

Base Briefs

PROMOTION

Congratulations to Master Sgt. Mark Howard, National Reconnaissance Office, selected for promotion to senior master sergeant March 19.

WARFIT DAY

Today is Air Force Space Command WarFit Day. The day begins at 8 a.m. on the youth ball fields. Exercise and nutrition briefings follow from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in the religious education complex behind the ball fields. Unit circuit training begins at 10 a.m. on the youth ball fields followed by a 5-K run/walk, 5-K run and bike ride, 10-K run or 12-mile bike ride starting at the fitness center at 11 a.m. Col. Wayne Louis, 30th Space Wing vice commander, highly recommends attendance.

PROMOTION CEREMONY

Team Vandenberg's April promotion ceremony is at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Pacific Coast Club. All inductees and promotees should be in place at 2 p.m. Staff sergeant inductees wear the service dress uniform, and all others, uniform of the day. Call Master Sgt. Dennis Wingett at 606-9600 with questions.

COMBAT DINING-IN

The 30th Space Wing's Combat Dining-In is postponed to May 10 in Cocheo Park. Tickets cost \$10 and are available from unit first sergeants, a unit representative, or from Senior Master Sgt. Michael Tierney at 606-9815.

FAMILY PORTRAITS

Rollins Photography, a Lompoc professional photography studio, offers free family portraits to all Vandenberg active-duty military families who are "in the bucket" or scheduled to deploy in upcoming Air Expeditionary Force rotations. Families of members currently deployed may also take family photos to send overseas. The photo sessions are by appointment only from 3 to 6:30 p.m. April 9 at the Vandenberg Services Center. To schedule an appointment, call 606-7976.

APPEALS

People who feel their officer or enlisted performance report is incorrect have a course of action to correct the problem. There are two processes for appeals, including the Evaluation Report Appeal Board and the Air Force Board of Military Records. Information for submitting a claim is found in Air Force Instruction 36-2401, Attachment 1, and on the Air Force Personnel Center website at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil. Call the evaluations office at 606-4778 with questions.

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The Air Force Office of Special Investigations holds its semi-annual officer cross flow board

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Protesters offer training for security

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

Security forces here responded to fewer than 50 protesters at the Santa Maria Gate Saturday and arrested three.

Another group of military supporters gathered at the gate to lend their encouragement to the base and its people.

During the weeks leading up to the protest, groups informed the base they would exercise their First Amendment right to free speech by holding vigil at the gate. Some groups threatened unlawful trespassing and disruption of base operations through so-called "back-country" incursions and damage to government property.

In response, members of the 30th Security Forces Squadron, the 76th Helicopter Flight and local law-enforcement agencies stepped up base patrols and surveillance of Vandenberg's 99,099 acres.

In order to accommodate lawful protesters at the gate, the base set up a designated parking area, put out portable toilets and trash bins, and erected fencing to mark areas for protesters' use.

Base security forces, the California Highway Patrol and Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department officers were on hand to direct traffic and ensure the protesters' safety.

"This is great training for our security forces," said Capt. Paul Quigley, 30th Security Forces Squadron operations officer. "Rather than hindering our mission, these people are providing us training that we don't normally get on a regular basis."



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. JAMES WILLIAMS

Pro-military demonstrators gather at the Santa Maria Gate here Saturday to show their support for U.S. troops at home and in Iraq.

As a symbol of civil disobedience, two women and one man crossed the green line of the base's boundary at the gate. Quigley gave them two minutes to leave base property. When they refused, Vandenberg security forces took them into custody.

People arrested at the main gate for trespassing are taken to a processing facility here, said Maj. Stacey Bako, 30th Space Wing Public Affairs chief. If they have no prior arrests, they are cited for misdemeanor trespassing — a conviction that carries a

penalty of up to one year confinement and a \$5,000 fine, she said. With no prior record, they are then released.

Those who do have prior records can be taken into custody by U.S. Marshals and transported to San Bernardino County for processing, said Maj. Ed Damico, 30th Space Wing Staff Judge Advocate's office. The decision to hold them further rests with the U.S. Attorney's office and depends on the prior record, he said.

Meanwhile, at some of Vandenberg's less-

traveled entry points, security forces and Vandenberg fish and game wardens responded to people who appeared to be attempting to penetrate the base perimeter.

Vandenberg game warden Jim Mercier stopped a known activist at the Miguelito Canyon entrance to South Vandenberg.

The man was wearing old military-uniform pants and was carrying supplies and maps of the base, Mercier said.

"He looked like he was ready for a hike," the warden said. "He may have been trying to actually come on base or he may have been taking notes to come back later."

Either way, Mercier said, the man never actually set foot on base property so he was simply directed to leave.

Later, a call came in from an observation point that several people had jumped out of a red van at the base's southern perimeter.

As a base UH-1N Huey helicopter flew by, the people reportedly jumped back into their van and departed the area.

Mercier and his partner, Carolyn Curry, responded to check the area on foot. After surveying the area, Mercier reported that it was all clear.

"This is not the most friendly country to be trespassing in," Bako said. "Illegal trespassers will encounter many dangers. ... There are poisonous snakes, wild animals and unexploded ordnance from when Vandenberg was an Army training bombing range."

No other trespassers were apprehended.

"We have always been very supportive of peaceful protests outside our gates," Bako said. "But there is a clear distinction between peaceful protest and unlawful entry."

Crash victims identified

MOODY AFB, Ga. — Air Force officials have identified the airmen killed in the HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopter crash in Afghanistan Sunday.

The airmen were deployed from here supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. Killed in the crash were:

- 1st Lt. Tamara Archuleta, copilot.
- Staff Sgt. Jason Hicks, aerial gunner.
- Master Sgt. Michael Maltz, pararescueman.
- Senior Airman Jason Plite, pararescueman.
- Lt. Col. John Stein, aircraft commander.
- Staff Sgt. John Teal, flight engineer.

Archuleta, Hicks, Stein and Teal were assigned to the 41st Rescue Squadron. Maltz and Plite were assigned to the 38th Rescue Squadron.

"The Air Force is a close-knit family and the loss of one of our own affects us all," said Brig. Gen. John Folkerts, 347th Rescue Wing commander.

"We wish to express our deepest condolences to family members of these brave airmen and



PHOTO BY ARMY PVT. TERRI RORKE

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM -- Army Chaplain (Col.) Richard Rogers leads a prayer Tuesday for six airmen killed when their HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter crashed near Ghazni, Afghanistan, Sunday. The helicopter crew was on its way to pick up two Afghan children for treatment in U.S. medical facilities at Bagram AB. The remains were flown to Dover AFB, Del.

want them to know that we will not forget the valuable contributions they made to this country and the impact they made on the Air

Force."

The cause of the accident is under investigation. (Courtesy of AFPN)

30th CES fights to save bridge

By 2ND LT. JENNIFER WHITAKER
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

The 13th Street Bridge is an artery vital to easily connecting north and south Vandenberg. So, when 30th Civil Engineer Squadron engineers noticed last fall that erosion had taken away much of the bridge's foundation, they took swift action.

In January, the 30th CES completed an emergency repair project to save the roadway from probable catastrophic failure, said 2nd Lt. Delvin Ricks, 30th CES.

Ricks said the bridge's structural failure is due to high levels of erosion in the riverbed. He said heavy rains in February 1998 caused a large amount of the erosion.

"In 1998, those high-flow velocities and volumes scoured 10 feet of soil away from the bridge abutments, leaving the bridge vulnerable," Ricks said.

"We were gravely concerned about the flooding of the South Gate area, and especially worried about maybe losing the bridge,"

said Dennis Pakulski, 30th CES damage control center, remembering the 1998 flooding.

Ricks said the extent of the damage was unknown at the time. "It wasn't until nearly five years later that additional normal erosion exposed the concrete pile caps that support the span of the bridge," he said.

"So much soil had been moved that you could literally see daylight under some of the supports," said Tom Cugini, 30th CES chief of engineering contracts. Cugini said the 30th CES moved quickly to protect the bridge from another rainy season, backfilling the eroded areas with boulders to support and prevent further erosion.

"That's about all we could do with the time and money we had," he said.

In January, Vandenberg contracted with Ace Engineering to complete an emergency repair project on the bridge, costing the base \$500,000, Ricks said, adding that the contractor placed more

than 1 million tons of boulder, called riprap, around most of the bridge supports and along the north bank of the riverbed.

Rick Cote, 30th CES engineering flight chief, said the bridge is safe for this rainy season, but will probably be unsafe in the future because of the bridge's inability to support normal highway traffic loads.

The long-term outlook for the bridge is uncertain. Ricks said the bridge's constant exposure to heavy loads, sometimes as much as 20 tons, has shaved countless years off the structure's life. But, since the Solvang Gate is closed due to force protection issues, traffic using the 13th Street Bridge is greatly reduced.

Cugini said that adding post tension tendons to the bridge's girders would allow it to support heavy highway vehicles, and adding even more riprap would ensure continued use of the bridge, even with heavy commercial traffic loads and

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Medical Group aids Guatemalans

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

A group of Team V medical professionals are in Guatemala to provide two weeks of humanitarian health care. The 30th Medical Group team includes five physicians, one optometrist, one pharmacist and three physicians' assistants.

The team will focus on providing acute treatments, medications, vitamins and health care education in four remote Guatemalan villages, said Capt. Tonya Everleth, 30th MDG chief of pharmacy services.

"This is a very poor country where the average wage is around \$1 a day," Everleth said. "Most of the people we will see have never seen a physician, so preventative education will be a key goal."

The tasks ahead of this team are not for the faint of heart. Their typical day be-

gins at 7 a.m. for a 20- to 30-minute drive to a village where they will set up a field clinic, Everleth said.

Working with a few Guatemalan doctors and four translators, the team will treat close to 1,000 patients a day.

Even that number will not ensure everyone is seen.

"It's hard to turn people away, especially when they may have traveled far and waited all day to be seen," Everleth said. "We're just going to do as much as we possibly can each day in the time we have."

Anytime military personnel travel outside of the United States, safety is an issue, Everleth said, but the team feels very comfortable with the support the military group there has provided them.

That support includes armed members of the Gua-

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Sold!



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. REBECCA BONILLA

Tammie Byrd (Left) and Michelle Cox, Vandenberg Spouses' Club auction committee, keep a log of the nearly \$30,000 worth of items they've collected to auction at the VSC "Spirit of America" charity auction. The event is at 6 p.m. Saturday in the Pacific Coast Club and is open to everyone from the base and surrounding communities. Dress is casual, with patriotic dress encouraged. Bid numbers cost \$2 and hors d'oeuvres are free. Call Sandi Jones at 734-4359 or Karen Rife at 734-0397 to make reservations.

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Three Team V brewing enthusiasts share their experiences with making beer at home. See Page A4.



30th Mission Support Squadron takes the title of Team V's intramural basketball champions. See Page A5.

Weekend forecast
Sunny Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Low/High
44/73

For a full Vandenberg weather report, visit www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather

Troops defend freedom

By GEN. RICHARD MYERS

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

On Sept. 11, 2001, terrorists murdered thousands of innocent men, women and children on American soil. The attack immediately plunged our nation into a global war against terrorism.

As part of our war to defend America, Operation Iraqi Freedom has begun.

The rulers of Iraq wield weapons of mass destruction and give support to international terrorists.

America and our coalition partners are determined to disarm Iraq of its weapons of mass destruction and destroy Iraq's safe haven for terrorists.

In doing this, we will liberate the Iraqi people from the terror, torture and misery they have suffered under a brutal tyrant.

We have a sworn duty to protect and defend the United States. Taking the fight to the enemy has always been a key part of our military strategy. We



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your loved ones
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behind you."**

GEN. RICHARD MYERS,
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT
CHIEFS OF STAFF

will demonstrate to all that we fight not to impose our will, but to defend our freedom, and to extend that freedom and hope to the Iraqi people. Not only are you fighting to protect American freedoms, but to prevent terrorism in a troubled region that threatens peace throughout the world.

As you enter this fight, be confident that you are well prepared, well trained, and well supported in the mission that lies ahead. Your families, your loved ones – indeed your nation – stand united behind you. Take pride in the legitimacy and the

necessity of your mission. Show compassion for the lives this war will forever change. And rest assured, the outcome is not in doubt.

I am proud of your sacrifice and service, and know you will perform your duty with the courage and distinction that comes from serving in the finest American fighting force ever.

Whether you are serving on foreign shores or protecting our homeland, our country is depending on you.

I am honored to serve with you as you carry freedom forward at this critical point in history.

Sign up now



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

2nd Lt. Britton Miller, 30th Space Wing Air Force Assistance Fund representative, watches as 30th SW Command Chief Master Sgt. Michael Morey and 30th SW Commander Col. Robert M. Worley II, fill out their AFAP pledges. Vandenberg's AFAP campaign runs through April 18. Workplace fundraising is suspended during the campaign.

Secretary Rumsfeld delivers words of encouragement

By DONALD RUMSFELD

U.S. Secretary of Defense

On March 17, President George W. Bush, our commander in chief, delivered an ultimatum to Saddam Hussein – leave Iraq within 48 hours. Refusal to do so will result in military conflict. And if it comes to war, the president made clear, Saddam Hussein's regime will be removed from power, the Iraqi people will be liberated, and we will begin disarming Iraq of its weapons of mass destructions.

You are the men and women who will deliver on the president's pledge. And today, as you and coalition forces begin to fulfill your mission, know that you will carry the thoughts and prayers of the American people with you into battle.

I fully recognize that lives are at stake – American, coalition, and Iraqi; military and civilian. War is a last resort, to be undertaken only after every other alternative has been tried.

For twelve years, the international community sought to disarm Iraq

peacefully. We have tried economic sanctions, inspections, and diplomacy – all have failed. The Iraqi regime repeatedly refused to disarm.

As the president said, the Iraqi regime is a grave and gathering danger. With each passing day, Saddam Hussein advances his arsenal of weapons of mass destruction, and could pass them along to terrorists. If he is allowed to do so, the result could be the deaths not of 3,000 people, as on September 11, but 30,000 or 300,000 or more.

Our responsibility – your mission – is to prevent that from happening and eliminate the Iraqi regime as a threat.

You are the best led, best trained,

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DONALD RUMSFELD,
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE



strongest, and most capable military in the world. I have full confidence in your ability, your courage and your dedication to our country.

As you embark on this mission, know that you are not alone. Our coalition includes dozens of countries that are helping in a variety of ways. You will fight alongside the forces of such stalwart friends as Australia, Great

Britain and many others.

You may face great challenges and dangers. Wars have their surprises.

The most difficult step a president can make is the decision to send the armed forces of our nation into battle.

When I returned to the Pentagon after serving here a quarter century ago, I wrote a series of guidelines to help guide my thinking regarding the use of force. They included these questions.

Is there a good reason to go to war? Have we engaged all instruments of national power in search of a peaceful solution?

Is the objective achievable?

Have we set forth clear goals?

Does the objective merit risking American lives?

Have we made available all the resources and military capabilities needed to achieve victory?

Have we invested the effort and political capital to explain the need for action and to marshal and sustain public support?

Have we been honest with ourselves and the world about the risk of action, but also about the less obvious risks of inaction?

The president has made the case for Iraq clear. He has set forth what is at stake, and invested the diplomatic and political effort needed to exhaust all options short of war.

We are at the point at which the risk of not acting is too great to wait longer. The answers are clear. It is essential to world peace and our security that we act against the regime of Saddam Hussein.

As you prepare, know that this war is necessary, it is just, and that you have the resources and commitment you need to achieve victory.

You have the strong support of your commander-in-chief, the congress and of the American people.

I thank you for all you do for our country. I recognize the sacrifices your families are making, and thank them, too. May God bless you, and keep you, and guide you in the days ahead.

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The 30th Space Wing Mission:
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Chief shares what it means to stick it out

Team V celebrates Women's History Month with a look at local inspiring women

By AIRMAN JUANIKA GLOVER
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Only two percent of enlisted Air Force personnel become chief master sergeants each year. With fierce competition striving for those stripes, the honor is not handed out easily. Those who succeed, truly represent the best of what the Air Force is all about.

Being a chief master sergeant means much more than a pay-raise, said Chief Master Sgt. Velma Hunt, superintendent of operations for the 614th Space Operations Group and 14th Air Force.

"It means you stuck it out through good and bad times," she said. "You earned the right to add on the final stripe. It also means you made the cut because you represent everything a leader should be."

According to Hunt, becoming a chief master sergeant is a great honor. But becoming the first female chief master sergeant in the space operations career field was her personal greatest honor, she said.

Born in Tupelo, Miss. Hunt is the youngest of three children. After graduating from Tupelo High School she decided to join the Air Force because she wasn't ready to settle down and go to college.

"I wanted to venture out on my own and I knew that to do that, I needed to



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN JONATHAN POMEROY
Chief Master Sgt. Velma Hunt, 614th Space Operations Group superintendent, briefs Staff Sgt. Christy Snider, SPACEAF information manager, on upcoming events for the week.

have an income. I didn't want to stay in Mississippi, but rather get out and see the world," she said.

"I love my country, but I didn't join for that reason," said the 22-year veteran. "I don't think at 19 I knew what being a real patriot for your country meant."

She decided to stay on when she realized she was good at her job, she was having a great time and she enjoyed the people she was working with.

In more than two decades of service, Hunt said she's had no major obstacles to furthering her career.

"I've found the Air Force to be a fair and open minded organization with regard to race and sex," she said. "I think you have to prove yourself to your peers and supervisors, but that's no different than anywhere you'd go to work."

After basic training, Hunt attended Aerospace Control and Warning

technical training at Keesler AFB, Miss. In 1993, she earned an associate's degree in space operations technology from the Community College of the Air Force. She went on to earn a bachelor's degree in social work from the University of Southern Colorado.

During her career, Hunt has served as a data systems supervisor, an operations mission supervisor, a defense support program instructor, a tactical operations superintendent and an operations training and evaluation superintendent.

Her current job gives her dual hats as superintendent of the 614th SOPG and 14th AF operations.

In her current positions, Hunt serves as the enlisted operations leader responsible for assisting the chief of operations in planning and executing operations and forces worldwide at 155 units, in 44 locations across 13 time zones, operating 28 space systems, with more than 1,000 enlisted space operations personnel.

According to her job description, she oversees manning and quality of life issues affecting 14th AF's enlisted personnel and is responsible for maintaining good order and discipline while ensuring the highest levels of morale.

Hunt said the thing she likes most about her role in the military is the freedom to do her job and take care of her troops.

She gives straightforward advice to young women just beginning their military careers.

"Become the expert in your particular field and be what I call a 'good airman'," she said. "Get work done ahead of or on

time, look professional and have a positive attitude. In my book aptitude is no match for attitude in most cases. If you have the right frame of mind, generally we can teach you the tasks you need to know."

Hunt said her best role models have been past senior NCOs and chiefs in her career field, in particular, Chief Master Sgt. John Cotton and Senior Master Sgt. Marc Beasley.

"They taught me what it meant to take care of your troops, to be fair, to be consistent and to be mildly confrontational if necessary. No matter what sort of trouble their airmen got into, they still stood behind them," the chief said.

"I don't mean they condoned (bad) behavior, but they were there for (their troops) during good and bad times."

Hunt has received the Meritorious Service Medal four times, a Joint Service Commendation Medal, five Air Force Commendation Medals, three Air Force Achievement Medals, three Combat Readiness Medals and two National Defense Service Medals.

She was also Senior NCO of the Year in 1995 for the 381st Training Group here and again in 1998 for the 50th Space Wing at Schriever AFB, Colo.

Hunt was recognized as the Outstanding Military Woman of the Year for the Federal Women's Program in 1999.

Married to Master Sgt. Randall Hunt, the chief said she likes to read and spend time with her family during her off duty time. She also gives back to the NCO corps by staying active in the Vandenberg Chief's Group.

Heartlink orients AF spouses

By AIRMAN 1ST CLASS BRYAN FRANKS
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Air Force Space Command's Heart Link Spouse Orientation program held its quarterly workshop March 12 at the Vandenberg Family Support Center.

The workshop is open to all Air Force military and civilian spouses regardless of rank or gender. It's designed to inform family members of the resources that the Air Force has to offer them.

The program was started for family members who have been married for five years or less, however no one who wants to sign up for the workshop is turned away, said Teresa Orozco, family support center career focus manager. The workshop can be beneficial for military spouses who have been married for longer than five years too, Orozco said.

"I have been a military spouse for over 19 years and there were programs I didn't know about until I came to work at the family support center," she said.

The Command's Heart Link program began here in May 2002, Orozco said. The workshops held last year were pilot programs. Air Force Space Command then decided to hold quarterly workshops at all Air Force Space Command bases. The one-day workshop covers a variety of topics.

"We cram a lot of information into one day," Orozco said.

Beginning with a mission briefing, the course highlights Vandenberg's role in the Air Force. Next, a video covers more commonly used acronyms. Then, a protocol team discusses military customs and courtesies, Orozco said.

A briefer from the military personnel flight talks about the spouse's identification card and stresses the



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER
Jay Prichard, base curator, shares Vandenberg's space and missile history with military spouses during a guided tour of the Vandenberg Heritage Center March 12.

importance of carrying the card at all times. They also go over the survivor's benefits plan.

Although there are several briefings during the workshop, there is time for participants to interact with each other in the form of games like Spouse's Jeopardy and Who Wants to be a Mighty Spouse.

The health and wellness center staff goes over ways of maintaining a healthy lifestyle and the chapel staff gives information on programs the Vandenberg chapel offers.

Deployment support, base services, and family support center services comprise the last segment of the workshop, Orozco said. A base tour concludes the day. Last week

participants visited Vandenberg's Heritage Museum.

"I would have never found this place if I hadn't been on a base tour," Orozco said. There, they learned about some of Vandenberg's history and the role it played during the Cold War.

"The tour was really nice and informative," said Larry Davis, transition program manager at the family support center. "I only wish the tour could have been longer, but with so much information to cover in the workshop, lengthening the tour would be difficult."

For more information regarding the Heart Link program, call Teresa Orozco at 605-8557.

Minuteman Theater closes

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

Vandenberg's Minuteman Theater runs its final movie Saturday before beginning a complete floor-to-ceiling renovation.

"The end product of this year-long project will be a quality of life facility that rivals downtown theaters and provides movie goers a comfortable and enjoyable viewing experience," said Maj. Tom Reppart, 30th Services Squadron commander.

The current theater was built in 1977 and is visibly showing its age, said Don Popma, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron.

Since Sesto Auditorium was closed due to structural deficiencies, Minuteman Theater has been pulling double duty housing commander's calls and other official functions in addition to showing movies.

"The additional use has accelerated the slow deterioration of our facility," Popma said.

The newly renovated theater is set to open in 2004. Plans include theater-style seating, acoustical wall paneling and ceilings and carpet.

New heating and lighting systems will be installed as well as a stand-alone dual projection system to support commander's calls and briefings.

The covered walkway in front of the theater will be enclosed in glass and the restrooms will be upgraded as well, Popma said.

"When you return to our newly renovated theater next year, we think you'll give it a Two Thumbs Up rating," Reppart said.

The last movie scheduled before the theater closes is Dark Blue, rated R, and showing Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

ALCON: Normal Days since last DUI: **11**
A general condition reflecting responsible alcohol use. DUI totals for the Year: **8**
AADD saves this year: **78**

30th OG	0	14th AF	0
30th MXG	1	381st TRG	1
30th MSG	3	576th FLTS	1
30th MDG	0	Det. 9	1
30th SW Staff	0	Others	1

JA stresses importance of wills

Legal office shares helpful tips for making a will

By 2ND LT. JENNIFER WHITAKER
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

British man named Anthony Scott, in his last will and testament wrote: "To my first wife Sue, whom I always promised to mention in my will. 'Hello Sue!'"

People don't usually think of making out a will as a pleasant experience. In fact, preparing for one's own death can be pretty uncomfortable.

A CNN survey found that 3 of 4 American families don't have a will, though 85 percent said they recognized the importance of having a will.

Military members have someone on their side when it comes to making out that last will and testament. The 30th Space Wing Staff Judge Advocate's office offers help for creating a thorough legal will.

Capt. Zachariah Ware, 30th SW legal office, said the prospect of deployment is a stressful and frightening one for many military members and their families.

"30th Space Wing JA considers it a privilege to help members and families gain peace of mind as best and as quickly as possible," Ware said. "We are

making all deployment orders top priority."

Ware said many people don't understand what happens if they don't have a will when they die. When a person dies without a will, the state distributes their property according to a pre-set formula, often excluding friends, unmarried partners, charities and distant relatives.

"We recommend that if you have a list of specific people and possessions, you bring an electronic copy of the information so that we can insert it into the will more readily," Ware said.

He said people should consider all their valuables, including savings and investments, before going to the judge advocate for assistance in drafting a will.

"You should make a list of your assets and then divide it up as you choose," Ware said. "Many people leave their estate to their spouses or their children, which is what a will is designed for."

He added that in a will, a person can specify specific recipients for things they have owned in life, including everything in the home and even the home itself.

"Even little gifts, such as jewelry or family heirlooms, can make a big difference," he said.

Ware said keeping the will up-to-date is just as important as

having one. Life-changing events such as marriage or divorce, the birth of a child, the death of a close loved one, or coming into a large sum of money necessitate a change in the will.

"These are just a few of the times when you would want to change your will. These can be both personal and financial, and happen at any time," Ware said.

The 30th SW legal office provides witnesses and a notary for a will to become a legal document.

"Our office provides this service on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, and for those on last-minute deployment orders, we will create your will immediately - a one-stop shop!" Ware said.

He added that whether people are changing duty station, deploying, married or single, have dependent children, or own even a small amount of personal possessions or property, they should have a will.

"Don't let someone else decide how your property should be distributed," Ware said.

The 30th Space Wing legal office is located in building 10577, room C-101 and is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., and Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 4:30 for walk-in legal assistance. Call 605-6200 with any questions.

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temalan Army. Shifts of the soldiers will alternately escort the group during the day and guard their hotel at night.

This humanitarian opportunity comes as an assignment from the U.S. Military Group, a security assistance organization that assigns diplomatic missions overseas in order to provide health care in impoverished countries. In most countries where the United States has embassies, there's a security assistance organization responsible for training and aid in the form of Medical Readiness Exercises in their assigned country.

Medical Readiness missions help build rapport and

understanding through free health care and treatment and provide medical staffs with excellent field training, said Lt. Col. John Daughtry, deputy military group commander.

"The members see and treat illnesses and other medical conditions they wouldn't normally see in the U.S.," he said. "This way, if they are deployed, they can quickly recognize and respond to these illnesses."

Long days and security concerns aren't dampening the spirit or resolve of the 30th MDG team.

"We're hoping to take care of the medical concerns as best we can," Everleth said. "But just as important, we're hoping to provide a little goodwill as well."

BRIDGE:

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seasonal flooding. Ricks said earthquakes are a different story.

"Nothing short of replacing the bridge will satisfy seismic requirements," he said. "An earthquake with a magnitude of 4 (on the Richter scale) could bring it down."

Col. Douglas Tucker, 30th CES commander, said the bridge may be useable today, but a long-term solution must be found.

"While the bridge as it exists today can, and does, safely meet Vandenberg's mission transport needs, it has required immediate measures to protect and preserve its structural integrity."

BRIEFS:

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May 1 and 2. April 7 is the deadline to have applications to the local AFOSI Detachment. All Air Force officers are eligible to cross flow into AFOSI, provided they have no more than 6 years commissioned service time and 12 years total military service time. Interested officers must contact their assignment team at the Air Force Personnel Center to ensure they will be released to AFOSI should the board select them. Call Special Agents Casey Fitzpatrick or Andrew Schad at 606-1852 with questions concerning package requirements.

SECURITY MEETING

Information Security Program Management

holds its quarterly unit security managers meeting at 10 a.m. Thursday in the building 7025 auditorium. The meeting is mandatory for all units. Call 30th Security Forces Squadron information security at 606-4615.

APPOINTMENT-BASED CARE

The 30th Medical Group is unable to provide walk-in service. Appointments are based on the level of care each patient requires.

Acute appointments are provided within 24 hours, routine appointments within 7 days, and wellness appointments within 28 days of request. For urgent care, consult the TriCare Prime card and call 606-2273. For more information, call Capt. Vernon Swinton at 606-9076.

Home-brewers continue ancient art

By 2ND LT. JENNIFER WHITAKER
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

“Listening to someone who brews their own beer is like listening to a religious fanatic talk about the day he saw the light,” said Ross Murray, Montreal Gazette.

After talking with a trio of Vandenberg’s own home-brewers, the veracity of that statement could not be more apparent.

For Lt. Col. Shawn Rife, Capt. Matt Morand, and 2nd Lt. Dex Easler, Detachment 1, 22nd Space Operations Squadron, concocting their own beer is more than just a hobby – it’s an art.

All three home-brewers got their start in the mid-1990s, when Rife says home-brewing became a more mainstream hobby. Rife and Morand each received a beer brewing kit as a gift, and Easler had a friend who got him into brewing.

“My first batch tasted like shampoo,” Morand said of his first attempts at a home brew. “But, I forced myself to drink it. It’s almost as if it were your child.” Rife said his first attempt tasted of aluminum. Easler had better luck under his buddy’s supervision, but his first solo batches were also duds.

The brewers say one of the best feelings is perfecting a favorite recipe.

“I spent eight months and 17 batches trying to get my India Pale Ale just right. Now, it’s exactly what I like,” Easler said.

Morand said experienced brewers can take any beer recipe and tailor it to their own tastes just by tweaking the ingredients.

“Once you’ve made enough beer, you know what tastes good to you. Each kind of hops adds a different aroma and bitterness. After you’ve made a few mistakes, you know what works and what doesn’t,” Morand said.

The beer brewing process is actually quite simple, Easler said. The three brewers shared their methods for making great home brews.

The first step, once all the equipment is in place, is to find a recipe that appeals to you. Ingredients can be ordered online or, in some communities, obtained from a brewers shop. The basic ingredients are malt, hops, and yeast. To that, people can add all types of *adjuncts*, such as honey, spices, gypsum, and fruit.

“Some people think it’s just a fad of the Starbucks generation to add all these different flavors, but actually the ancient Egyptians and Sumerians were adding flavors to their beers long before us,” Rife said. “In fact, fermentation was a



PHOTOS BY 2ND LT. JENNIFER WHITAKER

Home-brewer Capt. Matt Morand uses a wort chiller to cool his home-made beer.

big mystery until the advent of the microscope.”

The next step is to actually brew the beer, which takes, on average, 60 - 90 minutes. Once the brew is ready, it must be cooled as quickly as possible to 70 - 75 degrees Fahrenheit. Morand and Rife do this using a wort chiller, which allows cool tap water to run through a coil of copper tubing placed in the brew.

“Some people set the pot in a sinkful of ice, but the wort chiller is better because it cools the beer faster and fewer bacteria are likely to grow,” Morand said.

After the mixture is at 75 degrees, it’s time to stir in the yeast and pour the beer into a large glass jug with an airlock apparatus that allows carbon dioxide to escape while keeping bacteria out.

“If you were to just seal up the jug, it would explode from the pressure of the carbon dioxide gas,” Easler said. After seven days in the jug, the impurities settle to the bottom and the beer can be siphoned into a clean jug for further fermentation, or it can be bottled or kegged immediately.

“If you bottle the beer, you must introduce something to make it carbonate. I use corn sugar,” Rife said. If the beer is kegged, the carbon dioxide

from pressurization will carbonate the beer, he added.

Once the beer is bottled or kegged, it’s a matter of one to three weeks before it’s ready to drink. “Some beers are better with age,” Rife said. “Others are better fresh.”

“I find that when I add spices to the beer, longer is better,” Easler said.

Morand and Easler said they prefer to keg their home brews, while Rife never kegs, but bottles the beer and gives it away to friends.

“It’s big fun, and the payoff is being able to share,” Rife said. He enjoys brewing beer for special occasions and making his own beer bottle labels.

Easler also brews for special occasions like launches, adding that he has one in the works for a promotion.

The best part of brewing for these beer craftsmen is the camaraderie that goes with the hobby.

“There are lots of home-brewers. You end up running into them wherever you go,” Morand said.

The brewers also love to swap recipes and tips, particularly when one brewer has perfected a particular type or beer.

“It’s the only time you’ll find men trading recipes,” Easler said. Morand added that there is a home brew club in Lompoc called the Brew Buddies who share recipes and ideas for great brewing.

The economy of making your own beer can’t be beat, claim the trio. Morand said that for around \$30, an experienced brewer could make roughly two cases of micro-brew quality beer.

“For a good quality beer, it’s pretty much impossible to spend more making it at home than you would if you bought it. You can make a beer as good or better than what you buy,” Rife said.

“The best part is that you have a beer on hand that you like, so you don’t have to go out to the store to buy something,” Morand said.

The trio agrees that brewing at home is a social activity.

“You can get a group of friends together to drink some beer you’ve already made while you’re making a new batch, and then you get to look forward to getting together to drink the new beer,” Morand said.

Another added benefit is that brewing and drinking your own beer at home greatly reduces the risk of alcohol-related driving incidents. Rife, Morand, and Easler are all staunch proponents of responsible drinking.

By law, home brewers may only produce 200 gallons per year per person over the age of 21 in their household, and the beer must never be sold.

Crimebeat ...

COMPILED BY MASTER SGT. WESLEY ASLESON
30th Security Forces Squadron

Mar. 20
Altered ID card – 12:20 a.m.

The main gate sentry seized a military member’s identification card for mutilation. Patrolmen discovered the member altered the date of birth and other identifying data. He was apprehended a short time later. The member was released to his unit first sergeant.

Trespassing – 7:30 p.m.

A civilian employee detained two non-base affiliated hikers on North Vandenberg. Patrolmen transported the subjects for questioning. Both were released a short time later and an incident report was accomplished.

Mar. 23

Suspicious driver – 2 p.m.

A patrolman reported a military member’s son waved him down while on patrol. The teenager stated that while he and his non-base affiliated friend were in the area of the fitness center, a male in a Chevy AstroVan stopped and asked them if they wanted a ride. The boys declined and the male departed. The incident is under investigation.

Mar. 24

Off base arrest – 5 a.m.

A routine check with local jails revealed a military member was arrested in Lompoc for multiple violations of the California Penal Code.

Stolen vehicle – 2:50 p.m.

A military member returned from an assignment and reported his private vehicle had been stolen sometime within the last two years. The matter is under investigation.

DID YOU KNOW? On Vandenberg, no one may use or possess a knife with a blade greater than 3.5 inches in length except when the weapon is carried as part of the bearer’s lawful tools of trade. This rule does not apply to household utility knives when they are used for their intended purpose. Owners may keep historical swords and daggers in their government quarters for display.

Re-enlistment



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Staff Sgt. Jennifer Martinez, 614th Space Operations Squadron, re-enlists while deployed with the 384th Air Expeditionary Wing in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



Air war turns focus to republican guard

By STAFF SGT. C. TODD LOPEZ
Air Force Print News

■ **WASHINGTON** – As the U.S.-led war against the Iraqi regime nears the one-week mark, officials from U.S. Central Command said Tuesday that coalition air forces have begun narrowing their focus.

Maj. Gen. Victor Renuart Jr., CENTCOM director of operations, told reporters during a press briefing at the command's forward headquarters in Qatar that air power forces would redirect their attention to the most elite of Saddam Hussein's military units.

"The air component will fly over 1,400 combat and combat support missions over Iraq today, paying particular attention to the Iraqi republican guard," Renuart said.

"We will also focus on key regime command and control facilities."

In northern Iraq, Kurds have expressed concern about the use of chemical weapons by the Iraqi republican guard and regular army units.

"Things like multiple-launch rocket systems have been key targets for us in the areas occupied by the regular army and republican guard units in the north," Renuart said.

"I think we are having a substantial effect," Renuart said. "There are a number of pieces of tanks and artillery pieces and those sorts of things being destroyed. That's happening in hundreds of sorties every day. I think what you will see in the end is that many of those tank revetments are filled with junk, because of the precision and the ability of the air power."

Act may protect active-duty reservists

By MASTER SGT. SCOTT ELLIOTT
Air Force Print News

■ **WASHINGTON** – Guardsmen and reservists called to active duty to fight the global war on terror may seek credit protection under a law passed to aid GIs in an earlier global war.

The Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 protects military members from certain legal obligations while they are actively engaged in national defense.

Among the Act's chief provisions is its ability to reduce interest rates on debts incurred before active-duty status, protect servicemembers and their families from eviction, and delay civil court actions.

But it's not automatic. For servicemembers to take advantage of the act, individual servicemembers should notify their creditors of the active-duty

status and their intent to invoke their civil relief act rights.

Sometimes, however, creditors do not strictly adhere to the letter of the law, even when they are given proper notice.

According to Col. John Odom Jr., a Reserve legal officer temporarily assigned to 8th Air Force at Barksdale AFB, La., the reservist in question is a master sergeant who owned a construction company, a home and a boat before being activated for a year.

Odom said while most of the creditors complied with the sergeant's request for relief, several did not. Now, immediately after the sergeant has come off active duty, all his creditors are demanding immediate payment of everything he owes them — just as he is trying to get his business re-started.

The ABA's committee on legal assistance to military personnel has agreed to represent the sergeant, without charge, to help publicize the act.

"He's a dream client, as far as documentation goes," Odom said. "He's kept copies of everything."

While all servicemembers receive some protections under the act, additional rights are specifically geared toward members of the Reserve community who are mobilized.

Specifically, rights under the act include:

- Limiting interest rates to 6 percent for all debts incurred before beginning active-duty service. This provision includes interest rates on credit cards, mortgages and auto loans. It does not apply to federal student loans.

- Protecting family members from eviction during times of active-duty service, regardless of whether the lease was signed before or after activation. If the monthly lease is \$1,200 or less, a landlord must seek a court order to authorize and eviction.

- Prohibiting repossessions and foreclosures without court permission.

- Postponing civil lawsuits the servicemember is a direct party to, such as bankruptcy.

- Extending deadlines to file law suits by eliminating time served on active duty from calculating any statute of limitations.

- Protecting active-duty people from taxation by states other than by their state of domicile.

- Prohibiting creditors and insurance companies from making adverse credit reports, denying credit or taking adverse financial action against a servicemember based solely on invocation of the act.

For more information, contact local legal assistance offices.

SECDEF: Air strikes not aimed at civilians

By STAFF SGT. C. TODD LOPEZ
Air Force Print News

■ **WASHINGTON** – U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld lauded the air coalition's unsurpassed ability to avoid



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. CHERIE THURLBY

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM — A maintenance crew prepares to launch a B-1B Lancer from the 405th Air Expeditionary Wing at a forward-deployed location. The B-1 is from the 28th Bomb Wing at Ellsworth AFB, S.D.

B-1 crews describe missions

By MASTER SGT. SCOTT ELLIOTT
Air Force Print News

■ **WASHINGTON** – B-1B Lancers, combining the latest in technology with old-fashioned elbow grease, are taking the air war of Operation Iraqi Freedom to regime and military targets in every inch of that country.

Four members of the 405th Air Expeditionary Wing described their mission to Pentagon reporters in a Tuesday teleconference. The 405th is currently deployed in Southwest Asia.

"The B-1 is so flexible because of its (long range) and ability to carry more munitions than any aircraft (except the B-2 Spirit, armed with cluster bombs)," said Col. Peter Kippie, 405th AEW vice commander.

"We have a very dynamic capability to strike across the area of operations.

According to Capt. Ty Newman, a Lancer weapons systems officer, the B-1 crews are challenged on every mission by Iraqi defense forces.

"The threat is certainly out there, and on any given mission we take every precaution and use all our tactics to minimize the threat to our aircraft as we go on strikes inside Baghdad," Newman said.

One Iraqi countermeasure was the purchase of "GPS jammers," which were designed to thwart America's use of precision-guided munitions. In theory, by overriding global positioning satellite signals, the "smart" weapons would be confused into missing their targets.

"If the Iraqis are spending money to buy this stuff, they're wasting their cash," said Col. James Kowalski, 405th AEW commander.

(Visit www.af.mil for more.)

collateral damage during a March 25 press conference in the Pentagon.

Speaking directly to Iraqi civilians about the intent of coalition air strikes, the secretary said that there can be no mistake about the coalition's intent.

"By now you have seen and know that coalition air strikes are not aimed at you. They are aimed at the regime of Saddam Hussein," Rumsfeld said. The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff echoed those comments later in the press conference.

"The air campaign is continuing well," said Gen. Richard Myers. "We flew nearly 1,000 sorties over Iraq, most against republican guard units, and conducted

Hard work pays off for 30th MSS team

Intramural basketball team puts in plenty of effort, culminating in an undefeated season and the chance to wear the title 'intramural champions'

By Tech. Sgt. Mark McKinney

30th Space Wing Command Section

Sometimes no matter what the circumstance, good fortune has a way of shining down and turning a difficult situation into a thing of absolute beauty.

That glass slipper fits the 30th Mission Support Squadron's intramural basketball team to a tee...well, not quite to a tee. In this case, a lot of hard work and preparation went into what became a season to remember for the 30th MSS team and fans.

The 49-30 win by MSS over the 576th Flight Test Squadron March 21 was the culmination of what can only be described as an unbelievable season. That said, the facts substantiate the believability of the MSS's 18-0 season. Led by coach Mark Long, this mixture of talent blended together becoming an undefeated team.

"When we came down to the last day prior to the deadline to submit a season roster, we had only five names on ours," Long said. "Five people, the absolute minimum you can have to play this game. That would have been tough! We showed up for our first practice and there were about 15 guys there. It was then that I looked around at our collection of players and thought we could have something."

"After watching the guys do a few things in our first day together as a team, I made a quick decision," the coach said. "I needed to know what we were going to be playing for, so I asked them, 'What do we want to do, play for fun or do we want to see if we can win a title?' They said that a championship was what they wanted and we, as a team, decided to just go for it," Long said. It's hard to argue with the results!

Averaging 16.7 points per game, Daron Savella gave the team a steady rock to depend on night in and night out.

"Daron, along with Billy Mahan (10.8 points per game) were steady customers and guys that definitely set the tone for our team," Long said.

"We had contributions from our entire roster, but for most of the season, those two gave us a lift when we needed it.



PHOTOS BY SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

Above: No. 5 Billy Maham, 30th Mission Support Squadron, misses a pass that goes out of bounds as 576th Flight Test Squadron defender No. 25 Zachory Taylor watches the ball just miss the official. Right: No. 51 Keith Byrd Jr., 576th Flight Test Squadron, maneuvers around No. 38 Jesse Langhorne, 30th Mission Support Squadron, to take a shot in the intramural basketball championship game March 14. 30th MSS won the intramural basketball championship game 49-30, completing the season undefeated.

Daron was intent on our success and he played like it," he said.

Teams built on solid character traits are usually the ones that come out on top. The Coach Long-led team is a perfect example – a team built on character.

"Probably the best thing I could say about our collection of talent is ... it was their heart that made all the difference," said a visibly proud Coach Long. "We didn't always have the ability to step out there and blow teams off the court, there were several occasions where teams stuck real close to us. One thing about these players though, in the third and fourth quarters, they put the clamps down and were always able to come up with an answer to a challenge."

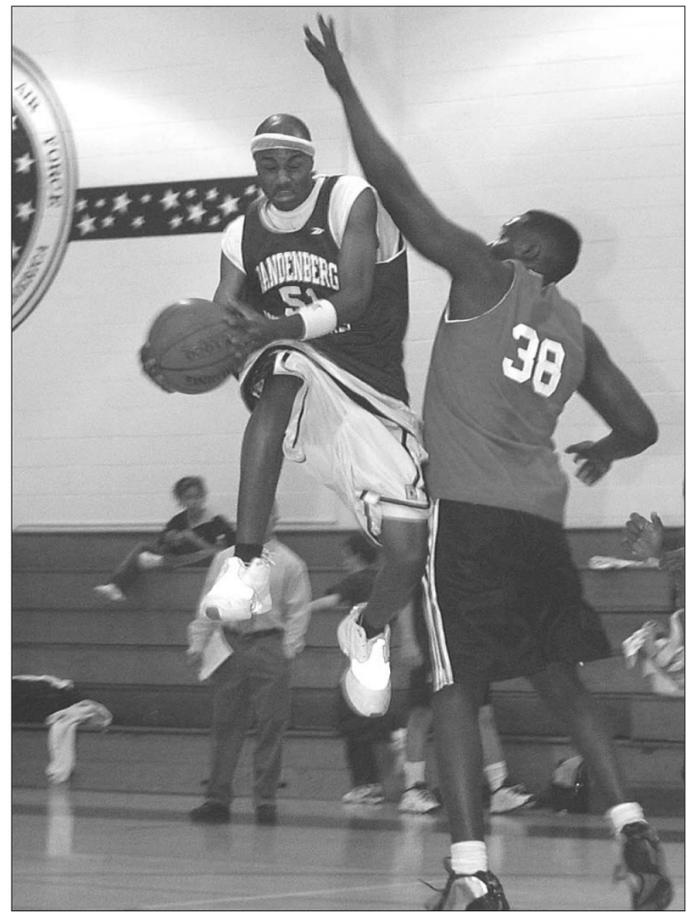
This "perfect season" was not 100 percent perfect. There were a few struggles along the way.

"About the halfway point of the season, our guys got a case of restless spirits," the coach said. "That's expected of any team. But what makes the difference is how a championship team responds. Not enough playing time, not enough shots, all of those things became a factor. However, to the team's credit, they realized that we all have a role to play and without each of us being willing to fulfill that role, the title would go to someone else."

"We have the title, so I suppose that says it all ... we played our individual roles and played them well," he added.

Included among those roles was that of hero and according to Long, once the championship run materialized, so did the nightly heroes.

"Brandon Wengert was big during the stretch run," the coach said. "When teams began to shift toward a focus on



Daron and Billy, Brandon poured in 15, 16, or 20 points. He is not the biggest guy, but he can jump out of the gym and he plays with poise and incredible determination. All the guys do at times, but I call Brandon "Hoosier" for a reason. Steady, consistent and fundamentally sound."

"As 'Hoosier' Brandon has frequently said throughout the season, our big guys are the unsung heroes," Long said.

"Guys like Scott Astrosky and Tremaine "Tree" Lee are the ones who hit the boards, played solid stone-wall defense and generally gave us the opportunity to win every time out. The fact that we did is a testament to their value," the coach said.

Every season has its defining moment and for the 30th MSS, it was no different.

Their defining moment came toward the end of their championship run, in the semifinals versus the 30th Security Forces Squadron.

"This was a team that I looked at prior to the game and thought, okay guys, we need to be at our best and we can dispatch this team," Long said. "We knew that they were a different type of team than us in many ways, and we weren't prepared to lose to them. We played one of our toughest games mentally and it showed physically with the decisive results (a 64-55 win for 30th MSS)."

It seems safe to say that the whole season was one big decisive result. What more can be said about a team that barely was, and now completely is ... the intramural basketball champion of Team Vandenberg?

SPACE & MISSILE

FEATURES

Destinations *Central Coast @ Waller Park*



A couple spends Sunday afternoon looking out over the duck pond at Santa Maria's Waller Park.



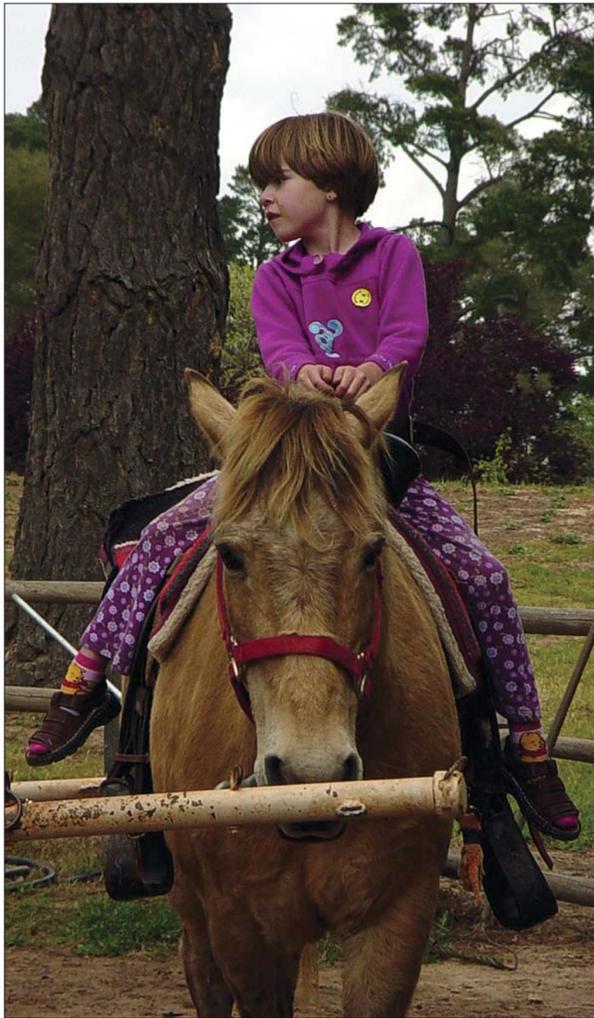
Children of all ages can run and play at the park. There are several playgrounds and plenty of open space for the whole family.



Texas bluebonnets and other wildflowers blanket the landscape at Waller Park.



Jesus, 10, tries his luck at fishing in one of the three ponds at Waller Park.



Savannah, 5, surveys the world below from her perch atop a pony. Happy Trails pony rides offers children a ride around the ring for \$3. Waller Park is a perfect local getaway for children of all ages. The park is open seven days a week from dawn to dusk.



2nd Lt. Phillip Baker, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron, tosses his Frisbee to sink the shot during a round of Frisbee golf Sunday. Frisbee golf enthusiasts find the park's course challenging and scenic.



Jesse, 7, tosses bread to the ducks and geese that live at the park.



Ducks await their next snack from park visitors.

ABOUT THE PARK

Waller Park is a great local spot for family get-togethers, recreation, and relaxation. Visitors to the park enjoy barbecues, walking, jogging, Frisbee golf, playground equipment, a dog park, ponds, wildlife, shade trees, and much more. There are several picnic areas that can be reserved for special events and occasions. To reserve an area, call 934-6211. To get to Waller Park, take Highway 1 to Highway 135. Once in Santa Maria, turn left on Waller Lane, and make a left into the park.

Kids Day in the Park is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 6. Call 736-8535 for more information.

Community Calendar

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Kids on the Move workshop – 3 to 4:30 p.m. today at the family support center. The workshop is for children ages 6 to 11 just arriving or departing Vandenberg. Call 606-0801.

Little Shop of Horrors – Lompoc High School presents this musical at 7:30 p.m. today, Saturday, and April 4 – 5 in the Lompoc Civic Auditorium. Tickets cost \$5 to \$8. Call 735-5606, Ext. 413.

Marriage enrichment counseling – offered on a one-on-one basis for married and unmarried couples. Call 606-9958.

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CCAF finishing requirements online – Students pursuing a Community College of the Air Force degree can take advantage of distance learning opportunities provided by participating accredited institutions through the CCAF Web site. Students now have access to applicable courses that have been reviewed and approved by CCAF via the Web site http://www.maxwell.af.mil/au/ccaf/ge_init/.

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FRI

GI Java seeks musicians – GI Java is looking for local musicians to play at the coffee house during business hours. Solo performers and bands are welcome. Call Chaplain (1st Lt.) Mike Martin at 606-5778 for an audition.

Gift of Groceries program – The Defense Commissary Agency offers a gift certificate program that allows anyone to purchase commissary gift certificates, which can be donated to military families through charitable organizations or given directly to military friends and family to use at local commissaries. Gift certificates can be purchased online at www.commissaries.com.

Allan Hancock College foreign film series – Fridays in March at the Santa Maria campus. All films are subtitled in English and begin at 7 p.m. For more information, call (805) 922-6966, Ext. 3209.

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Vandenberg Spouses' Club college scholarship – applications are available for qualifying applicants through their high school counselors and all first sergeants, at the Vandenberg Thrift Shop and the education office. All applications should be sent to: VSC Scholarship

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Committee, P.O. Box 5514, VAFB, Ca. 93437 by today. For more information, call Kari Rossen at 734-1028.

The Vandenberg Airmen's Attic – needs donations of items necessary to set up a household. The program is open to military personnel E-5 and below with an Air Force Form 552 from their first sergeant. Call 606-5484.

Dads-to-New Dads and Moms-to-New Moms programs – These mentorship programs offer support to new moms and dads. Call Nancy Sias at 606-5338.

Free car seats – available for single-income families E-4 and below. Call 606-5338.

Allan Hancock College photo exhibit – 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, and 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday in the art gallery at the Santa Maria campus. This free exhibit features black and white photos of Latino farm workers on the Central Coast. Call (805) 922-6966.

Harbor and boat cruises – at Adventure Marina in Morro Bay.

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Call (805) 772-9463. **Twilight beach horseback rides** – at Pacific Dunes Ranch in Oceano. Beginners are welcome. Call (805) 489-8100.

Vandenberg Spouses' Club auction – 6 p.m. Saturday at the Pacific Coast Club. Bid numbers cost \$2. The event is open to all but reservations are necessary. Call Karen Rife at 734-0397.

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MON

Office closure – The family support center is closed for staff training every Monday from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Those requiring emergency Air Force Aid will be assisted. Call 606-0801.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) – 7 to 8 p.m. Mondays at the Vandenberg Health and Wellness Center. Call the HAWC at 606-2221.

Relaxation room – 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday - Friday at the HAWC. Call 606-2221.

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Pre-separation briefing – 8 a.m. Tuesdays in the family support center. The briefing is required 90 days prior to leaving the service. Call 606-0801.

Joint Retiree Activities Center – Open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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WED

Tuesday - Friday in building 10346 in the Vandenberg Base Exchange shopping center. Call 606-5474.

Yellowstone National Park lodging – Military members, civil servants and their families visiting Yellowstone National Park can rent six-person trailers at reduced rates. Trailers are available at Flagg Ranch and Lionshead Resort at the park. Phone-in reservations begin Wednesday for May and June bookings, May 1 for July, and June 3 for August and September. Call (208) 828-6333 for reservations.

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THU

Depression management group – 10:30 a.m. to noon Thursdays at the Vandenberg Life Skills Support Center. New groups begin every 6-8 weeks. The group is open to active-duty members and their dependents. It's appropriate for adults or mature adolescents experiencing depression. Call Capt. Arlin Hatch or the LSSC staff at 606-8217.

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Investment basics class – 11 a.m. to noon April 4 at the family support center. The

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Allan Hancock College nursing career workshop – 10 a.m. to noon April 5 in the Forum, building C, room 40 on the Santa Maria campus.

Applications for the college's January 2004 nursing programs are available at this free workshop. Call (805) 922-6966, Ext. 3384.

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TUE

Single Parents' Support Group – 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Vandenberg Services Center. Call 606-9958.

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Allan Hancock College pottery sale – noon to 4 p.m. April 11 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 12 in the Student Center conference room on the Santa Maria campus. Call (805) 922-6966, Ext. 3252.

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TUE

Women, Infants and Children – 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month in the family support center. Call 605-8557 or the Lompoc WIC office at 737-6470 for an appointment.

Chapel Services & Events

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

- ♦ **Mass for the Nation** – 7 p.m. Tuesday, at Chapel 1. This Catholic mass celebrates all deployed troops. For more information call 606-5773.
- ♦ **G.I. Java** – This free coffee house is open 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday for dorm residents.
- ♦ **Catholic Lenten fellowship** – Every Friday during Lent a soup and bread meal is served at 5 p.m. in the Chapel 1 Annex. The Stations of the Cross follow the meal at 6 p.m. in Chapel 1.
- ♦ **Protestant and Catholic Lenten**

WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

Sunday
8:30 a.m. Praise and Worship, Chapel 2
10 a.m. Catholic Mass, Chapel 1
11:30 a.m. Traditional Protestant, Chapel 1
11:30 a.m. Gospel, Chapel 2

Monday - Friday
11:30 a.m. Catholic Mass, Chapel 2

Saturday
5 p.m. Catholic Mass, Chapel 2

devotions – 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1 for Protestants and Chapel 2 for Catholics Wednesdays during Lent. Both events are followed by soup and bread fellowship at noon in the Pacific Coast Club.

♦ **Daily prayer** – every morning from 7:15 to 7:25 a.m. and 8 to 8:10 p.m. in Chapel 1. Everyone is welcome.

♦ **Purim Celebration** – 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in the Chapel 1 Annex and sanctuary. Call Anita Friedman, Jewish lay leader at 605-7564 or 736-5822 for more information.

At the Movies

■ The theater shows its final movie **Saturday** before closing for a one-year renovation project. **Today, 7:30 p.m.**

How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days

A regular ladies man bets his friends that he can stay in a relationship for more than 10 days. Unluckily for him, however, the girl that he picks just happens to try to get rid of him almost

immediately. Rated PG-13 **Saturday, 7:30 p.m.**
Dark Blue

In a racially charged climate, the LAPD's elite Special Investigations Squad is assigned a high-profile quadruple homicide. As they work the case, a veteran detective tutors a rookie cop in the grim realities of police intimidation and corruption. Rated R

30th Services News

SERVICES CENTER



Interested in the PERFORMING ARTS?

The Services Center is looking for people interested in starting up a drama club involving the performing arts such as theater production, acting, singing, dancing and more. Shows will be staged at the Services Center. Call Mike Renner at 606-7976 for more information.

DISCOVERY DINING BOOKS
Have been reduced to **\$15**

Pick yours up at the Services Center!

V.I.T.T.



at the Crystal Cathedral!

April 5 • \$80 per person
Transportation and excellent seating!
Call 606-7976 for more information.

FITNESS CENTER

TRAP & SKEET TOURNAMENT

Today, 1 p.m.
at the Rod & Gun Club

Cost: price of shells and pigeons. Call the Fitness Center at 606-3834 for more information.

SATURDAY

Total Body Conditioning, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Services Center.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Women volunteers and basketball players are needed to form teams to scrimmage against the Air Force Women's Basketball Camp players. Coach Darren Savella is the POC for the Fitness Center, 606-3832.

FOOTBALL FIELD CLOSURE

The Football Field will be closed for maintenance until the end of April.

For more information call 606-3832.

YOUTH SPORTS

VAFB YOUTH SOFTBALL PROGRAM

is currently looking for girls, ages 11-14 to fill league teams. Registration continues only until teams are full, so don't miss out! Register today at the Youth Center between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. For more information, call 606-2152.

FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAMS FLIGHT

On behalf of Team Vandenberg we would like to thank Cheryl Bedford and her wonderful staff at **SUNSET AUTO CENTER of LOMPOC** for their generous contribution to our deployed troops.
Vandenberg Family Member Programs Flight

LEISURE TRAVEL

TRAVEL FAIRE

Spring 2003

Planning a Vacation?

Come and meet our travel vendors!

- Aston Hotels & Resorts
- Carnival Cruise Lines
- Hertz Rent-a-Car
- Solvang Visitors Bureau
- Sycamore/Avila Hot Springs
- Walt Disney Theme Parks & Cruises
- Costa Rica Connections
- Radisson Resort - Knott's Berry Farm
- Radisson - Santa Maria
- GoGo Tours
- Trafalgar Tours
- Apple Vacations
- Blue Sky Tours

Today!
11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Free at the Vandenberg Services Center: *snacks, drinks & door prizes*

Enter the **GRAND PRIZE DRAWING!**
5-Night Stay at the **Aston Waikiki Beach Hotel**

Call 606-1675 for more information.

Visit us on the web at www.30svs.com

SERVICES ACTIVITIES

Name the Bowling Center

NASCAR • SERVICES • COKE

(No Federal Endorsement Intended)

START YOUR ENGINES!

Stop by the Bowling Center, Pacific Coast Club, Auto Hobby, Rod & Gun, Golf Course, Breakers & AETC Dining Facilities and enter for your chance to win tickets to the

Auto Club 500 at the California Speedway
Fontana, CA • April 27

Look for the life size NASCAR Drivers!

Winners will be announced at the Bowling Center, AAFES patio area, April 12.

There will be music prizes and the **COKE GIRLS!**

Winners of the 'Name the Bowling Center' contest will also be announced!

SERVICES ACTIVITIES

Mildly Ill Family Child Care Program

The Vandenberg Family Child Care office announces the implementation of a new program. Effective immediately, parents can take advantage of the program by registering their child with the FCC. The Mildly Ill Family Child Care Program is an Air Force initiative that allows parents to leave their 'mildly ill' children with a certified caregiver so they don't have to take time off from work.

Vandenberg AFB was selected as one of 20 test bases for the Air Force. Base personnel can take advantage of this program by getting their children enrolled.

For more information, call Gwen Jones, Vandenberg FCC coordinator, at 606-4639 or 606-3255.



BOWLING CENTER

DEPLOYED Spouses

Starting Tuesday!

9 a.m. to noon, every Tuesday
All preschool-age children bowl for free with a paying parent.

\$1 per game

Call the Bowling Center at 606-3209 for more information .

BOWLING DAY

