a 30-minute session.

The Health and Wellness Center offers the **Sensible Weight Loss class**, a 90-minute class instructed by a dietician and exercise physiologist. Participants learn to identify principles for safe weight loss and weight control. For more information, call the HAWC at 606-2221.

Certified instructors lead **indoor cycling classes** in the Services Center. During the class, participants simulate riding hills, valleys and flat roads by adjusting the resistance on the flywheel, body position and speed. Required equipment includes a water bottle and a towel. Classes begin at 6 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; at noon Fridays; at 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays; and at 8 a.m. Saturdays.

Instructors lead **intermediate step aerobics classes** in the Services Center. Since these classes introduce more complex patterns and propulsion, participants should be familiar with the 12 basic steps and their use in workout patterns. The 30- to 40-minute classes begin at 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Mondays and at 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Springtime goodies



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN JONATHAN POMEROY

Paulette Taylor, 381st Training Group protocol officer, donates her time to put together Spring Goodie Bags for the dorm residents. The goodie bags are a Vandenberg Spouses' Club project, which organizes volunteers and goodie collection every three months.

AT THE MOVIES

Today Rollerball

Starring Chris Klein and LL Cool J. Players in a popular Rollerball TV show play for their lives when the station executives find that serious on-court accidents bring in ratings. *Rated PG-13 for violence, extreme sports action and language.*

Saturday Super Troopers

Starring Jay Chandrasekhar and Kevin Heffernan. Four Vermont state troopers in a quiet district go all out to impress the people who want to close down their station. *Rated R for*

crude humor, language and comic violence.

Sunday Big Fat Liar

Starring Frankie Muniz, Paul Giamatti, Amanda Bynes. A young boy tries to prove to a Hollywood producer that Marty Wolf stole his class paper and turned it into a hit movie - Big Fat Liar. He tries to break into show business - literally. *Rated PG.*

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



The Vandenberg Network broadcasts AFTV news on Channel 2 at the following times: 7:30, 9, 11:30 a.m. and 4 and 8 p.m. and midnight. Air Force Television News is a biweekly production of Air Force News Service.

AFTV News is seen on more than 700 cable television outlets nationwide.

The next edition of AFTV News features:

- Air Force supports ground troops in southern Afghanistan
- Airmen turn Krygyzstan airport into important staging area
- "Let's Roll" nose art begins appearing on Air Force aircraft
- Joint Service unit in California has its eyes on the skies
- Langley AFB, Va., center keeps tabs on AEF

- deployments
- War on terrorism triggers accelerated flare testing at Eglin AFB, Fla.
- Air Force sponsors NASCAR entry for second year
- Oklahoma City area takes on international military flavor
- Langley AFB, Va., airman good example of educational advantages in Air Force
- "It's a dog's life" has added meaning for Travis AFB, Calif., canine
- Late Night with David Letterman features Air Force version of Top Ten

S 30th Services

Easter Weekend

NEWS

Happenings!!

VANDENBERG AFB FITNESS CENTER

YOUTH CENTER

PACIFIC COAST CLUB

It's the **GRAND OPENING!** of the **NEW** Skate Park Skate Rink Tennis Courts **TODAY 4 p.m.**

Activities begin at Skate Park, move to the Skate Rink and finish at the Tennis Courts.

Come on out, join the fun and try out the new facilities!!!

REMEMBER...

all skaters need a hold-harmless agreement on file with the Fitness Center and a skate pass. Questions? Call the Fitness Center at 606-3832.

Saturday The Annual EASTER EGG HUNT

Hunt will begin at 9 a.m. *sharp!* Location: Youth Center.

Ages: through 10 yrs. Please bring your own basket.

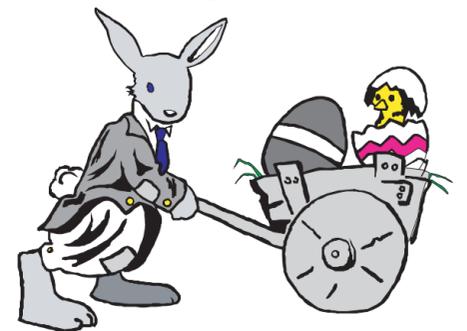


This is a GLOBAL HEARTS GROUP activity! For more information, call Wendy at 606-2152.

Easter Sunday BRUNCH

Seating at 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.
\$20.95
Members \$17.95
 Children 4-12, 75¢ per year
 under 4 years are free

Reservations, please: 734-4375



Easter Bunny for the kids!

V.I.T.T.

Vandenberg Leisure Travel

RENO Experience Reno in a dazzling new light!

Discover Silver Legacy Resort Casino, Reno's only totally themed resort casino where you'll experience turn-of-the-century elegance and 21st century fun!

June 2 to 5, \$150 per person, double \$250 single

Call VITT at 606-7976 for more information.

Mammoth Mountain Pleasures

June 16 to 19, \$318 per person, double \$485 single.

All meals included from time of arrival. The scenic tour to 'top 'em all!' Stay at the Jagerhof Lodge. Dinner provided at a variety of restaurants and a picnic lunch is provided for your trip back home. Call VITT at 606-7976 for more information.

JOHN'S BARBER SHOP

606-2428

Next to Foggio's Pizzeria
 Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Monday through Friday
 Call for an appointment.

GOLF

REMEMBER these weekday specials -

- Tuesday** - Active duty green fees are half price and carts are the 9-hole rate.
- Wednesday** - All carts are the 9-hole rate, range buckets are \$1 off.
- Thursday** - Retired military carts are 9-hole rate.
- Friday** - All contractor and guest green fees are \$5 off.

BOWLING

April is the 'Month of the Military Child'. The Bowling Center has many specials to give the youth at Vandenberg a price break for the whole month. Summer Leagues are forming. Play ends before Labor Day. Sign up now to join the fun!

FITNESS

TODAY - Race for Health Fun Run, 5K & 10K noon, Services Center

MONDAY - Intro to the Free Weight Room, 1 to 2 p.m.

TUESDAY - Box Aerobics, 12 to 12:45 p.m.

THURSDAY - Intermediate Step, 5 to 5:55 p.m.

For more information, contact the Fitness Center at 606-3834.

SWIMMING POOL

Looking for a great summer job as a lifeguard??? **LIFE GUARD TRAINING -**

Class starts Monday, runs through Friday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Course Cost: \$75 per person (includes materials, books, fees)

Red Cross Lifeguard Training is the best place to start. This course provides the skills and knowledge for an individual to properly assume the responsibility of a professional lifeguard at a swimming pool.

- The course also includes the following:
- CPR for the professional rescuer
 - First Aid
 - Automated Electronic Defibrillation (AED)

Attendance is mandatory for all class sessions. Participants must be 15+ years of age. The first day of class will include an in-water skills test. For more information or to register, contact Jennifer at 606-3581, Family Aquatics Center, Bldg. 10144.

YOUTH CENTER

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

Registration for the Youth Center's School Age Program Summer Camp begins Monday. Registration is open for all children who will have completed Kindergarten by June 6. Priority is given to those currently enrolled. Camp runs June 6 through mid-August. For more information, call the Youth Center at 606-2152.

Keep a lookout for future 4-H events at the Youth Center! Call the Youth Center for more information on the 4-H rabbit group at 606-2152.

Looking for some fun??? Check these great activities offered by...

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Horseback T-R-A-I-L R-I-D-E

at the **Circle Bar-B-Ranch**

APRIL 6 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.



- 10 a.m.** Depart Outdoor Recreation
- 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Riding time
- 2 p.m.** Depart; return to Vandenberg approximately 3 p.m.
- Ages:** 7 years and up
- Weight limit:** 240 lbs.

Call Curtis at Outdoor Rec, 606-5908 for more information or to make a reservation.

Sign up for these Outdoor Recreation activities today!!!

APRIL 13 - SANTA BARBARA SAILING TRIP
 Noon to 4 p.m., \$45 per person.

APRIL 26 - DEEP SEA FISHING, Port Hueneme Sport Fishing
 \$65 per person. Sign up deadline: April 24, COB.

STARTING IN APRIL - KERN RIVER WHITE WATER RAFTING TRIPS
 \$55 per person. One day trips. Includes lunch and transportation. Call Curtis at 605-5908 or Jeff at 605-7615 for more information.

BAIT FOR SALE - Outdoor Rec has bait available for all types of fishing!