

BASE BRIEFS

VIOLATIONS RISE TO 12 AT SURF

Sunday three people received violations at Surf Beach taking the total to 12. The maximum limit at Surf Beach is 25 violations. When the limit is reached, the beach will close until Sept. 30, the end of Western Snowy Plover nesting season. The open-area boundaries are clearly marked and base officials will issue citations to people who enter closed areas. Normal beach hours for Wall, Minuteman and Surf beaches are Friday through Monday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information regarding beach access or status, call the Beach Hotline at 606-6804.

TOPS IN BLUE NEEDS PEOPLE

The Air Force Tops in Blue needs a bass guitar player, bus driver and truck driver. Participants must be active duty. For more information, call the Services Center at 605-8974.

SLOT OPENS FOR DORM MANAGER

The 30th Support Group needs a staff sergeant to serve as dorm manager. This is a two-year controlled special duty tour. Applicants must provide a letter of recommendation signed by their commander and copies of their last three performance reports. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Brian Joseph at 606-2990.

HONOR GUARD NEEDS LEADER

The Vandenberg Honor Guard needs a volunteer to serve as NCO in charge of the team. The position is open to Vandenberg senior NCOs. The NCOIC manages up to 60 people. Applicants must be able to balance normal duties and honor guard commitments. For more information, call Capt. Brian Holbein at 606-1542 Ext. 3219 or 2nd Lt. Sandra Quinones at 606-3653.

HONOR GUARD VISITS BASE

The Air Force Honor Guard visits Team V June 3 through 7. This is a rare opportunity to join the base honor guard and be trained by the best in the business. During their visit, they will conduct a week-long training session. For more information, call Capt. Brian Holbein at 606-1542 Ext. 3219 or 2nd Lt. Sandra Quinones at 606-3653.

CLOSURE ALTERS BASE ACCESS

El Rancho Road is closed until June 14 for drainage and road repair. During the closure, Titan Gate is open for access to North Vandenberg.

LOMPOC SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

The Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce needs volunteers for the annual "Brushes and Blues" event June 14 at La Purisima Mission. They need assistance with logistics planning, vehicle control and crowd control. To volunteer, call Public Affairs at 606-3595 or the chamber at 735-4567.



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER

Capt. Michael Wascher, honor guard bugler, blows Taps in remembrance of the nation's fallen warriors during the Memorial Day ceremony at Lompoc Cemetery Monday.

Memorial Day: Lest we forget

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

On a day when many people were traveling or recreating with their families and friends, about 30 men and women from Vandenberg donned their service dress uniforms and joined their Central Coast neighbors.

Together, surrounded by hundreds of tiny flags blowing in the breeze at each veteran's grave in Lompoc Cemetery, they paid tribute to our nation's fallen warriors during the American Legion Post 211 Memorial Day ceremony.

"To be killed in a war is not the worst thing to happen. To be missing in war is not the worst that can

happen. To be forgotten — that is the worst that can happen," Gil Sattler, 16th District American Legion commander, said during his address to the crowd.

About 1,500 veterans are dying each day, he said.

"Today is the day we will not forget them," Sattler said.

Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30th Space Wing commander, shared his thoughts during the ceremony.

"There is much we know about the men and women we remember today," the colonel said. "We know that they all loved their lives as we love ours."

"We know they had a place in the world, families waiting for them

and friends they expected to see again," he said. "We know they thought of a future, just as we do, with plans and hopes for a long and full life."

They left those hopes behind when they went to war and parted with them forever when they died, Worley said.

Memorial Day is a formal expression of a very personal experience for those who know the loss of a veteran, the wing commander said.

"Their losses can be marked but not measured," Worley said. "We can never measure the full value of what was gained in their sacrifice."

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Dr. (Capt.) Patrick Shea, 30th Medical Group physician, examines a young Belizean girl. Shea and his fellow "Team Jaguar" members treated as many as 400 people a day during their 12-day stay in Belize. They were part of the Southern Air Forces Medical Plans and Operations Readiness Exercise. The deployment gives Air Force medical units valuable deployment training opportunities while filling vital humanitarian needs in Third-World countries.



MAP BY SUSAN BLOHM

Bordered by Mexico and Guatemala, Belize is home to 250,000 people.

Team travels to Central America, treats 3,336

By 2nd LT. MICHELLE MAYO
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Five Air Force physicians, a dentist, an optometrist, pharmacist and four assistants traveled to the tiny Central American country of Belize to provide medical care for 3,336 patients for two weeks in May.

The team of 11 people from Vandenberg and one from Los Angeles AFB treated as many as 400 people a day in the small country nestled between Mexico and Guatemala along the Caribbean coast, said Dr. (Maj.) Markham Brown, 30th Medical Group chief of Family Practice and commander for the

humanitarian mission.

The country, slightly smaller than Massachusetts, is home to 250,000 people, 33 percent of whom live below the poverty level. The doctors treated patients in Belize City, Dangriga and outlying areas.

"One of the biggest things we realized is how good our own health care is compared to so much of the rest of the world," Brown said. "Just the cost of medicine makes medical care prohibitive for many people."

In response, the doctors set up clinics in local elementary schools and provided

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Vice heads for AFSPC to take over three Rs

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

The 30th Space Wing's vice commander is moving to Colorado to head up responsibility for ranges, rockets and runways.

Col. Richard Strathearn is headed for Headquarters Air Force Space Command at Peterson AFB, Colo., where he will be the director of staff.

Strathearn's journey as a vice commander began with a trial by fire — the 11,000-acre Harris Grade Fire in September 2000.

"The Harris Grade Fire was a challenge for us. It truly was a life or death situation, but everyone stepped up to that challenge," he said. "Personally, for me, that was quite a challenge because I was brand new to the job and the wing com-



Col. Richard Strathearn 30th Space Wing vice commander

mander was off station at the time."

Team Vandenberg's ability to overcome challenges has made for some rewarding experiences for the outgoing vice.

"The teamwork that went together to handle situations like the fire, protests and an Operation Readiness Inspection was outstanding," the

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Peacekeeper set for Sunday launch

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

An unarmed Peacekeeper intercontinental ballistic missile is scheduled to launch Sunday during a six-hour launch window beginning at 1:01 a.m.

This launch is a combined effort by the 30th Space Wing and the 576th Flight Test Squadron here and the 90th Space Wing, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.

Lt. Col. Kevin Gamache leads the 29-member task force from Wyoming. His team has conducted maintenance activities in preparation for the launch and will actually launch the missile.

Capt. Jeffrey Braxton of the 576th FLTS is the launch director for this mission. Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30th Space Wing commander, serves as the spacelift commander for the early morning launch.

The Peacekeeper missile was randomly selected from operational missiles at F.E. Warren and is part of the Force Development Evaluation Program, which is used routinely to verify the accuracy and reliability of the ICBM force.



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS CANDICE ANGLIN

Capt. Matt Marano (right) of the 576th Flight Test Squadron runs through pre-launch operational checklists. Marano is the countdown control officer for Sunday's launch.

During the launch, pressurized gas ejects the 70-foot 198,000-pound vehicle 50 feet out of the launch facility before the first of four boosters ignite.

The missile will travel approximately 4,800 miles toward the Kwajalein Missile Range where nine unarmed re-entry vehicles will

impact predetermined targets.

The Air Force conducted its first successful test flight of the Peacekeeper missile from Vandenberg June 17, 1983.

For more information about the Peacekeeper missile, check out the fact sheet on line at www.spacecom.af.mil.

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



Base craftsmen prove model making isn't just kid stuff -- it's high-tech art. See Page 3.



Cops shoot it out with 381st Training Group during championship playoffs. See Page 4.

Weekend forecast
Partly to mostly cloudy with chance of morning drizzle.

Low/High
45/61

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

Words to die for: 'I can make it'

LT. COL. BRAD ASHLEY
30th Communications Squadron

“No thanks, I can make it.” The telephone rang and broke the silence of the early morning hours. I reached for it in the darkness and realized it was 4:32 a.m. As a squadron commander, I’ve received dozens of late night phone calls, but this one was very, very different.

The voice on the other end calmly said, “Sir, this is the Wing Operations Center and we have a casualty notification for your unit.”

I was instantly wide awake and sat straight up in the bed unable to imagine a more distressing message.

By 5 a.m., the Casualty Notification Team was formed and refresher training began. The preliminary facts began to filter in — an Air Force member had lost her life in an auto accident and alcohol was a contributing factor.

By 5:30 a.m., a chaplain, a life skills officer, a driver and I left the base for a nearby town to deliver the news to immediate family members on behalf of the Air Force.

“Sir and Ma’am, on behalf of the Chief or Staff of the Air Force, I regret to inform you...” was delivered to the husband and parents of the deceased.

By 10 a.m., I was at a local funeral home identifying the body of a dearly missed Air Force member, member of my squadron, a friend, a coworker and a wonderful young person. Her lifeless body was a mere shell of the vibrant young person that

smiled at me and said, “Hello sir, how’s your day going?” just days before.

The following day, family and friends began to travel to the base from out of state. The chapel staff, coworkers, my wife and I did all that we could to help her family make difficult decisions, while providing some measure of comfort.

Coworkers and the base population were stunned at the tragic news. Plans developed for a memorial service and reception, which turned out to be absolutely beautiful. It was complete with our superb Vandenberg chapel staff and top-notch Honor Guard.

The icy chill of the air rushing over the crowd assembled in the chapel as the doors flung open for the 21 gun salute is a memory that will last forever in my mind. I will also never be able to forget the tears in her mother’s eyes as I delivered the urn and remains to the family.

All of this for what? Our squadron has a great designated-driver program. There are dozens of people who would have gladly provided a safe ride home.

Our member was even offered a ride home by some friends and coworkers that very night and the offer was turned down. It should be no surprise to anyone that judgment is impaired by alcohol.

Clearly, this was a terrible result of very poor judgment.

And it only took making the wrong choice one time to end one person’s life, while forever altering other lives.

Her family will never again enjoy her company at Thanksgiving or Christmas. Mother’s and

Father’s Day will always be difficult for her parents to bear. Her younger sister will always long for her big sister’s advice and companionship.

Driving Under the Influence convictions are extremely financially

difficult, hard on vehicles, devastating to career — and those are the ones lucky enough to make it home. DUI deaths and injuries are a terrible waste of life and a grave tragedy. Vandenberg has seen a dramatic rise in on and off base DUIs over the past few months. This trend has to stop. Not because it’s a numbers game or statistic, but because precious human life is at stake.

You can make a difference. Think — have a plan before you drink. Lack of planning could cost you or others their lives. Call a friend, coworker, or boss for a ride home. Believe me when I say I’d much rather visit a bar at night than a morgue the next day.

Don’t ever say, “No thanks, I can make it ...”

Believe me when I say I’d much rather visit a bar at night than a morgue the next day.

— Lt. Col. Brad Ashley
30th Communications Squadron commander

Commander’s Action line



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

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.

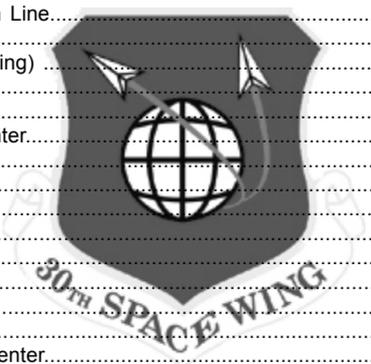
While the Commander’s Action Line is a great way to communicate, don’t forget there are many other avenues to get answers to your questions including your chain of command, first sergeants, base services officials and other base professionals.

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.

Action line 606-7850

E-mail your message to
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Disaster Preparedness Tip of the Week

Make it a habit to randomly check in with friends and family members when away. Be cognizant of your surroundings and know locations of police departments, government agencies, and the U.S. Embassy when traveling abroad.



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Model making: *It's not kid stuff anymore*



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS CANDICE ANGLIN

Eugene Dewegeli, Training Device Design and Engineering Center, peels apart a mold holding model pieces. The center is the only shop in the Air Force where the technicians are responsible, from start to finish, for the design, engineering, purchasing of materials, product manufacture and delivery to the customer.

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

In days gone by, building models was nearly a rite of passage that, for many, was fraught with frustration. The spilled paint, the lost pieces and the glue – oh, the glue – on clothes, in hair and everywhere – except that miniscule spot it needed to be.

In the end, for the lucky ones, they had some semblance of a car, ship or airplane. The rest were left with a pile of broken plastic and gobs of glue that wouldn't wash off for about a month.

Not so for the 30th Operations Support Squadron Training Device Design and Engineering Center. One element of their mission includes model making – they've raised it to a high-tech art form.

Using state-of-the-art computerized 3-D metal and woodworking equipment, the multi-skilled eight-man team designs, engineers and builds models and training aids. They support the 381st Training Group, wing customers and the entire space and missile community, said Dell Barritt, TDDEC director. Their life-sized, functional training devices give students hands on training to simulate missile maintenance and launching systems.

"There are other shops like ours in the Air Force – they all have a lot more people – but they don't have the same technology," the 20-year machinist said. "We're light years ahead of them

in many aspects."

When Barritt began working here 12 years ago, the shop was far from high tech.

Housed in a dilapidated World War II-era building, all of the equipment had "Department of War" stamped on it, he said.

After an A-76 study two years ago, he began replacing equipment and getting his people trained by experts in model making and machine technology.

Now, his team uses 26 different trades to meet their customer's needs, he said. They are the only shop in the Air Force where the technicians are responsible, from start to finish, for the design, engineering, purchasing of materials, product manufacture and delivery to the customer.

Joaquin Tinker, a machinist at TDDEC, used the shop's newest acquisition – a \$60,000 state-of-the-art computerized 3-D router – to create the truss assembly portion of the massive backdrop used at the Guardian Challenge opening ceremony and awards banquet.

In what would have taken days using conventional woodworking tools, Tinker knocked out the 40 trusses in 4.5 hours – from design to delivery.

A machinist for the last 18 years, Tinker learned to design and engineer his projects then write the machine code that the computerized equipment uses to create projects small and large.

Currently working on a series of 18-inch missile models, Tinker designs a full-scale 3-D rendering on his computer.

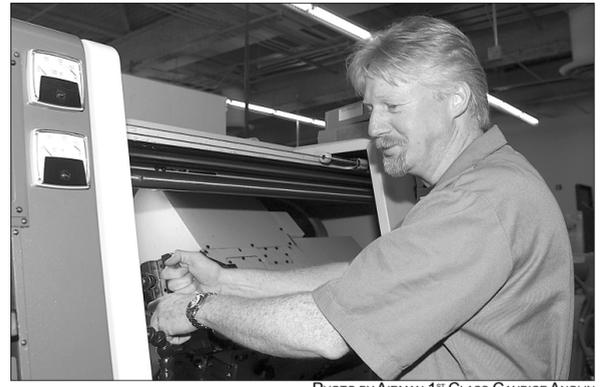


PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS CANDICE ANGLIN

Joaquin Tinker, a machinist at Training Device Design and Engineering Center, sets up one of the machines -- a \$300,000 state-of-the-art computerized 3-D-cutting lathe.

"I only have to do this one time, because I'll take the full-scale version and scale it down to 18 inches," Tinker said. Regardless of whether the model is 18 or 48 inches, the program automatically scales each component accordingly.

There is no master mold.

"The prototype is in digital format," Tinker said. "I never have to machine a master then make a mold of it – I do it all in one step."

This is "rapid prototyping technology," he said. When the parts are cut, everything is scaled to fit within thousandths of an inch.

For his largest project, Tinker developed a training device for missile maintainers to learn how to mate and de-mate the nosecone and re-entry vehicle assembly to the top stage of a Minuteman III.

"They actually brought us the third stage of a Minuteman III – one that had been sitting in the desert for 15 years," he said. He used the top 18 inches, built a five-wheeled dolly, and replicated guidance components, wiring and mating hook ups.

It was the first of its kind in the Air Force, he said. The trainer has saved countless hours for course instructors and eliminated the potential for damaging actual Minuteman III components during the training sessions.

Working with materials such as plastic and silicone, aluminum, wood and glass, Barritt's craftsmen use 85 machines to create their functional models.

Whether their models are built for function or display, they are a reflection of the craftsmen who create them.

They are, as Tinker puts it, "old world artisans with new world technology."

Changes in TRICARE reduce catastrophic cap

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Retirees of all ages now have greater financial protection because of a recent change in TRICARE benefits.

The Catastrophic Cap -- the limit on the total amount retirees, seniors and their families pay when using TRICARE -- has been reduced by half.

As of Oct. 1, 2001, the TRICARE fiscal year catastrophic cap was reduced from \$7,500 to \$3,000 for retirees, their family members and survivors. The fiscal year runs from Oct. 1 through Sept. 30 annually.

The change applies to people who use TRICARE Prime, Extra or Standard, or use TRICARE for Life. This means that for TRICARE-covered services, people will pay no more than \$3,000 in out of pocket expenses in a given year. TRICARE will pick up the remaining cost as long as it's a covered service.

Members enrolled on TRICARE Prime to include; retirees, family members of retirees and survivors will not have to pay relevant out-of-pocket expenses for the fiscal year. The enrollment fees, deductibles, co-payments and cost-shares, with the exception of fees assessed from Point-of-Service use, can be credited to the fiscal year's catastrophic cap.

A \$3,000 catastrophic cap per enrollment year also protects retirees, survivors and retiree family members

enrolled in TRICARE Prime. The enrollment year for the catastrophic cap is based on a 12-month enrollment period. The out-of-pocket expenses can be applied toward the fiscal year and enrollment year catastrophic caps.

It is important to note that deductibles and cost shares incurred for services provided through Point-of-Service can not be credited to the catastrophic cap enrollment year. Prime enrollees will not pay any more co-payments or enrollment fees for the rest of their enrollment year once the year's catastrophic cap is met.

For beneficiaries who use TRICARE Extra or Standard, or TRICARE For Life, once their fiscal year catastrophic cap is met, the TRICARE determined allowable amount would be paid in full for all covered services and supplies for the remainder of the fiscal year. Enrollment fees, co-payments and cost-shares, except for those assessed to Point-of-Service may be credited to the fiscal year catastrophic cap.

The catastrophic cap reduction is effective retroactive to Oct. 1, 2000. Some relevant refunds are being issued to beneficiaries who have already paid more than \$3,000 in out of pocket costs this fiscal year.

For more information regarding catastrophic caps, or for information on how to receive a reimbursement due to the catastrophic cap reduction, call the TRICARE Customer Care Center at (800) 242-6788.

Team Vandenberg Spotlight

Name: Tech. Sgt. Matthew Bounds

Assignment: 532nd Training Squadron Computer Support Section NCO in charge.

Hometown: Shortsville, N.Y.

Time on VAFB: 8 years

Time in service: 16 years

Why he likes his job: "I like this job because it allows me to get out and see the people of the squadron. I wouldn't be able to meet them if I had a regular office position. The challenge of working with computers and the problems that come along with them every day is also very rewarding."

Supervisor's Comments:

"Matt Bounds is absolutely indispensable to the squadron," said 1st Lt. Vernon Bevan, 532nd Support Flight commander. "He is always working behind the scenes to ensure that our computers and networks are up and functioning. Without him providing computer support, things would just about grind to a halt. His expertise allows us to concentrate on training instead of worrying about support issues."



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS CANDICE ANGLIN

Athletics down Yankees 2-0

By DAVID CARTER

Youth sport coach

■ In the majors division of youth baseball, the Athletics' beat the Yankees 2-0 in a classic pitching duel May 21.

Both teams put their top guns on the mound in an attempt to vault themselves into first place and gain the No. 1 seed for the championship tournament that begins Saturday.

The two pitchers went back and forth striking out the opponents.

Jonathan Gray of the A's struck out 14, while the Yankee's ace, Wesley Haltem, struck out 15. Both teams only managed three hits each but the A's were able to put theirs together and score. Their big break came in the bottom

of the third with two outs.

Joshua Carter started the rally by ripping a double down the third base line. Next Troy Lawrence blasted a shot over third base scoring Carter.

Joshua Tarr capped the rally with a hit that brought Lawrence in for a run.

The two runs were all the A's needed to hold on for the victory and improve to 8-4 for the season. The Yankees drop to 7-5 and second place in the league.

Both teams will look to battle it out during the Youth Baseball Championship Tournament along with the Giants and Mariners.

Saturday's games begin at 10 a.m. and weekday games at 5 p.m. The championship game at 10 a.m. June 8 on the youth baseball fields.

MAJORS, MINORS BATTLE IT OUT

• The minor league baseball and division one and two softball leagues also have tournament play this week. The minor league will have their championship game June 8 and the softball league's championship game is Thursday. Closing ceremonies for all leagues is Saturday at 3:10 p.m. at the youth baseball fields.

TAPS: Colonel shares personal story

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During his speech, the colonel shared the story of an RF-4C reconnaissance mission over North Vietnam in 1968.

After completing a pass over the targeted area, surface-to-air fire hit the aircraft directly under the cockpit.

Standard procedure, Worley said, was to get "feet wet" – fly over the water. Turning east, the crew headed for the ocean. Hydraulic pressure failed and smoke filled the cockpit. Bailout was inevitable.

"The back seater ejected, but for reasons we can only speculate, the front seater did not bail out before the aircraft impacted the beach," he said. "That front seater was my father – Maj. Gen. Robert F. Worley. The back seater was OK and was rescued from the water. My father was 47 years old and I was 12.

"I know there are countless stories like mine, and I share it only to say that on this Memorial Day," he said, "I understand the sacrifice millions of people have made who

have lost loved ones fighting and winning our nation's wars.

Worley said he's grateful for the opportunity to serve in the Air Force "and by doing so, in some small way, honor my father and all those who have gone before."

He paid tribute to Americans missing and unaccounted for in Vietnam, Korea, the Cold War and World War II.

"They deserve and will have our best efforts to achieve the fullest possible accounting and, alive or dead, to return them home to America," the colonel said.

The audience, young and old, veterans and their families, stood silent – honoring those who, as Worley said, "fell from the line." They never knew how much they would be missed.

"We pray for them with an affection that grows deeper with the years. We remember them, all of them, with the love of a grateful nation," he said. "To our beloved patriots who have fallen – we will never forget."

King of the court

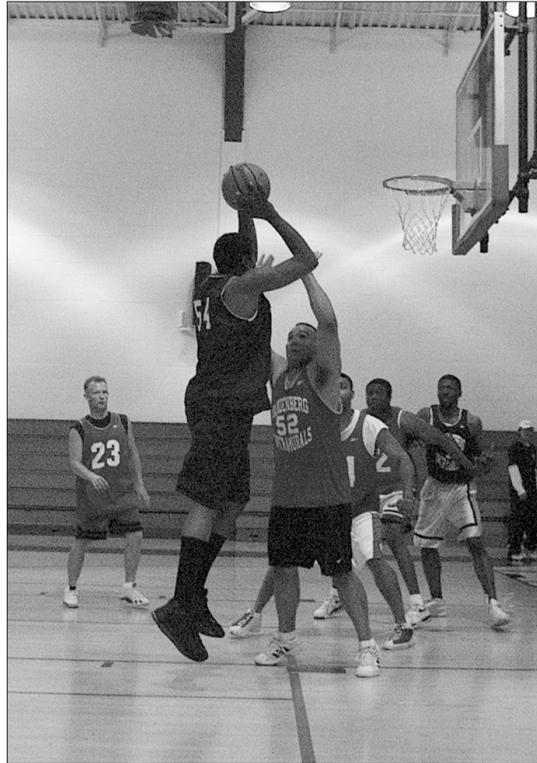


PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS MICHELLE MIRANDA

Willie Meadows, 30th Security Forces Squadron, attempts a jump shot over a 381st Training Group team member. The cops won the base intramural basketball championship against the 381st TRG by a score of 59-45 May 17.

VICE: Touts Team V achievements

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In the two years as the vice commander, Team Vandenberg has had 100 percent mission success with all Department of Defense satellite launches.

"This is very important achievement for the 30th Space Wing and the nation," he said. "We can't afford to be dumping satellites in the ocean. It's too expensive and the capabilities of the satellite are critical."

The pressure was never greater for mission success as it was during the ORI and after Sept. 11.

Strathearn said one Team Vandenberg's brightest moments in the past two years was launching a National Reconnaissance

Office Satellite that was needed for the war on terrorism while ORI evaluators looked on.

These achievements were rewarded handsomely.

"We won the most awards in Team Vandenberg's history in 2001 for the outstanding efforts during 2000. And here in 2002 we have been racking them up as well," he said.

As the colonel and his family head to mile-high country, he offers Team V his gratitude.

"It's been truly a privilege to serve with the outstanding men and women of the 30th Space Wing and Team Vandenberg," he said. "I appreciate everything you have done for our nation and I'm going to sincerely miss you and wish you all the best."

Base holds flying disc golf tourney

By DAVIA RENSHAW

30th Communications Squadron

■ Team Vandenberg held a disc golf tournament May 22 at the Cocheo Park disc golf course.

Shawn Dahl, 614th Space Operation Squadron, and his teammate Steve Olsen, 30th Communications Squadron, won the event with a score of two under par. Fifteen people competed in the 18-hole event with winds gusting to 20 mph.

The event randomly paired experienced players with beginners in teams of two, using a scramble format.

Closest Drive on Hole #7:

Chris Bickley, 30th CS (Experienced player)
Anthony Field, 30th CS (Beginner)

Team Scores: Score

Shawn Dahl, 614th SOPS and Steve Olsen, 30th CS. -2

David Renshaw, 30th CS and Bob Schumann, 30th CS. -1

Adam Pecharich, 532nd Training Squadron and Ken Thissell, 30th CS. Even

Jason Yaryan, Air Force recruiter, Lompoc and Chuck Shrontz, 30th CS. +2

Chris Bickley, 30th CS and Tim Cassidy-Curtis, 30th CS. +12

Stephanie Yaryan, spouse and Anthony Field, 30th CS. +17

Also: (Extra player, not in competition)

Chris Ghormley, 30th CS, Phil Shore, ITT, and Paula Lane, 30th CS. Even

BELIZE: Patients in remote areas lacked basic dental, eye care needs

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free medical care to patients on a first-come, first-served basis.

They treated people for diabetes, tested hearing and vision, and performed blood pressure checks. They also provided treatment for skin and fungal infections.

Conditions were primitive.

"The first place was memorable, because bats would come in through a hole in the ceiling and fly between me and my patients," said Dr. (Lt. Col.) Steven DeAnda, the team optometrist.

While Brown said the team was not able to provide long-term health care, he was happy that they were able to give people relief from infections and pain.

During the mission, all of the doctors were in high demand, but the optometrist and dentist were especially busy.

In the countryside outside of Dangriga, there is no dental care for at least 100 miles and eye care is not available.

People began lining up to see the eye doctor as early as 4 a.m. DeAnda was able to see, on average, 32 patients a day.

"A lot of these people were functionally blind, not because their eyes were diseased or anything, but because they had nothing," DeAnda said. "They

couldn't afford glasses."

DeAnda gave away 273 pairs of glasses, but he had brought 1,700 pairs. The team left the remainder of the glasses in Belize for the next humanitarian mission.

"I just want to say that we wouldn't have been as successful as we were if it weren't for generous support of the community," said DeAnda. The majority of the glasses were gathered during a drive in March.

Dr. (Maj.) Guy Delgadillo, the team dentist, operated out of libraries and any other available space treating about 20 people a day.

Of the 2,000 toothbrushes the team gave away, more than 1,000 were donated by a dentist in Santa Maria.

The medical team, who called themselves Team Jaguar, went in support of U.S. Southern Air Forces Medical Plans and Operations Medical Readiness Exercise.

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NEWS

Get away from it all! LEISURE TRAVEL

Carnival Cruise Lines is offering great military (active duty and retired) rates on their 3-day Baja, Mexico cruises!

Here are some examples of the great rates:

Nov. 8 - \$355

(Veterans' Day weekend)

Nov. 29 - \$375

(Thanksgiving Weekend)

Dec. 6 & 13 - \$295

(getaway weekend before the holidays)

Prices listed are for cruise only, per person, based on double occupancy, and include all port charges and government fees.

A deposit of \$150 per person is required to confirm and hold a space. Space is limited, so call Information, Tickets and Travel now for details at 606-1675 and ask for Edwina.

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Team Vandenberg: It's time to play



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10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
at the Services Center

YOU CAN WIN...

**Cash, Cars,
Trips, Computers,
Tee Shirts
and more!**

Everyone who attends gets two game pieces!
Sign on and play at the Center!

FREE Snacks & Drinks

The hottest game in the Air Force is back! Starting Saturday, **Around The World In Ninety Days (ATWIND)** kicks off another exciting year of great prizes and fun, so strap yourself in and get ready for take off!

FAMILY CHILD CARE PROGRAM

Make a difference! Be a Family Child Care Provider!

The need for quality childcare for military families has never been greater. As an Air Force Family Child Care provider, you care for military/DoD dependent children and enjoy the convenience of working at home and the satisfaction of self-employment. Working with children is a career where one person really does make a difference.

As a Family Child Care Provider, you will receive training in CPR, First Aid, Record Keeping, and Child Development.

Providers are also needed to provide care for children with special needs, hourly and shift care.

For more information on becoming a licensed FCC provider, contact Gwendolyn Jones at 606-4639 or 606-3255.

FITNESS CENTER

VARSITY COACHES NEEDED!

The Fitness Center is looking for varsity coaches for both men's and women's volleyball. Tryouts will be held when coaches are on-line. Call Rod Paronto at 606-3832 or Staff Sgt. Joseph Krause at 606-3554 for more information.

OUTDOOR REC

WHITE WATER RAFTING TRIP
June 8 or 9. One-day trips, \$55 per person.
Call Curtis 606-5908 for information.

ROD & GUN

SATURDAY -
Steel Silhouette shoot, 8 a.m.
JUNE 8 -
Bull's-eye Pistol shoot, 8 a.m.

GOLF

MONDAY -
Course closed
WEDNESDAY -
Ladies Priority, 8:32 to 9:04 a.m.

YOUTH CENTER & OUTDOOR REC

Casting Clinic

Saturday
10 a.m. to noon
in the Youth Center Gym

The Youth Center and Outdoor Rec will be holding a 'Casting Clinic' for children ages 5 to 16 to learn how to cast a fishing line. This clinic will be taught by Mike Michaud, Eric Holcomb, Curtis Dunster and Greg Dyslin.
Call Curtis at Outdoor Rec for more information at 606-5908.



JUNE 8 - from 8 a.m. to noon at Pine Canyon Lake (on base) the Youth Center and Outdoor Rec will be hosting the ...
2002 WALMART KID'S ALL-AMERICAN FISHING DERBY

This event is FREE for children under 16 years of age. NO fishing license is required. Certificates will be awarded to ALL participants, and prizes will be given for many different categories.

BIKE TRIP to SAN DIEGO

TRIP DATES: June 20, 21, 22, 23 and Sept. 19, 20, 21, 22
COST: \$275 per person (includes motels)

We will bike through Huntington Beach, Newport and Laguna Beach, San Juan Capistrano, overnight in Carlsbad.
Pre-ride meeting: June 13, 4 p.m. at Outdoor Rec, Bldg. 11238. Call Curtis Dunster for more information at 606-5908.



BOWLING

STARTING SATURDAY
through June 30, you can play Bonanza Bingo all day for \$1 per card. Win up to \$1,000! More than \$16,888 paid out to date.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY -
Thunder Alley/Rock 300 hours are 9 p.m. to midnight. Cost is \$9. Youth with Youth Center ID pay \$7. Call 734-1340 to request music for Rock 300.

NOTICE -
The Bowling Center is closed on Sundays, through Sept. 8.



YOUTH CENTER

STARTING IN JUNE MUSIC LESSONS!

Offered by
Coelho Academy of Music
Guitar, keyboard, drum, flute
and vocal lessons are available
(individual or group)

You may call or come in to the Youth Center now to sign up or meet the Coelho Academy reps at the Youth Center on June 12, 5 p.m. and June 15, 2 p.m.
Call the Youth Center at 606-2152 for more information.

