

Base Briefs

NEW SUBMISSION DEADLINES

The Space & Missile Times has changed its submission deadline to Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. Submit all articles, briefs, and community calendar inputs the week prior to the desired publication date. The SMT staff cannot guarantee publication of inputs submitted after the deadline. Call 606-2040 for more information.

AIR AND SPACE SHOW INFO

Team Vandenberg opens its gates to the public to celebrate the centennial of flight Nov. 2 and 3 during the 2002 Air and Space Show at the airfield here. The event is free and open to the public. Show hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Guests are not permitted to bring pets or coolers onto the base. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

QUARTERLY AWARDS LUNCH

Team Vandenberg holds its Quarterly Awards Luncheon Oct. 30 at 11:15 a.m. at the Pacific Coast Club. Tickets are \$9 for club members and \$11 for eligible non-members. Call Master Sgt. Hopkins at 606-3230 for more information.

PHONE NUMBER CORRECTION

The 30th Medical Group is conducting women's health exams from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. The correct number to call for an appointment is 606-5451.

HONOR GUARD VACANCY

The Vandenberg Honor Guard is accepting applications for an honor guard commander. Send biography, commander's approval letter, Air Force Form 422 and copies of last two officer performance reports to the 30th Services Squadron Combat Support Flight by Nov. 1.

TEST DATES ANNOUNCED

Testing dates for the upcoming promotion cycle are as follows:

Promotion to senior master sergeant, Jan. 10 - 24

Promotion to technical and master sergeant, Feb. 15 - March 31

Promotion to staff sergeant, May 1 - 31.

Call 2nd Lt. Amy Garrett, 605-4850, for more information.

COMMON ACCESS CARD ISSUE

The new Defense Department identification, the common access card, will be issued to active-duty and civilian members of Team Vandenberg Nov. 8 - 13. The military personnel flight customer service section is now issuing the common access card to those with lost or expired ID cards only. Due to the lengthy time required to issue the card, active-duty members in uniform will be given priority between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Schedule an appointment online at <https://afpki.lackland.af.mil/scheduler.htm>. Call 605-4850 with questions.



PHOTO BY DIANA HELGESEN, SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES

Team Vandenberg launches a modified Minuteman II intercontinental ballistic missile at 7:01 p.m. Monday.

Launch successful

Team V supports Missile Defense Agency

SPACE & MISSILE TIMES STAFF
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Team Vandenberg successfully launched an unarmed modified Minuteman II intercontinental ballistic missile Monday at 7:01 p.m. to support a test of the Missile Defense Agency's Ground-Based Midcourse Defense Program.

The test was a success, according to Lt. Col. Rick Lehner, MDA spokesman.

A prototype interceptor was

launched from the Ronald Reagan Missile Test Facility at Kwajalein Atoll in the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

About 140 miles above the Central Pacific Ocean, the Kwajalein interceptor successfully slammed into the mock warhead launched from Vandenberg.

"A test like this one greatly expands our knowledge of missile defense technology and increases our confidence that we can build a



PHOTO BY 2ND LT. JENNIFER WHITAKER

Monday's launch leaves a brilliant starburst in the sky as well a rainbow colored trail caused by the setting sun's reflection on the propellant gas particles.

system to defend the United States from a long range missile attack," Lehner said.

The launch was the second from Vandenberg for the agency this year. The last launch took place March 15.

The U.S. Navy Aegis destroyer, USS John Paul Jones, was a key player in the test this time.

Sailors aboard the ship participated in the test using the SPY-1 radar to gather data about the target and interceptor missiles. While the cruiser's radar did not take part in directing the interceptor to its target, the data gathered was used to confirm the potential role the SPY-1 radar and the Aegis weapon system could play in a defense against long-range missile targets. This is the first time an Aegis radar participated in a Ground-Based Midcourse Defense Program integrated flight test.

Those who want to learn more about the Missile Defense Agency can log onto the organization's website at www.acq.osd.mil/bmdo/bmdolink/html/bmdolink.html.

Team Vandenberg earns more promotions

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

Eleven men and women from Team Vandenberg were selected for promotion this month.

Seven were chosen for promotion to senior airman below-the-zone and four were selected for promotion to staff sergeant by the supplemental board.

Those selected for staff sergeant by the supplemental board either tested out of cycle due to temporary duty or Stop Loss and were not considered during the original release date, according to Tech. Sgt. Marcia Scantlebury-Hall, NCOIC of promotions and special actions.

Some may have had a weighted factor point change such as valid decoration points added to their total score, Scantlebury-Hall said.

Airman selected to sew on senior airman below-the-zone are selected by their unit commanders because of their exceptional duty performance.

"These young people work exceptionally hard every day," said Chief Master Sgt. John Gunther, 30th Security Forces Squadron manager. "They are the best at what they do and they deserve to be recognized for their high-speed performance."

The promotees are as follows:

- To senior airman:
Brandon Lepke, 30th Contracting Squadron
Brett Guzman, 614th Space Operations Squadron
Cynthia Granderson, 534th Training Squadron
Rayna Casiano, 30th Security Forces Squadron
Angeline Mason, 30th SFS
Lisa Pilcher, 30th SFS
Ronald Mitchell, 576th Flight Test Squadron
 To staff sergeant:
Nathan Brown, 30th SFS
Vichit Hausman, 30th SFS
Samantha James, 614th SOPS
Matthew Zizzo, 30th SFS

Global hearts supports Vandenberg families

BY JANET NEUBECKER
30th Transportation Squadron

Team Vandenberg celebrates the one-year anniversary of the Global Hearts Support Program this month.

The Global Hearts Support Program is a support system for spouses and family members of Team V members who are deployed or on temporary duty.

It's a joint effort between the 30th Services Squadron, the Vandenberg Family Support Center and the 30th Space Wing Chapel.

"The Global Hearts group shines as a true example of the type of community living that the Air Force stands for," said Chaplain (Maj.) David Terrinoni, one of three chairpersons for the program.

Terrinoni recalled being deployed several years ago. His wife broke her ankle the day

before he left. The support of the community and the chapel during that time proved to be invaluable to his family.

"That's the kind of supporting community that Global Hearts exemplifies," Terrinoni said adding he wants to continue to contribute to the Air Force community.

"This program has made a huge impact among the base populace and lives up to the well-known title 'Team Vandenberg,'" he said.

The program provides numerous services, creates a fellowship among spouses and hosts fun-filled activities on a monthly basis, said Kim Saheim, program director of the Youth Center. She chairs the program with Terrinoni and Tech. Sgt. Todd Lefebvre, NCOIC of fam-

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Innovative idea saves Air Force time, money on environmental assessments

BY OLGA PURPURA-CLARK
Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas — The innovative actions of environmental engineers here and at Sheppard AFB, Texas, resulted in a new and better way to prepare environmental assessments.

The new program calls for one major study to evaluate environmental impacts of developing an installation to full capacity instead of the traditional procedure of preparing one study for each proposed project as it is being planned.

First developed for Sheppard, the method saves the Air Force annual costs of more than \$50,000 and untold man-hours, said Ron Voorhees, Air Education and Training Command environmental engineer.

Voorhees and Tim Hunter, a Sheppard environmental engineer, named it GEIAP, for general plan-based environmental impact

analysis process.

The National Environmental Policy Act requires federal agencies to study the environmental effects of proposed projects. The studies are then used in making decisions about implementing the projects.

"It's consistent with NEPA, and each project still receives individual attention," Voorhees said. "It's just a streamlined process that is faster, more efficient and a lot less expensive. We deal with one initial contract cost."

Hunter explained how the successful method was used at Sheppard.

"The first step was estimating the growth capacity of our primary missions, which are technical and pilot training," he said. "We forecasted maximum development and associated population growth on the assumption development would be similar to existing areas. We also estimated additional growth of air opera-

tions.

"Our projections for growth are a 150-percent increase in base population and a 25-percent increase in flying training," Hunter said.

Next, an environmental assessment was performed on full development of the base including its five-year development plan, called a Capital Improvement Program, he said.

The final step was preparing a NEPA Management System, an electronic database that provides decision makers with instant access to environmental studies.

"This system allows me to complete environmental documents on new projects in house without the need for contract support," Hunter said.

Lackland AFB, Texas, is next to implement the GEIAP program, Voorhees said.

(Courtesy of AETC News Service)

Combined Federal Campaign



Week 7

Base goal: 100% contact

Currently raised: \$65,971

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Children decorate shopping bags with messages for deployed family and friends. See Page A3.



The Mutts take on Space Communications in intramural hockey action. See Page A6.

Weekend forecast
Low clouds in the morning and evening with clear afternoon skies.

Low/High
52/68

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

Re-organization structures wing for world contingencies

By Lt. Col. Dan DeMott
30th Contracting Squadron

Changes, changes everywhere! When will it all stop?

Those of you who witnessed the historical occasion of the wing re-organization ceremony Oct. 1 may have been quite confused by the number of changes that took place in that single, very significant ceremony. You may have even been confounded as to the reasons those changes were necessary.

Honestly, what will be accomplished by changing support group to mission support group, communications squadron to space communications squadron and standing up a squadron with 98 percent civilians? That's not to mention the sheer cost of these organizational name changes. Signs, stationary, mats, window dressings and more will all have

to be changed.

However, something I learned early in my Air Force career is there is always a reason behind drastic, large-scale organizational change.

If you sit tight and wait, you'll eventually see the logic in the process and it will bear fruit.

Our senior leadership did not direct this to happen based on a whim. It was carefully thought out, studied, discussed and put into motion only when it was deemed that the end result would benefit the Air Force as a whole.

Many of the units on Vandenberg, and much of Air Force Space Command, do not fit the general mold of the rest of the Air Force, which is predominantly made up of flying wings.

So the changes mandated in the Air Force Chief of Staff's Program Action Directive for our wing and numbered air force didn't really fit.

Our leadership rose to the

challenge and submitted an Organizational Change Request resulting in our current 30th Space Wing structure. The organization they came up with makes sense for how we operate here.

Will there be some growing pains? You bet! Will we have to do some additional tweaking? Probably.

But when it's all said and done, we will have a stronger military organization. One that is able to adapt to the continual changes that come our way.

Once the hoopla settles down and newness wears off, we will be left to make this new structure work in the changing face of a deploying Air Force.

And we will be better structured to make this happen.

We have to take the next step toward integrated readiness by training and then deploying together.

There are enough smart,

caring people to grasp hold of this deployment concept and make it work like it was intended, which is to deploy as a wing or even a squadron. If you deploy with your wing or squadron, there is no need to work the nuances of new relationships, because there aren't any. You deploy and attain mission effectiveness as soon as you hit the ground. The structure back home is organized to and geared up for handling the pain of those deployed.

Bottom line:

Major Air Force organizational changes don't happen very often. While they cause a short-term disruption, they will contribute to higher efficiency in peacetime and higher effectiveness in wartime.

Our Air Force, our numbered Air Force and our wing are now better structured to handle the changing face of what the world throws at us.

Supervisor Gray thanks beach volunteers

Dear Col. Worley,

The Surf Ocean Beach Commission Docent Program was established to educate the public concerning beach use rules created to protect the Western Snowy Plover nesting area at Surf Beach. A group of 12 docents were recruited and trained as Ambassadors to the Community during the 2002 nesting season.

I would like to acknowledge Master Sgt. James Peters, 30th Security Forces Squadron and Tech. Sgt. Mike Dobbs, 30th Logistics Readiness Squadron, for their support of the docent program. Between the beach opening in April and the end of the nesting season in September, they assisted beach visitors from

all 50 states, many European countries, Asia, Mexico and Canada. On average, more than 700 visitors a week were greeted and informed of the beach rules by docents.

Sergeants Dobbs and Peters contributed to the prevention of scores of violations by advising visitors where the beach boundaries were and that dogs and kites were prohibited during the nesting season.

The impact of docent contact is more apparent when we consider that 75 percent of the violations of beach rules occurred during periods when the beach was closed and the docents were not on duty. This is the first season since violation limits were

established that the beach remained open for the entire period.

Sergeants Dobbs and Peters each contributed three hours to the docent program weekly for the 20 weeks the beach was open. Many of these hours were spent standing in the cool wind and fog prevalent at Surf Beach.

The interaction of the members of your command with the community demonstrates how partnerships can be effective in fostering a positive image of our military neighbors.

Very truly yours,
Joni Gray,
4th District Supervisor
Santa Barbara County

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Col. Robert M. Worley II
Commander

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or

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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 to use your chain of command, first sergeants, base services officials and other base professionals first.

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.

Important phone numbers

EMERGENCY.....	911
Command Post.....	606-9961
Poison Control.....	800-876-4766
Clinic Appointments.....	606-2273
Base Operator.....	606-1110
After-Hours Urgent Care.....	888-252-3299
TRICARE Services.....	800-242-6788
Health Care Information Line.....	800-611-2883
Pharmacy Refill (recording)	605-0200
Law Enforcement.....	606-3911
Housing Maintenance.....	734-5586
Child Development Center.....	606-1555
Youth Center	606-2152
MPF Customer Service.....	606-7756
Chapel Staff.....	606-5773
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Grocery bag art sends message of love

NANCY O'NEILL
Defense Commissary Agency PA
 ■ Customers shopping at the commissary this month may find their groceries bagged in an original work of art.

Children from the Vandenberg Youth Center, Child Development Center, and three local elementary schools are decorating grocery bags with a "Message of Love" for family members or friends deployed.

The young artists may be undiscovered, but their artwork sends a powerful message.

In September, students from the Los Padres, Crestview, and Buena Vista elementary schools, along with children from the base youth and child development centers were invited to decorate commissary grocery bags with a Message of Love to a family member or to a family member of a friend deployed.

The program is modeled after a similar program held at the Oceana commissary to commemorate the attacks on Sept. 11.

"We started the Message of Love program to give children an outlet for their feelings and a way to say thanks to someone they know," said program co-organizer and commissary support clerk Stephanie Campbell. "We display the decorated bags on the wall in the commissary when they first



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY THE DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY

Drake Burkart and Maiya Griffin-McNair, second grade, decorate grocery bags at Los Padres Elementary School here. The students' bags hang in the Vandenberg Commissary.

come in, and then use them to bag customers' groceries," added co-organizer and commissary secretary Paige Zuniga.

Youth center program specialist, Kim Saheim is helping to implement the program at the youth center.

"This program is a gateway to discussion with the kids of where their parents and parents of friends

may be and why...It's an excellent community binding program," Saheim said.

In addition to her experience with children at the youth center, Saheim speaks from personal experience about the difficulties children experience when a parent is called away from home to serve his or her country. She and her two children, Cory, 7, and Kristin, 14,

recently welcomed her husband home from a 90-day tour in Saudi Arabia.

"The program was designed for children like Cory and Kristin," said commissary store director Randy Epps. "It's a win-win situation for everyone. Commissary customers enjoy the children's art and the children have a public canvas for their expression."

Post-deployment party goes to Neverland

2ND LT. KELLY GABEL
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ The "King of Pop", Michael Jackson, invited more than 200 Team Vandenberg members recently returned from overseas deployments and their families to his Neverland Ranch in Santa Ynez, Oct. 12.

This offer was Jackson's effort to show his appreciation for the sacrifices the military in his community make in order to keep this nation free.

Hidden deep in the hills southwest of the San Rafael Mountains, the black wrought iron fence with 2-foot high, blinking colored letters spelled out "Neverland" opened and welcomed the group to Michael Jackson's home.

Arranged through the chapel, details of the day were kept vague by Jackson's staff, so attendees were unsure of what to expect.

The essence of fairy tales is captured behind Neverland's gate. A touch of the fanciful and exotic is seen everywhere. From tree forts, to pink flamingoes and the various sweet goodies that circulate like a scene from "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," everything is de-

signed for the young and young-at-heart.

"Being here makes you feel like a kid again," said Airman Luevenia Utley, 534th Training Group. "It's like a small free Disneyland."

The airmen were treated to rides around the property on Jackson's full-size train, two first-run movies in his 80-seat theater, a variety of amusement park rides, unlimited video arcade games and an up-close visit with the animals in his extensive petting zoo.

According to his staff members, Jackson frequently hosts chronically ill children and their families at Neverland. His theater was designed with these guests in mind. All seats are plush rocking recliners and spaced to accommodate wheelchairs. There are also two full-size beds in the back for patients too ill to sit in chairs.

Team V members found Jackson's animals to be very friendly and well accustomed to people. There are 10 animal caregivers employed full-time at the ranch, according to the elephant trainer.

Yes, elephants - two in fact. "They just love people," she said. "And like all our ani-

mals here, they're spoiled and always looking for handouts." The ranch's 2,700 acres make it easy for the animals to exercise and play.

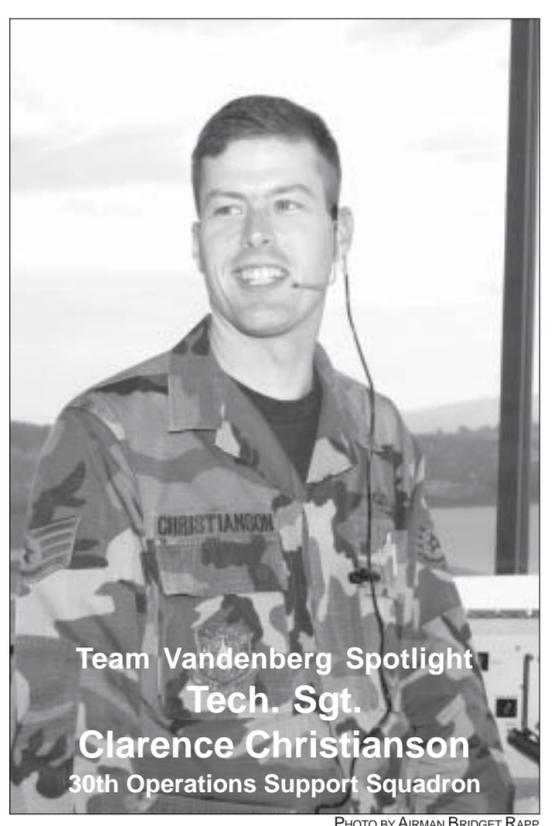
The group was treated to lunch in a picnic area that included local specialty "Santa Maria barbeque," corn dogs, fresh fruit and sheet cakes decorated with the American flag in honor of the airmen.

"This day was graciously hosted and it's wonderful this opportunity was offered to our troops," said Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30th Space Wing commander. "Our airmen don't often receive special recognition and I appreciate someone so famous taking the time to include them in this way."

Certainly it was a day the airmen themselves would never forget.

"I've always been a fan of Michael Jackson's music," said Staff Sgt. George Andreozzi, 30th Logistics Readiness Squadron who was deployed to Seeb, Oman. "Being here has been a blast - it's been very surreal."

"This is probably one of the best experiences I'll ever have," agreed Senior Airman Tamica DuBose, 30th Security Forces Squadron., who spent a 3-month deployment in Kuwait.



Team Vandenberg Spotlight
Tech. Sgt.
Clarence Christianson
 30th Operations Support Squadron

PHOTO BY AIRMAN BRIDGET RAPP

Assignment: Deputy chief controller, Vandenberg Control Tower

Hometown: Mitchell, S.D.

Time on Vandenberg: 2 years

Time in service: 11.5 years

Hobbies: Coaching his son's baseball team, playing squadron softball and football and the National Football League.

Education goals: To complete his Community College of the Air Force degree and then to pursue a bachelor's degree in professional aeronautics.

Favorite part of the job: "What I like most about air traffic is that I can see how I help the mission get accomplished. The results are right in front of me."

Supervisor's comments: "Tech. Sgt. Christianson is an outstanding NCO and devoted family man," said Master Sgt. Richard Czap, 30th OSS chief controller. "He personifies the Air Force core values and sets a great example of how to balance career and family responsibilities."

ALCON: Bravo

A DUI or alcohol related incident has occurred with no injuries.

Days since last DUI **12**

Saves by AADD **48**

DUI totals for the Year **26**

Operations Group	0
Maintenance Group	3
Mission Support Group	8
Medical Group	0
30 th Space Wing Staff	1
14 th Air Force	0
381 st Training Group	2
576 th Flight Test Squadron	3
Detachment 9	1
Others	8

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ily readiness for the 30th Mission Support Squadron.

"No two people go through separation the same way," Saheim said.

For that reason, the program needs to be diverse to suit the needs of the many people who cope with separation, she said. Saheim also understands the hardship of deployment through her own experience with it.

The program offers something for everyone, Lefebvre said.

There's free childcare, lawn care, car maintenance assistance, cook-free nights, and pizza parties, just to name a few. Program members can also receive discounts from several on-base facilities.

"We want the program to be fun for people, not something they feel they have to do," Lefebvre added.

Global Hearts proved to be a lifesaver and lots of fun, said Kelly

Short, whose husband deployed for 90 days.

With three children to care for, she readily took advantage of the free childcare and Thursday night dinners.

"The program was very supportive," Short said. "I met other spouses and was able to go out and have some time for myself."

Global Hearts is such a success because of the help of people like Terroni who selflessly provides invaluable financial support, Saheim said.

"He also takes an active role by volunteering his own time to numerous activities," she added.

There will be an anniversary celebration at the Vandenberg Services Center Nov. 16 at 5:30 p.m. All of Team V is invited to attend.

To participate or volunteer for the Global Hearts Program, call the family support center at 606-1607.

The Global Hearts Program meets at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 16 at the Services Center.

Program pays full tuition at Allan Hancock College

BY SONJA OGLESBY
Allan Hancock Public Affairs

■ Enrollment costs for Allan Hancock College courses taken by Air Force personnel at Vandenberg Air Force Base will now be paid fully by a newly-expanded federal program.

The tuition assistance program provides funds for off duty college-level education for people in military services, said officials at the Vandenberg Education office.

The Air Force will pay the Allan Hancock College costs of \$11 per

unit enrollment fee and additional health fees through the new 100 Percent Tuition Assistance program, said Barbara Bennie, chief of Education Services and Human Resources at the Base Education office.

The program, which pays enrollment costs and fees up to \$4,500 per year, is specifically for Air Force personnel on active duty at Vandenberg, and pays for tuition for all Allan Hancock College classes, whether they are taken on or off base.

The program does not cover the costs of books.

Financial assistance forms are available at the Base Education office.

For more information, military personnel may call Allan Hancock College's Vandenberg AFB Center at 734-3500 or the Admissions and Records office toll free at (866) 342-5242 ext. 3323.

At Allan Hancock College, military dependents—who are granted California residency status—pay \$11 per unit for enrollment fees,

plus other costs, if applicable.

Fast Track/Term 2 classes—which may be completed in eight weeks or less—start

Oct. 21 at the Vandenberg AFB Center and all other Allan Hancock College locations.

Walk-through registration is noon to 6 p.m. Oct. 15-16 at all locations. Late registration is Oct. 21-23.

For more information about Allan Hancock College and classes available, visit the school's Web site at www.hancockcollege.edu.



PHOTO BY AIRMAN BRIDGET RAPP

Kick it up!

(Left to right) Kimberly Garcia, Veronica Espinose, Vanessa Monreal, Matilde Fernandez and Jessica Salgado dance at the Hispanic American Heritage Luncheon Oct. 10 at the Pacific Coast Club. The dancers form the group Sabor De Mexico and they were a part of Vandenberg's month-long celebration of Hispanic heritage.

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President signs resolution authorizing U.S. force in Iraq

By GERRY GILMORE

American Forces Press Service

■ WASHINGTON - With a few pen strokes Wednesday morning, the chief executive set the nation on course for possibly another major military confrontation with Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.

Sporting a vivid crimson tie, President Bush signed Resolution 114, passed last week in bipartisan votes in both houses of Congress. The resolution authorizes the use of U.S. military power to make Iraq comply with U.N. resolutions it signed in 1991 to end the Persian Gulf War.

The U.S. resolution "symbolizes the united purpose of our nation, expresses the considered judgment of the Congress, and marks an important event in the life of America," Bush said at the White House ceremony.

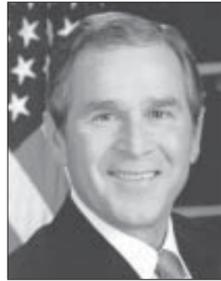
Bush noted Iraq has steadfastly refused to jettison its chemical, biological and nuclear weapons of mass destruction programs. He called the Iraqi regime "a serious and growing threat to peace."

Under Saddam, Iraq has had "a history of mass murder, of striking other nations without warning, of intense hatred for America and of contempt for the demands of the civilized world," the president said. Saddam's regime, he said, has biological and chemical weapons and ballistic missiles, it promotes international terror, and it seeks nuclear weapons.

While Congress has now authorized the use of force to subdue Saddam, Bush emphasized he has not yet ordered the use of force.

"I hope the use of force will not become necessary," the president pointed out. However, he said confronting the threat of Saddam's Iraq now is necessary by whatever means.

"Either the Iraqi regime will give up its weapons of mass destruction or, for the



"For Iraq, the old weapons inspection process was little more than a game in which cheating was never punished. That game is over."

President George W. Bush,
United States of America

sake of peace, the United States will lead a global coalition to disarm that regime," he explained.

Any doubters of American determination and resolve in this matter would be unwise to test it, the President pointed out.

Action must be taken soon or Iraq will achieve greater destructive power, Bush noted. Under that scenario, other nations in the Middle East would face potential Iraqi blackmail, intimidation or attack, he said.

Ensuing instability in the Middle East — due to Iraqi machinations, backed by its arms and terrorist-group ties — would be felt in Europe and beyond and threaten the peace and security of many nations, Bush said.

The world can't live in denial of the Iraqi threat, he pointed out, while urging the United Nations to press the world's case against Saddam.

"The time has arrived, once again, for the United Nations to live up to the purposes of its founding, to protect our common security," Bush said. "The time has arrived once again for free nations to face up to our global responsibilities and confront a gathering danger."

Iraq under Saddam has defied U.N. resolutions to give up its WMDs and to dis-

arm for 4,199 days, Bush noted. U.N. weapons inspectors were kicked out of Iraq in 1998, and Bush pointed out that the Iraqis had "blocked effective inspections of so-called presidential sites — actually 12 square miles with hundreds of structures where sensitive materials could be hidden."

Saddam's regime, he added, also forged documents, disabled surveillance cameras and developed mobile weapons facilities to keep ahead of any (weapons) inspector, Bush noted.

"For Iraq, the old weapons inspection process was little more than a game in which cheating was never punished," Bush said. "That game is over. The ploys and promises of the Iraqi regime no longer matter. The regime is free to continue saying whatever it chooses. Its fate depends entirely on what it actually does."

America's goal in confronting Saddam is not just to limit Iraq's violations of Security Council resolutions or to slow down its weapons program.

"Our goal is to fully and finally remove a real threat to world peace and to America," Bush said. "Hopefully this can be done peacefully. Hopefully we can do this without any military action." To avoid military action, Iraq is obliged to prove its

compliance with all the world's demands, he added.

Bush said Iraq must provide an "accurate and full and complete accounting for all chemical, biological and nuclear weapons materials, as well as missiles and other means of delivery anywhere in Iraq." Failure to do so, he noted, would be a "further indication of the Iraqi regime's bad faith and aggressive intent."

Weapons inspectors, he added, must have access to Iraqi sites at any time "without pre-clearance, without delay, without exceptions." Inspectors must be permitted to operate under new, effective rules, he emphasized, and the Iraqi regime must accept those rules "without qualification or negotiation."

To verify compliance, the Iraqis "must allow witnesses to its illegal activities to be interviewed outside of the country," Bush said. These witnesses, he continued, must be able to bring their entire families with them so they're beyond Saddam's reach.

Besides declaring and destroying all its weapons of mass destruction, Iraq, in accordance with U.N. Security Council demands, must end its support for terrorism, Bush continued. As part of U.N. demands, Iraq must stop persecuting its civilian population, he said.

Bush said Iraq must also stop all illicit trade outside the oil-for-food program and account for all Gulf War personnel, including Navy pilot Cmdr. Michael Speicher, whose fate is unknown. Speicher's F/A-18 Hornet fighter was shot down by enemy fire during the first day of the air war over Iraq on Jan. 17, 1991.

"We're working to build the broadest possible coalition to enforce the demands of the world on the Iraqi regime," Bush said.

He reminded the Iraqi people that the

United States "has never sought to dominate, has never sought to conquer. We've always sought to liberate and to free. Our desire is to help Iraqi citizens find the blessings of liberty within their own culture and their own traditions."

He said the Iraqis cannot flourish under a dictator who oppresses and threatens them. With Saddam gone, by whatever means, "America, along with many other nations, will share a responsibility to help Iraq reform and prosper," Bush pledged.

As the U.S. military's commander in chief, Bush said he realizes the risks that war with Iraq pose to America and to service members who would have to face those risks. Yet, he emphasized, those risks will only increase with time if Saddam isn't confronted now.

Ignoring Saddam today would create a false sense of peace leading to a future in which millions live or die at the discretion of a brutal dictator. "That's not true peace, and we won't accept it," Bush said.

The Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks against America put the country on notice that it's not immune from the dangers and hatreds of the world, he said. The attacks have caused the nation to resolve to oppose every threat, from any source, that could bring sudden tragedy to the American people," Bush asserted.

"This nation will not live at the mercy of any foreign power or plot. Confronting grave dangers is the surest path to peace and security," he said. "This is the expectation of the American people and the decision of their elected representatives."

"I thank the Congress for a thorough debate and an overwhelming statement of support," he continued. "The broad resolve of our government is now clear to all, clear to everyone to see. We will defend our nation and lead others in defending the peace."



PHOTO BY AIRMAN BRIDGET RAPP

Staff Sgt. Adalberto Velez is the NCOIC of training management for the 533rd Training Squadron here.

NCO 'steps' forward

By MASTER SGT. DAVE KORSTEN
533rd Training Squadron

■ Upon return from a temporary duty assignment, a staff sergeant assigned to the 533rd Training Squadron here stepped off the plane to learn he received Air Education and Training Command's only E-6 promotion under the Stripes for Exceptional Performers program.

Staff Sgt. Adalberto Velez, 533rd TRS NCOIC of training management, was greeted by his family and dozens of 533rd TRS members Sept. 27 to celebrate his promotion. Col. Thomas Bouthiller, 381st

Training Group commander, presented the new stripes on behalf of Gen. Donald Cook, AETC commander and Maj. Gen. John Regni, 2nd Air Force commander.

"No NCO I know is more deserving of this stripe than Al Velez," said Lt. Col. Bart Beisner, 533rd TRS commander. "That General Cook awarded his only E-6 stripe to him is testament to his outstanding work and professionalism."

The STEP program, established in 1980, is designed to meet those unique circumstances that, in the commander's judgment, clearly warrant promotion.

Texas Blowout raises funds for Christmas

By CAPT. CHARLES EDDY
392nd Training Squadron

■ The 14th Annual Texas Blowout is set for 1 to 5 p.m. Nov. 15 at Cocheo Park.

This year squadrons will compete against each other for the Golden Cow-Chip Trophy. Hosted by the 381st Training Group, the Texas Blowout is a benefit event for Operation Kids' Christmas. OKC is the annual Christmas party held at Vandenberg for approximately 200 Central Coast school children.

Activities for the Texas Blowout include Trail Boss, otherwise known as commander, Cow-chip Flailin', Doing Time in the Pokey, a chili cook off, Fear Factor Texas Style, Best Duds for lads, lassies and those hitched up, and more.

Tickets can be purchased at

the gate or in advance to register for a Six Flags Magic Mountain weekend getaway for two give-away. Food, live music, dancing and door prizes are included with ticket cost. All proceeds benefit Operation Kids' Christmas.

E a c h unit is in the running to win prizes. Currently the 532nd Training Squadron, 30th Services Squadron, 576th Flight

Test Squadron, 533rd Training Squadron, 392nd Training Squadron and 534th Training Squadron are in the running for 1st place. To volunteer a squadron to sponsor an event and gain points, call Staff Sgt. Chris Labine at 606-6166 or e-mail him at chris.labine@vandenberg.af.mil. In addition, each squadron receives points for presale tickets.

The 14th Annual Texas Blowout takes place at Cocheo Park Nov. 15, 1 to 5 p.m.

Officials announce new service dress nametag

■ WASHINGTON - The Air Force's service dress uniform welcomed back an old friend Oct. 1: the nametag.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper and other senior leaders selected a new nametag for the uniform at the 2002 Corona Top conference in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The new service dress nametag has a brushed satin finish and blue letters. It is slightly larger and heavier than the blue plastic nametag worn on the blue shirt and medical white uniform. It will only feature the wearer's last name and will only be worn on the service dress, on the right side parallel to the ribbons and medals.

Air Force officials decided last year that a nametag was needed on the service dress uniform.



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. JAMES RUSH

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper and other senior leaders selected a new nametag for the service dress uniform at the 2002 Corona Top conference in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Several proposals were reviewed and feedback was gathered from across the Air Force during several wear-tests.

The new nametags will be available in Army and Air Force Exchange Service military clothing sales stores at a future date when stocks become available.

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Pentagon joins hunt for Washington-area sniper

By GERRY J. GILMORE
American Forces Press Service

■ WASHINGTON - The Pentagon has been enlisted to support efforts to catch a deadly sniper who has preyed on metro Washington residents since Oct. 2.

The FBI, the lead government law enforcement agency in the case, recently asked DoD for help in stopping the elusive shooter, who has killed nine persons and wounded two, said DoD spokesman Marine Corps Maj. Ben Owens.

The latest victim, an FBI employee, was shot the night of Oct. 14 in a shopping center parking lot in suburban Falls Church, Va.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld yesterday approved the FBI's request for support, which involves the use of aerial platforms, Owens noted.

The major said the FBI and other law enforcement agencies involved in the case know what they can and should discuss regarding the case, and they're be-

ing careful not to tip off the sniper by saying too much.

He stressed DoD has gone "to great lengths" to comply with all the laws in providing support to capture the shooter. The laws include the Posse Comitatus Act of 1878, which prohibits the military from conducting civilian law enforcement, he added.

Owens noted the law permits DoD to give training, equipment and some other types of support to law enforcement agencies, when requested.

Justice Department and DoD lawyers are working the support issue "to ensure that we're going to do this right," he said.

The major said civilian law enforcement authorities are essentially asking to use something in DoD's inventory that would help them to get the sniper. "We provide help when we have some sort of unique capability that they don't have and it wouldn't really be feasible for them to get overnight," he concluded.



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Skate fun

Chelsea Labine (left), and Elizabeth Rickel skate hand in hand around the Vandenberg Youth Center Gym. Oct. 4 was Family Skate Night at the Youth Center. The event was one of the monthly activities planned to support the Global Hearts Program. Global Hearts is an organization designed to support the families of Team Vandenberg members who are deployed, on temporary duty or remote assignments.



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The Vandenberg Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Around the Air Force

First lady touts 'Troops to Teachers' program

By BRETT TURNER

Aeronautical Systems Center PA

■ **WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio** - The birthplace of aviation became a launching pad for new career possibilities Oct. 16 as first lady Laura Bush spoke here about the Defense Department's Troops to Teachers program.

Bush recognized educators and the potential roles departing military members can play in education during a rally attended by nearly 1,300 people.

As a former teacher, Bush's enthusiasm for the program was evident.

"Our children are the future," she said. "Ensuring that they have the best education possible and the chance to realize their dreams is our greatest obligation. As soldiers, you pledged yourself to duty, honor and country — and your service will never be forgotten."

"Today, I ask you to pledge yourselves to our children, the future of this country. I ask our retiring men and women to answer a new call, the call to teach."

Troops to Teachers is a program that assists select people who want to begin a career in public education upon departing the military. It began in 1994, and nearly 4,000 veterans have been hired into the nation's schools since.

Last January, the program was authorized to continue for five more years through the No Child Left Behind Act. An estimated 2 million new teachers will be needed in the next decade.

Three teachers, Eusebio Bretado Jr. of El Paso, Texas; William Byrd of Madison, Ala.; and Michael Glaze of Beaufort, S.C.; are successful examples of Troops to Teachers. Each received "Excellence in Teaching" awards at the rally.

"Teaching might be very difficult, but there's also never a boring moment when you have 20 little kids around you all the time," Bush said.

Legal office supports European activities

By TECH. SGT. SCOTT ELLIOTT

Air Force Print News

■ **WASHINGTON, D.C.** - A team of lawyers will soon be based in Brussels, Belgium, to handle the growing number of Air Force international matters and to keep the Air Force apprised of legal developments within the European community.

The three-member team will represent the service in international agreement negotiations, foreign military sales transactions and a wide variety of other international legal issues, said Mary Walker, the Air Force general counsel.

"So many issues are coming our way, and the Air Force has a large presence in Europe," she said. "They're going to see and hear issues as they arise."

Walker said the office's strategic location is vital to handling the international work in the general counsel's office and will help meet the needs of the Air Force in Europe.

"The 'Brusselization' of Europe is happening," she said. "So much is going on in Brussels that when we discussed a location for the office, it seemed like the natural choice to locate our resources."

"On a recent trip to Brussels, I met with some of the senior leaders of the environmental component of the European Union," she said. "It was amazing to hear them describe the new regulatory efforts underway. Many of them could have impacts on U.S. military operations in Europe. We need to be there to consider those as they're being developed."

Although located in Belgium, the staff will keep an eye on issues in other regions as well.

"We envision this office as being more than just European in focus," Walker said. "We'll also be supporting U.S. Central Command Air Forces in legal issues arising out of the Middle East."

The issues the office will deal with will include those already

worked by the international division of the general counsel's office, she said.

"The issues are varied for an international lawyer," Walker said. "I can't describe the specific tasks because they depend on what the issues are at the time. Some involve issues that arise out of specific events that the Air Force contemplates. Others arise in the context of existing agreements and partnerships."

"The expeditionary nature of the Air Force means that, in some cases, we need to locate our lawyers, focused on policy and high level work, at a forward location in order to serve the Air Force interests in the region," she said.

The office is expected to begin operations early next year with two lawyers rotating in from the Washington office.

Air Force approves responsibility pay

■ **WASHINGTON, D.C.** - Active-duty Air Force squadron, group and wing commanders will soon receive command responsibility pay.

The Air Force's deputy chief of staff for personnel at the Pentagon said the new category of pay is much needed and overdue.

"Command is a unique and wonderful opportunity that demands a great deal of commitment and sacrifice," said Lt. Gen. Richard E. Brown III. "It also demands long hours and additional out-of-pocket expenses."

More importantly, the general said, commanders are entrusted with the care and livelihood of the people in their organization.

"We don't have funds available to fully compensate commanders for everything they do for our Air Force," the general said, "but this is a first step to let them know how much we appreciate their efforts."

CRP will be \$50 per month for majors, \$100 per month for lieutenant colonels and \$150 per month for colonels.

Although CRP was scheduled to begin Oct. 1, these field grade officers will not receive CRP until the fiscal 2003 defense budget is

Combat ready



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. VAL GEMPIS

Capt. Helen Howell, a C-130 Hercules pilot from the 36th Airlift Squadron at Yokota Air Base, Japan, prepares to taxi during a combat readiness exercise. The exercise is designed to test the combat capabilities of the base.

passed, personnel officials said. Once funding is available, military personnel flights will begin updating the records of eligible commanders in the Military Personnel Data System. For more information, contact MPF Customer Service at 606-7756. (Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

New Medical Procedure Patches Holes in Hearts

By 2ND LT. MIKE CHILLSTROM

59th Medical Wing Public Affairs

■ **LACKLAND AFB, Texas** - Wilford Hall Medical Center is part of a select group of hospitals in the United States offering a revolutionary new heart procedure that is changing the lives of patients and cardiologists alike.

The procedure, called percutaneous atrial septal defect closure, uses innovative technology to patch holes in the heart, called atrial septal defects.

"I'm very excited that we're the first hospital in the Department of Defense to offer this procedure," said Maj. (Dr.) Richard A. Krasuski, staff cardiologist and director of cardiovascular research. "We really enjoy being on the cutting edge of invasive cardiology at Wilford Hall."

An atrial septal defect is the most common form of congenital

heart disease in adults. The defect results in excess blood flow to the right side of the heart, which can cause numerous subsequent health problems, including heart failure, sick lungs, stroke and rhythm disturbances.

Previously, fixing these defects required general anesthesia, incisions on the chest and occasionally lengthy rehabilitation periods. Dr. Krasuski said the new procedure allows people to return quickly to their pre-operative lifestyle, often with more vigor. One such patient, a man in his mid-60s, was out deep-sea fishing less than a week later.

"Our patients seem to be very satisfied with their results," Dr. Krasuski said, "and our nurses, technicians and fellows love being involved with their care." (Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service)

Airman's Chess Skills Take AF to NATO Tourney

By MASTER SGT.

DONOVAN POTTER

314th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

■ **LITTLE ROCK AFB, Ark.** - An airman assigned here recently proved he is one of the best chess players in the U.S. military and helped the Air Force team win a slot at the NATO Chess Championship

in Brest, France.

Airman 1st Class Nathaniel H. Kelleher, 314th Airlift Wing public affairs, helped the six-member Air Force team win the 2002 Inter-service Chess Championship at Naval Sub Station Point Loma, San Diego, Calif., in September. The team is currently competing in the NATO championship, which ends Oct. 12.

Airman Kelleher said he faced some very good players among the Army, Navy and Marines at the inter-service tournament, but he said his nerves were calm during the nine games he played.

"I was never nervous during the inter-service tournament," he said. "It's been years since I've gotten nervous over the board. The stronger the competition, the more motivated I get."

Airman Kelleher's motivation helped him retain his expert-class rating, one step below the master level.

He said the best moment of the tournament was when the Air Force team clinched the inter-service title.

"The Navy put on a great run, but we shut the door when it mattered most," the six-year chess veteran said.

"Our team camaraderie and the rivalries between the other services made the whole tournament a memorable experience."

(Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service)

Team V takes on northern pastime

By COACH MCKINNEY

30th Space Wing command section

In the "great white north" there's a sport that is the heartbeat of a nation. A sport, that invokes all of the emotions and loyalties associated with any great sporting event. That sport is hockey!

At Vandenberg, a version of Canada's national pastime is played every Friday evening. Here it's called roller hockey, but for all intents and purposes it's quite simply, hockey. Goals are scored at a furious pace, as the players race up and down the rink. This California version of hockey is played on concrete as opposed to the more recognizable ice.

Players attempt to control a customized puck as they remain under constant attack by opposing players ... just like ice hockey. A major difference between the brand of hockey played here and that of the more common variety is the goal of those who play.

"We're not getting paid, we don't play for an NCAA title or the Grey Cup," said one player. "We play because we love the game. Many of us grew up playing traditional hockey somewhere up

in the northern states."

The hockey league on Vandenberg highlights five-on-five play, with a goalie in the crease and four skaters. The league is a recreational base league, comprised of six teams that don't compete for Commander's Trophy points. Friday's contests were the second for each team this season.

"Vandenberg's leagues consists primarily of blue (beginners) and silver (intermediate) level players," said referee Jody Heighes of Santa Maria. "They have some pretty good players out here. However, many of them are really just learning how to play this type of hockey."

The game is played under the watchful eye of two on-ice, or rink, referees. Rich Sapikowski of Lompoc was the other man in charge of calls for Friday's contest. "This is basically a hobby for myself and my son Nate," said Sapikowski. "I and my son have been doing this for about three years. Usually he and I alternate Friday's, so there's always one of us out here."

The first game of the evening pitted the 30th Space Communications Squad-

ron against the Mutts. You read it correct, the Mutts. The Mutts are made up of players who were placed in a "players pool," because they did not have a team for their unit. Some of the players for the Mutts include Chaplain David Terrinoni, T.J. Strycharz, Steven McCartha, the team coach and captain, and Robert M. Worley II with his son, Creighton.

The SCS squad was led by assistant coach Orion Wirick and Mike Walker. "They have a pretty good team," said SCS coach Rob Minter. "I think they are going to be the team to beat in this league."

It didn't look that way at first!

The SCS team jumped out to an early 2-0 lead on the strength of two goals by Walker. It appeared as though he was going to have his way with the Mutts this day. The game continued with tough play. A couple of times it seemed the Mutts were going to come off and a professional game would break out. Players jockeyed back and forth with both goalies making some solid stops.

At 6-3, the game took a dramatic turn in the final period on a Colonel Worley



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. JENNIFER WALLIS

The Mutts, a team made up of members from various units, defeat the Logistic Readiness Squadron 15 to 5 in a face-off Oct. 4.

goal, his first of the game. The score pulled the Mutts to within two goals. His second goal brought the scrambling Mutts to within in one goal and a seemingly run-away game all of a sudden had a thickening plot.

With time running out Security Forces Squadron's Steven McCartha scored the

final of his three goals, which pulled the Mutts even and left the game knotted at 7-7. After exchanging a few more shots, the game ended with that same 7-7 score.

Games are played each Friday evening at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. at the outdoor rink next to the base tennis courts in front of the main chapel.

Intramural Sports

Sports Stats

Over 30 Softball Standings

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	PCT	STANDING
NRO	10	2	.833	1
DET 9	8	3	.727	2
30 SFS	8	4	.667	3
576 FLTS	5	4	.556	4
30 TRANS	5	6	.455	5
14 AF/				
614 SOPS	3	9	.250	6
30 CS	3	9	.250	7
381 TRG	0	7	0	8

Women's Softball Standings

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	PCT	STANDING
576 FLTS	5	1	.833	1
30 SFS	4	2	.667	2
30 CS	3	2	.600	3
DET 9	3	3	.500	4
30 SVS	2	3	.400	5
14 AF/				
614 SOPS	0	6	0	6

Roller Hockey Standings

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	PCT	STANDING
MUTTS	2	0	1	1
534 TRS	2	0	1	1
30 CS	1	1	.500	2
576 FLTS	1	1	.500	2
30 LRS	1	1	.500	2
30 OG	0	2	0	3

Falcons devastate BYU, advance to 6-0

By JOHN VAN WINKLE

Air Force Academy Public Affairs
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EMY, Colo. - Undeclared

Air Force advances to No. 18 in the nation, after holding Brigham Young University to negative 21 yards rushing in a televised 52-9 blowout.

There has been no love lost between the two teams, after Brigham Young University devastated Air Force's season last year, with a televised 63-33 embarrassment of the Falcons. That 63-point loss is the largest

score by an opponent in Falcon football history, and the Falcons' season plummeted to a 6-6 finish after the BYU loss.

So this game was a showdown for many reasons, between the Mountain West Conference's top offense (Air Force) and top defense. And the offense won decisively.

"We've waited 365 days for this moment," said Air Force head coach Fisher DeBerry. "We were thoroughly embarrassed as a football team last year when we played over in Provo [Utah]. That was very uncharacteristic Falcon football that we played over there [last year] and so we've had a focus to really be ready to play and to demonstrate the pride that we have in Falcon football, and I think we did that tonight very dominantly."

Air Force unleashed the nation's top rushing attack using the triple option and some traditional I-formations to gain 386 yards and seven touchdowns and holding the ball for more than 40 minutes by game's end.

But like previous games this year, it was the opponent who drew first blood, although it was only a pinprick. BYU took its opening possession to the Air Force 7-

yard line, but was thrown for an 11-yard loss by linebacker Anthony Schlegel and had to settle for a field goal.

DeBerry then unleashed the Falcons rushing attack upon the BYU defense. Air Force scored its first two touchdowns in short order, and then pulled a trick from BYU's playbook by trying an onside kick.

"We had that happen to us last year, when they tried an onside kick after their first touchdown," said DeBerry. "We were still reeling a little bit from how easy they scored on the opening drive. They exercised the onside kick, took it and went down the field, and we were behind 14-nothing before we know what happened."

"So I was bound and determined that we were going to try an onside kick tonight, whether it worked or not."

Air Force recovered the onside kick, and drove for another touchdown. Meanwhile, the Falcons defense fed off its offense and special teams by making its own share of big plays.

Four of the Cougars' drives ended in interceptions by Schlegel, cornerback Wes Crawley, safety Larry Duncan and right falconback Joel Buelow. The Falcons defense ended another three Cougar possessions on downs, and one more on a fumble recovery by defensive end Charles Bueker.

"We just swarmed the ball," said Schlegel. "We got up on them early and pretty much took them out of their game."

BYU's Marcus Whalen and Curtis Brown totaled more than 200 rushing yards last week.

Against the Falcon defense, they ran for 41 yards on 18 carries. But thanks to quarterback pressures, sacks and the defensive line's blocking, BYU lost 62 yards on the ground, said Schlegel.

"That's how you get negative yards," added the linebacker.

BYU did pass for 325 yards, but used three quarterbacks to amass that yardage, and only found the end zone with 5:36 left in the game. BYU quarterback Matt Berry's pass on the conversion attempt was intercepted, leaving the score at 45-9.

With the game firmly into rout status, Air Force's third string drove for another touchdown in the final minutes, scoring on a 1-yard run by fullback Tim Gerhsitz.

"Tonight, we were focused on not giving up the big play, and we didn't give up a big play until right there at the end, and that was against our reserve players."

The biggest test of Air Force's season comes Oct. 19 when they host Notre Dame, who is 6-0 on the season and ranked No. 7 in the nation.

"We realize Notre Dame's got a good football team and is going to come in here very highly ranked," DeBerry said.

Kickoff for the Air Force-Notre Dame game is 8 p.m. MDT. The game will be televised nationally by ESPN, and ESPN's College Gameday broadcasts live from the Air Force Academy 8:30 to 10 a.m. MDT.

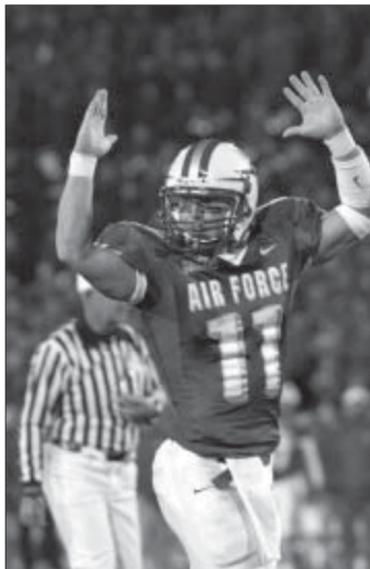


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Air Force quarterback Chance Harridge signals a Falcon touchdown in the academy's 52-9 romp over Brigham Young University.

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Destinations Central Coast @ PCPA Theaterfest

By JAN FOSTER

Vandenberg family member

A friend called up and wanted to know if I had plans on a Saturday evening. She had tickets to see a Pacific Conservatory of the Performing Arts play at Festival Theatre in Solvang.

Having attended other live plays, I quickly accepted. It doesn't really matter what venue hosts a PCPA event. PCPA has venues in Santa Maria and Solvang. Each experience offers the audience something new and exciting.

When Saturday came, Julie and I were off to the sights, sounds and smells of Solvang – California's Danish community. We wanted to get there early in order to take in the entire Solvang experience.

In the quaint community, you can spend time browsing through the many shops looking for antiques, pastries, chocolate and collectibles – not to mention chocolate.

Did I mention chocolate? You can find it in Solvang.

But, I digress.

There was a slight chill in the air at the outdoor theater. But once we went through the theater gate into the park-



like setting, anticipation warmed me.

On our right, there were gifts, souvenirs and seat pads. To our left, the refreshment stand has snacks, coffee and hot cocoa – and, oh yeah, more chocolate.

Friendly ushers dressed in red jackets assisted us to our seats.

If you're a people watcher, as I am, this is the place to be.

Once seated, we took in the ambiance – soft music and the murmur of quiet conversations.



PHOTO BY KATHY MCINTOSH, SOLVANG THEATERFEST MANAGER

The open-air theater in Solvang offers a variety of plays. The next PCPA performance is "Honk!" and runs Nov. 7 - Dec. 22 at the Marian Theatre in Santa Maria.

A bell sounded to signal the play was about to begin. People wearing jackets and sweaters soon filled the seats. They had blankets and thermos' filled with coffee and other treats.

The lights dimmed and a hush fell

over the crowd.

The stage lights came up and I took in the set – vivid in style and color – I was captivated. The actors' portrayal came through loud and clear.

It was as if time was suspended – at

least until intermission.

Fifteen more minutes to people watch. Julie opened her thermos. She didn't bring coffee. It was hot cocoa – more chocolate.

The bell sounded once more, signaling the end of intermission. I was drawn in again. The play, like many others I've seen at PCPA, was animated, funny and thought provoking. The actors were skilled in their craft.

When the play ended, the cast came out to a round of applause and appreciative whistles. They smiled and bowed graciously.

If you'd like to try something new, or old, PCPA is it. You can find their 2002/2003 schedule on their website at www.pcpa.org. The season begins Nov. 7 with a presentation of "Honk! A Musical Tale of the Ugly Duckling" at the Marian Theatre in Santa Maria. You can also call the box office from noon Tuesday through Sunday to 7 p.m. at (805)922-8313.

While PCPA has three theaters, not all of the plays are performed at multiple venues so be sure to confirm the location of your event.

Here's one final reminder. Solvang's Festival Theatre is outdoors, so take a blanket, sweater or jacket, and a thermos filled with – what else? Hot chocolate.

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| <p>18 FRI Halloween Pumpkin Patch – weekdays 3 to 7 p.m. and weekends, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the field between the commissary and security forces building. Prices are based on pumpkin size. Proceeds are used for airmen's Thanksgiving dinners and care packages for deployed members.</p> <p>Sixth Annual Haunted Trail – 6 to 11 p.m. today, Saturday, Oct. 25 - 26; 8 p.m. Oct. 31. The first hour each evening is only mildly scary. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children 10 years and younger. The trail starts at Washington and Airfield roads.</p> <p>Food and diaper collection – through Oct. 31 at the optometry clinic and Crestview Elementary School. Cub Scouts Pack 102 is collecting canned food and clean diapers for Mark's House, which provides shelter and transition help for homeless families in Lompoc. For more information call 734-1651.</p> | <p>18 FRI Norton Simon Museum tour – Register today for the Oct. 25 tour via Allan Hancock College's educational bus. Cost is \$67 and includes transportation and tour guide. Call 922-6966 or toll free (866) 342-5242 ext. 3209.</p> <p>Craft show vendors – call Brandie Moorhead, 734-5621 to sign up for a space at this year's Crestview Elementary School craft show and sale. Spaces are \$20. The show is 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Nov. 16.</p> <p>One-on-one marriage enrichment counseling - Call 606-9958.</p> <p>Military care packages – the family support center staff is accepting donations to support deployed troops. Call 605-8553.</p> <p>Space and Sea Girl Scouts – sign up by calling the Scout Hut, 605-2217, or leave a message, 734-5545.</p> <p>Harbor and boat cruises – at Adventure Marina in Morro Bay. Call (805) 772-9463.</p> <p>Santa Barbara trolley tours - 90</p> | <p>minutes, 10, 11:30 a.m.; 1, 2:30, 4 p.m. Call (805) 965-0353.</p> <p>18 FRI Twilight beach horseback rides - Pacific Dunes Ranch in Oceano. Beginners are welcome. Call (805) 489-8100.</p> <p>19 SAT Air Force Association Chili Cook off – Saturday. Submit three or four-person team entries to 2nd Lt. Chad Melone, 606-1957.</p> <p>21 MON Free concert – 10 a.m. Saturday at Trinity Church of the Nazarene in Lompoc. Call 733-2125.</p> <p>21 MON Self-defense workshop - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays for women and girls 12 years and older at the North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center. Call 736-8535.</p> <p>Jiu-Jitsu self-defense classes - 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Unified Center for Martial Arts, 1766 S. Broadway in Santa Maria. Call (805) 934-2158.</p> <p>Indoor cycling classes - 6 a.m. Mon-</p> | <p>days, Wednesdays and Fridays; noon Fridays; 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays; and 8 a.m. Saturdays in the services center.</p> <p>21 MON Relaxation Room - 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday - Friday at the Health and Wellness Center. Call 606-2221.</p> <p>22 TUE Single parents support group - 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday in the services center. Call 606-9958.</p> <p>Financial basics – 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday at the family support center. Topics include checkbook maintenance, credit spending, choosing a financial institution, credit pitfalls and making paydays count. For more information, call Jimmy Camacho at 606-4491.</p> <p>Pre-separation Briefing - 8 a.m. Tuesdays in the family support center. This is a required briefing at least 90 days prior to leaving the service.</p> <p>22 TUE Lompoc Bruisers Soccer Team – practices 5:30 - 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Ryon Park in Lompoc. Games</p> | <p>are Sundays. The team is part of the Central Coast Women's Soccer Association. No experience necessary. Call Katie Burke at 734-5727.</p> <p>23 WED Multi-lingual Moms, Pops & Tots Group – 9 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the family services center aerobics room. English, Spanish and Tagalog speakers comprise the group for parents of babies newborn to 3 years old. Topics include base resources, new parenting skills, car seat safety, CPR and Heimlich maneuver, home fire extinguishers and child proofing a home. Call 606-5338.</p> <p>AL-ANON – 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays at the family support center. Call 734-0784.</p> <p>25 FRI Financial planning – 11 a.m. to noon Oct. 25 at the family support center. Class covers how to create a financial plan to meet daily and future needs. Topics include budgeting, investing and developing a good spending plan. For more informa-</p> | <p>tion, call Jimmy Camacho at 606-4491.</p> <p>25 FRI Vandenberg Manor - 6 to 10 p.m. Oct. 25 - 31 at 174 and 176 Willow Street in East Housing. Cost is \$3 for those 13 years and older, \$2 for children 6 to 12 years old and free for children 5 years old and younger.</p> <p>28 MON Sculpture exhibit – Oct. 28 – Dec. 6, 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays – Thursdays; 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays at the Allan Hancock College art gallery in Santa Maria.</p> <p>NOV 1 FRI American Sign Language Skill Builder – Nov. 1 - 2. The class is offered through Allan Hancock College. Cost is \$40.</p> <p>2 SAT Dinner at the library – 6 to 9 p.m. Nov. 2 at the Lompoc Library. Cost is \$45</p> <p>8 FRI Scholastic grant – applications due Nov. 8 to Chief Master Sgt. Velma Hunt, 605-6416. Call for forms and details.</p> <p>21 THU Top Three meeting – noon Nov. 21 in the services center. Call 605-6200.</p> |
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Chapel Schedule & Events

For other denominations and worship services, call the chapel at 606-5773.

- ♦ **Harvest Fest**, an alternative to Halloween, 2 to 5 p.m. Oct. 27 in the Chapel Annex.
- ♦ **G.I. Java** – open 5 to 9 p.m. Monday - Saturday in the Delta Dormitory. To volunteer, call 606-5773.

Catholic

- ♦ **Bible study groups** – 7 p.m. Mondays or 7 p.m. Thursdays in the religious education administration building. Call 734-4202.
- ♦ **CCD classes are underway** – 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Sundays in the religious education administration building. Call 734-3070.
- ♦ **Children Liturgy of the Word** – during Sunday Mass.
- ♦ **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** – 12:30 p.m. Sunday in the religious education administration building. Call 734-1437.
- ♦ **Confirmation** – 12:30 p.m. Sundays in Bldg. 16130. Call 734-0474.
- ♦ **Catholic Women of the Chapel** – 7 p.m. second Wednesday of the month in the

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- 8:30 a.m. Praise and Worship, Chapel 1
- 10 a.m. Catholic Mass, Chapel 1
- 11:30 a.m. Traditional Protestant, Chapel 1
- 11:30 a.m. Gospel, Chapel 2
- Daily Mass, 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 2
- Saturday Mass, 5 p.m. in Chapel 2

religious education administration building. Call 606-5773.

- ♦ **Senior Catholic Youth of the Chapel** – 6 to 8 p.m. in the religious education administration building. Call 734-2875.
- ♦ **Junior CYOC** – God's Gang – Call 734-5503.
- ♦ **Youth Choir** – members needed. Call 734-5503.
- ♦ **Chapel Community Night** - 5:30 to 7 p.m. Sundays in the religious education classrooms.

Protestant

- ♦ **Brothers and Sisters in Christ** – 5:30 to 7 p.m. Sundays in the RE classrooms. Call 734-1360.
- ♦ **Women's Evening Study** – Call 734-3788.
- ♦ **Protestant adult and youth Bible study** – 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Chapel 1 Annex. Call 605-7564.
- ♦ **Men's weekly Bible study** – 6 p.m. Wednesdays in the Breakers Dining Facility. Call 606-5773.
- ♦ **The Vandenberg AFB Officers' Christian Fellowship** – 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Call 734-0696.
- ♦ **PWOC beginner quilting classes** – 10 a.m. Thursday in the Chapel 1 annex. Call 733-2630.
- ♦ **Women's bible study** - 10 a.m. the third Saturday of each month in the religious education classrooms. Call 734-1693.

At The Movies

All movies start at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Doors are locked once the show begins.

The Theater is closed today and Saturday due to the Family Talent Show.

See the Services section Page B2.

Sunday 3 p.m. **Stealing Harvard, PG-13**

7:30 p.m. **City by the Sea, R**

Oct. 25 **Trapped, R**

Oct. 26 3 p.m. **Spy Kids 2, PG**

Oct. 27 The Theater is closed.



The shop is located next to the skills development center in Bldg. 11180. They are always looking for volunteers. Call 606-3128 to find out more.

The Vandenberg Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m



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