

Base Briefs

READINESS TIPS

Contamination control is greatly increased when equipment is covered with plastic. Items should be double wrapped whenever possible.

30 SW REORGANIZES

The Commander of Air Force Space Command, Gen. Lance Lord, presided over the formal launch operations reorganization ceremony here Thursday. The reorganization of the Air Force's two launch wings here and at Patrick AFB, Fla., blends launch operations and acquisitions to provide one cohesive voice to the warfighter.

BREAKERS ENTERTAINMENT

The food service office at Breakers Dining Facility seeks entertainers for small performances. Questions should be directed to Staff Sgt. Bethany Lopez at 606-5496.

FAMILY DAY

By order of Air Force Space Command Commander Gen. Lance Lord, Jan. 30 is directed to be a family day.

GIRL SCOUTS

Girls in Kindergarten through 12th grade interested in joining the base girl scouts should call 606-1119. Adult volunteers are also needed.

EDUCATION RECORDS

The education office is releasing all hard copies of education records. Anyone wishing to obtain their records should do so by Jan. 30. All remaining documents will be shredded. Call 605-5904 for details.

DORM MANAGER

The 30th Mission Support Group has two immediate openings for dorm manager.

These positions are a two-year controlled special duty tour and they are open to staff sergeants. Call Staff Sgt. Raul Molina at 606-3933 for details.

TOUR GUIDES NEEDED

Public Affairs is in need of tour guides for groups visiting and touring the base. Tours are conducted Mondays through Thursdays between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. only. PA is the initial point of contact for tour groups. Questions should be directed to 606-3595.



COLONEL SELECTEES

Angela Thompson
30th Medical Operations Squadron
Donald McGee
614th Space Operations Squadron



Horsing Around



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. CHUCK WALKER

Children gather around Alamo, a military working horse here, while Staff Sgt. Thad Dickinson, 30th Security Forces Squadron game warden, steadies the mounted unit. Sergeant Dickinson and Alamo visited Crestview Elementary School Jan. 16, giving children the chance to pet and ask questions about horses as part of a class on farm animals. For more on Vandenberg's military working horses, see page A8.

Cadet course offers military experience

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS BRYAN FRANKS

30th Space Wing Public Affairs
The Civil Air Patrol's California Wing held a Basic Cadet School here Jan. 16 through Sunday.

The weekend course covered a variety of topics including aerospace education, leadership training, physical fitness and moral leadership. The cadets also covered drill, ceremony, customs and courtesies and the proper way to wear their uniforms.

The volunteer cadets participating in the program became involved for many different reasons.

Cadet Airman 1st Class Matthew Kudija, 13, from Paso Robles, said he joined the CAP cadet program because he was interested in aerospace.

But the training he's received has helped in other aspects of his life.

"The discipline and leadership I've learned being a cadet has

helped me become a better student in the classroom," Cadet Airman Kudija said.

Cadet 1st Sergeant Andrew Roper, 15, from Las Vegas, Nevada has been a member for almost two years and is using the cadet program to fulfill his dream of entering the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

For a student to apply to enter West Point, one must be involved in at least two extra-curricular activities.

"And it doesn't hurt that 10 percent of military academy students are prior CAP cadets," First Sgt. Roper said.

The cadet program serves as a way for high school students joining the Air Force to earn E-3 rank entering the enlisted force. It also serves as a jump-off point into the CAP.

The CAP serves as the Air Force's civilian auxiliary organization.



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS BRYAN FRANKS

Civil Air Patrol cadets earn promotion points for participating in training such as the Basic Cadet School here Jan. 16 through Sunday.

"The CAP has three missions," said Colonel Erich Schatzle, CAP Squadron 101.

It provides aviation and aerospace education and training to its senior and cadet members and also the general public.

The CAP also provides emergency services.

"We fly more than 85 percent of all federal inland search and rescue missions in the United States," Colonel Schatzle said.

Under emergency services, the CAP provides disaster relief services, humanitarian services and is involved with counter drug operations throughout the country.

The final part of the CAP mission is the cadet program.

The basic cadet school introduces cadets age 12 to 21 to aviation and the CAP.

This program helps shape the future CAP by teaching a new group of young men and women about aviation, Colonel Schatzle said.

New AADD program underway

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JUANIKA GLOVER

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Since the Airmen Against Drunk Driving program began in early 2002, the amount of AADD saves has increased from 91 to more than 300 in 2003. Because of the success of the program, a new unit recognition program has been implemented to highlight those units that have gone 180, to 365 days without getting any DUIs.

The AADD program was put into place to reward airmen who made the conscious decision not to drink and drive with a no question asked free ride home. The new DUI Free Days program rewards units without DUI problems.

"We began tracking DUI free days after Labor Day," said Capt. Allen Bigtas, 30th Medical Group clinical social worker. "Studies have shown that the months following Labor Day have the most cases of DUI."

Captain Bigtas is also the Alcohol Drug Abuse and Prevention Treatment program manager.

Certificates will be given out to recognize the achievements of deserving groups on base remaining DUI free, he said.

"Unit recognition certificates will be either bronze, silver or gold depending on the amount of time the unit goes DUI free," Captain Bigtas said. "Commanders will be encouraged to give their units a 'down day' to reward their troops for their accomplishment."

The AADD program began because of a large amount of DUIs on base, said Senior Airman Jayme Lima, AADD president. Something had to be done to resolve the problem. So AADD was invented and now there is even more incentive to make the call for a ride.

"We are just another arm in Team Vandenberg's efforts to keep our member's enjoying their fun responsibly," Airman Lima said. "Our goal is like everyone else's - to get those friends, family and neighbors home safely. Otherwise they could end up arrested, hurt or worse."

"Our families drive the same roads just like you," he said. "It would be hard to deal with if someone took that away because, in their eyes, they are too cool, awesome or bad to call for a ride home."

"We look out for other people's kids just like we would want them to look out for ours," Airman Lima said.

"As you can see the word is spreading that we truly do offer a better choice than being arrested," he added.

AADD provides a free, no questions asked ride home anywhere from Santa Maria, Lompoc, San Luis Obispo and even Buellton.

"With the new program we are increasing awareness of planning ahead, knowing about the choices available to (airmen) when they have been drinking," he said.

"320 people who were responsible and will continue to serve proudly with integrity and pride," added Airman Lima.

In this issue of the



Also view
The Space & Missile Times at
www.vandenberg.af.mil and click
the Space & Missile Times button.



Winter softball
champions
crowned.
See Page A7.



Destinations Central
Coast heads to
brunch at El Paseo.
See Page B1.

Weekend forecast
Cloudy with rain showers Friday.
Chance for showers Saturday.



Low/High
50/65

For a full Vandenberg weather
report, visit
[www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/
organizations/30og/weather/weather](http://www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather)

America rising to tasks of history, Bush says in State of Union Address

By JIM GARAMONE

American Forces Press Service

■ **WASHINGTON** – The United States has not come through tragedy, trial and war to falter. Americans are proving the state of the union is strong, and they are “are rising to the tasks of history,” President George W. Bush said in the State of the Union address Tuesday evening.

Bush, speaking to both bodies of Congress at the U.S. Capitol, said the government’s greatest responsibility is the active defense of the American people. He said that in the 28 months since the attacks of Sept. 11, there are many who believe the danger is passed.

“That hope is understandable, comforting – and false,” he said. “The killing has continued in Bali, Jakarta, Casablanca, Riyadh, Mombassa, Jerusalem, Istanbul and Baghdad. The terrorists continue to plot against America and the civilized world. And by our will and courage, this danger will be defeated.”

Hundreds of thousands of American servicemen and women are deployed across the world in the war on terror, the president noted, and their efforts make America more secure. Law enforcement and intelligence officials are examining threats and “their vigilance is protecting America.”

Bush said America faces a choice: “We can go forward with confidence and resolve, or we can turn back to the dangerous illusion that terrorists are not plotting and outlaw regimes are no threat to us.”

Bush said the American military is leading the fight on terror. Service members have now captured or killed two-thirds of the known al Qaeda leaders.

“Thousands of very skilled and determined military personnel are on a manhunt, going after the remaining killers who hide in cities and caves,” the president said. “And, one by one, we will bring the terrorists to justice.”

The United States is also determined to take action against regimes that harbor terrorists or could supply terror groups with weapons of mass destruction, Bush said. “The first to see our determination were the Taliban, who made Afghanistan the primary training base of al Qaeda killers.”

Afghanistan has now agreed to a new constitution, guaranteeing free elections and full participation by women, and with help from the new Afghan National Army, the U.S.-led coalition is operating against surviving members of the Taliban and al Qaeda.

“The men and women of Afghanistan are building a nation that is free and proud and fighting terror – and America is honored to be their friend,” Bush said.

In Iraq, there is a similar litany of success. The regime of Saddam Hussein is overthrown and U.S. soldiers captured him hiding in a hole in the ground.

“Having broken the Baathist regime, we face a remnant of violent Saddam supporters,” the president said. “These killers, joined by foreign terrorists, are a serious, continuing danger. Yet we are making progress against them.”

Coalition forces have captured or killed 45 of the 55 most-wanted former regime members. “Our forces are on the offensive, leading over 1,600 patrols a day, and conducting an average of 180 raids every week,” he said. “We are dealing with these thugs in Iraq, just as surely as we dealt with Saddam Hussein’s evil regime.”

Bush said that building a new Iraq will be hard, but it is worth the effort. In June, the coalition will transition to full Iraqi sovereignty. He vowed that the United States will stand by Iraq as it makes the transition to democracy.

There have been other positive consequences of America’s resolve to win the war on terror, Bush pointed out. In December Libyan leader Moammar Qadhafi voluntarily pledged to disclose and

dismantle all of his regime’s weapons of mass destruction programs, including a uranium-enrichment project for nuclear weapons.

“Nine months of intense negotiations involving the United States and Great Britain succeeded with Libya, while 12 years of diplomacy with Iraq did not,” Bush said. “And one reason is clear: For diplomacy to be effective, words must be credible – and no one can now doubt the word of America.”

But different threats require different strategies. The United States is working with nations of the region to get North Korea to dismantle its nuclear program and stop proliferating missile technology. The international community is demanding Iran meet its commitments and not develop nuclear weapons. “America is committed to keeping the world’s most dangerous weapons out of the hands of the world’s most dangerous regimes,” the president said.

He reminded Congress and the American people that the nation is really at war. He said many people view terrorism more as a crime, a problem to be solved mainly with law enforcement and indictments.

“After the World Trade Center was first attacked in 1993, some of the guilty were indicted, tried, convicted and sent to prison,” he said. “But the matter was not settled. The terrorists were still training and plotting in other nations and drawing up more ambitious plans.

“After the chaos and carnage of September 11th, it is not enough to serve our enemies with legal papers,” he continued. “The terrorists and their supporters declared war on the United States – and war is what they got.”

He said that many in America did not agree with the war to rid Iraq of Saddam Hussein. But what has been revealed since coalition forces took Baghdad say it was the right thing to do, he emphasized.

The first report of the Iraqi Survey Group, chaired by David Kay, identified dozens of weapons of mass destruction-related program activities and significant amounts of equipment that Iraq concealed from the United Nations. “Had we failed to act, the dictator’s weapons of mass destruction programs would continue to this day,” Bush said.

Had the coalition not acted, Saddam would still be flouting the U.N. Security Council. “Iraq’s torture chambers would still be filled with victims – terrified and innocent,” Bush said. “The killing fields of Iraq, where hundreds of thousands of men, women and children vanished into the sands, would still be known only to the killers. For all who love freedom and peace, the world without Saddam Hussein’s regime is a better and safer place.”

Bush also took on critics who say the coalition in Iraq must be internationalized. “This particular criticism is hard to explain to our partners in Britain, Australia, Japan, South Korea, the Philippines, Thailand, Italy, Spain, Poland, Denmark, Hungary, Bulgaria, Ukraine, Romania, the Netherlands, Norway, El Salvador, and the 17 other countries that have committed troops to Iraq,” he said.

The United States owes a debt of gratitude to those nations and more who have supported the war on terror, Bush noted. “There is a difference, however, between leading a coalition of many nations, and submitting to the objections of a few.”

Bush said the nation has gone through much in the last three years. “By our actions, we have shown what kind of nation we are,” he said. “In grief, we found the grace to go on. In challenge, we rediscovered the courage and daring of a free people. In victory, we have shown the noble aims and good heart of America. And having come this far, we sense that we live in a time set apart.”

ALCON: Normal

A general condition reflecting responsible alcohol use.

Unit	DUIs
30th OG	0
30th MSG	1
30th MDG	0
30th SW	0
614th OG	0
30th LG	0
14th AF	0
381st TRG	1
576th FLTS	1

DUI totals for the year: **3**

AADD saves: **20**

Days since last DUI: **7**

**SPACE & MISSILE
TIMES**

Col. Frank Gallegos
30th Space Wing commander
Maj. Stacey N. Bako
Chief, Public Affairs
Senior Airman Brian Hill
Editor

Airman 1st Class Bryan Franks
Airman 1st Class Juanika Glover
1st Lt. Michelle Mayo
2nd Lt. Theresa Cunningham
Tech. Sgt. Mark McKinney
Staff Sgt. Rebecca Danét
Staff Writers
Staff Sgt. Chuck Walker
Photographer/ Sports Writer

The Space & Missile Times is published by Lompoc Record Publications, a private firm in no way connected with the U.S. Air Force, under exclusive written contract with the 30th Space Wing.

This commercial enterprise Air Force newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the U.S. military services.

Contents of the Space & Missile Times are not necessarily the official views of or endorsed by the U.S. Government, the Department of Defense or the Department of the Air Force.

The appearance of advertising in the publica-

tion, including inserts or supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the Department of Defense, the Department of the Air Force or Lompoc Record Publications, of the products or services advertised.

Everything advertised in this publication shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation or any other nonmerit factor of the purchaser, user or patron.

Editorial content is edited, prepared and provided by the Vandenberg AFB Public Affairs

Office. All photos, unless otherwise indicated, are Air Force photos.

The Public Affairs Office reserves the right to edit all submissions for style and space.

Deadline for publication is 4:30 p.m. every Wednesday, nine days prior to publication.

Send submissions to: 30SW/PA, 747 Nebraska Ave., Room A-105, VAFB, CA 93437; via fax at DSN 276-8303 or commercial (805) 606-8303; or by e-mail to Space&MissileTimes@vandenberg.af.mil

For information about the Space & Missile Times, call the staff at (805) 606-2040.

COMMANDER ON CONSOLE

Education: Key to developing airmen

By COL. FRANK GALLEGOS
30th Space Wing commander

When was the last time you read a book? Most of us can probably say, 'during leave' or 'over the long weekend.' I bet however, that the majority of those books weren't about air and space power history or doctrine. That is completely understandable. There is nothing wrong with reading for pleasure.

What I ask is that occasionally you pick up a book on air and space power or the history of our Air Force and read a little about what made and continues to make our Air Force the best in the world.

The Chief of Staff of the Air Force has put together a reading list that can be easily accessed on the internet at <http://www.af.mil/lib/csafbook/>



index.shtml through his Sight Picture on why it is important to continue to develop our education base.

Bottom line: developing airmen is at the heart of sustaining the world's greatest combat capability.

The reading list can be accessed through the link on the top left of the page and contains a recommended reading for today's airman and tomorrow's leaders.

I believe that the Air Force's

great leaders of tomorrow will have a combination of three key things: education, training and experience. Education allows us to fully analyze the situations we are in within context of what has gone before and what worked and what didn't.

Training provides us with the physical and mental capacity to succeed when faced with any challenge and experience gives us the maturity to make the right decisions when they really count.

To educate oneself on air and space power takes time and commitment, but because of the commitment and sacrifice of

those who came before us the Air Force is a separate service.

Airpower advocates fought the battle to establish the Army Air Corps as separate service because they believed in the full potential of what airpower could accomplish. Time after time, we have proven they were right on the money.

In order to continue this great tradition we must educate ourselves on the development, history and meaning of air and space power theory and doctrine to fully be able to command the exciting future of space

I encourage each of you to read, even if just a little bit, about the rich heritage of the Air Force and the doctrine on which it's based—including joint doctrine. This will better prepare each of us to fully meet our potential as leaders for tomorrow. Go HAWKS!

Commander's Action Line

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



Col. Frank Gallegos commander

By performing Vandenberg's mission safely and effectively, Team V provides proof of its commitment to do the right thing.

Two-way communication is paramount to continued mission success. The 30th Space Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct link to me.

Through the action line you can congratulate your teammates on a job well done, affect change and express productive points of view.

I want your input and I am personally involved in every response.

The action line is always available and it's an excellent tool, but remember to

use your chain of command. Talk to your supervisors, first sergeants, services officials and other base professionals and give them a chance to solve your problem first.

Working together, we will enrich the 30th SW mission performance and the quality of life of our airmen.

When calling the action line, leave your name and phone number in case more information is needed.

Change is a stepping stone to success

By MAJ. COY SPEER
31st Rescue Squadron commander

Most people are resistant to change. Why do we dislike change so much? Because it requires effort to adapt, often it is a step into the unknown, and it may require stepping outside of our comfort zone.

Even when something is broken, we become comfortable with the way it is. We become comfortable with the workarounds because we know we can count on the processes being the same tomorrow.

There are big bold letters painted above the pool at the Air Force Academy that says: "Your most valued achievements will come from your greatest sacrifices."

If you reflect on your life you will find this to be true. The achievements that you are most proud of required effort, sacrifice, and change. Achievements require a step into the

unknown and challenge us to adapt. But in the end, we are left stronger and always more proud of ourselves for the accomplishment. So, if we resist change... if we don't step out of our comfort zone and push our limitations...we deprive ourselves of achievement and miss out on the pride of accomplishment.

What I'm trying to say is that we should not resist change, but see it as opportunity to accomplish something or to do something better.

The Air Force is constantly changing and reorganizing. Our children grow and our families constantly evolve. Some people attempt to hold on to the past or resist professional reorganization. They can't find a reason for investing the effort, but the smart people see these moments as opportunity.

The strong realize that adapting inspires growth and always leaves you stronger and

smarter. The brave know that change will lead to the achievements they will value the most. Change is a stepping stone to accomplishment!

There is a difference between managing and leading. Managing is supervising the output of a provided system, which does not imply change.

But leading requires setting direction, preparing for the unknown, and defining change. A leader believes in a stronger unit and isn't scared to invest the effort to successfully take on change.

This is why leadership is a challenge, it implies taking people through what they resist most - change. Leadership is giving people a reason to believe in the mission and the direction. It requires effort from everybody that works for you to achieve change, but the result of adapting is a strong soldier and a stronger unit.

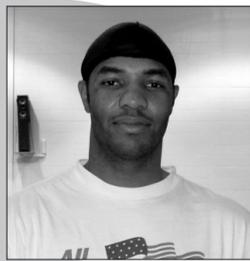
HAWKS' Point of View

"How have you prepared for the new fitness standards?"



"I do more running, pushups and situps. I try to work out at least four to five times a week." — 2nd Lt. Jami Streeter, 392nd Training Squadron

"I run a lot more and work out every chance I get. Firemen aren't held to the same standards, we have to be in shape all the time so I work out all the time anyway." — Senior Airman Bryan Morris, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron



"I definitely do the mile and a half run more often, the more you run the better you get, plus going to warfit really helps." — Staff Sgt. Gary Dyer, 614th Space Operations Squadron

"I've always had some type of fitness regimen I keep. It has kept me prepared." — Master Sgt. Lloyd Conley, 30th Space Wing

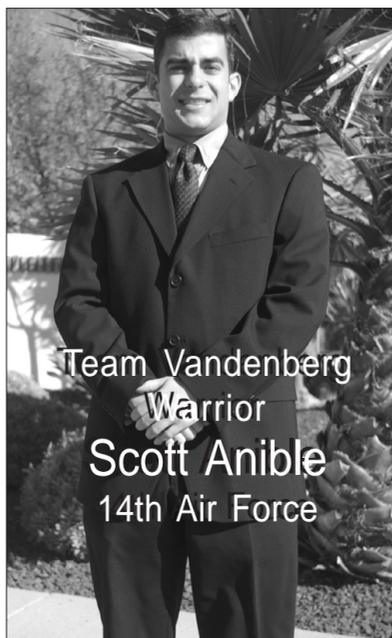


Meet the new commander Lt. Col. Lee Rosen 4th Space Launch Squadron

PHOTO BY DOROTHEA ROSEN

Hometown: Randolph, Mass.
Time in Service: 15 years
Recent career history: Operations and acquisition with Space and Missile Systems Center and the National Reconnaissance Office
Leadership philosophy: Hire the best people, break down the barriers, let them run
Short-term goals: 100% mission success!
Personal information: Happily married to Dorothea, two great kids Emma (8) and Lili (3)
Hobbies: Running, surfing, triathlon, camping, beer/wine making
How do you fulfill core values? Integrity, service, and excellence are how I live and are always a part of my decision making process both on and off duty.
What is the most exciting thing that has happened to you during your Air Force career? The reason I stayed in the Air Force was to become a commander. That dream came true when I was honored to take command of the mighty 4th Space Launch Squadron—the finest group of professionals I have ever

worked with.
Who is your favorite leader in history and why? General Billy Mitchell was a risk taker and out of the box thinker. He had the vision to use airpower in ways never envisioned and the courage to stand up for his convictions regardless of the effect it had on his career.
Who is your role model and why? Col. Ted Cope—my former commander and friend. He taught me that people are the most important asset of your organization and that you've got to fight for what you believe in even when you're outnumbered and the odds are against you.
What do you like best about the Air Force? The people—it is an honor and a privilege to serve with people that live and embody our core values.
Anything else you'd like to add? I'd like to thank the members of the 4th Space Launch Squadron, the future of spacelift, for their dedication and service. I'd also like to thank the members of Team Vandenberg for embracing the 30th Launch Group and making us a part of this winning team.



Team Vandenberg Warrior Scott Anible 14th Air Force

PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. CHUCK WALKER

Hometown: Monroe, Michigan
Time in service: three years as a contractor, six years active-duty Air Force - also a captain in AF Reserves assigned to 1st ASTS
Time on station: 1.5 years
Role in mission: Provide technical and programmatic support to the 14th AF Space AOC mission.
How do you contribute to the wing mission? Support the 14th AF mission in the development and sustainment of operational capabilities to support worldwide command and control of space forces.
What do you like best about the Air Force? The Air Force is on the cutting edge of technology development. Capabilities that couldn't even be imagined 10 years ago are now being deployed around the world.
If you could change one thing about the Air Force what would it be? After completing acquisition and operational assignments in the Air Force, I believe there is still a large disconnect between

them. An increase in the amount of cross training between the two career fields needs to continue.
How do you fulfill the Air Force core values? Being involved in the initial development of future systems, I feel the three core values of Integrity, Excellence and Service are required to produce systems that provides the required capabilities to forces to complete their
What's the most exciting experience you've had so far in the Air Force? The first Titan IV launch I attended.
Who is your role model and why? Chuck Yeager - he was willing to venture into the unknown and was not afraid to take risks in exploration.
Who is your favorite leader in history and why? Benjamin Franklin - one of the most brilliant minds in history. In the course of his life, he was a writer, inventor, scientist, politician, scholar, statesman and soldier.
Favorite movie or book: The Godfather
Hobbies: Alpine mountaineering and backpacking.

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE
Call Airmen Against Drunk Driving
For a free and confidential ride home, call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 606-AADD or 605-AADD (2233).

Crimebeat...

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

Jan. 15 Cashed in & checked out - 12:01 p.m.

A contractor reported a theft from Bldg. 6525. Investigation revealed a purse open and out of place Jan. 13. Later that day the contractor noted \$40 missing. Things were again amiss on Jan. 15 when a corporate check was noticed to be missing. A report was filed.

Stray animal - 3 p.m.

A patrolman captured a black and beige dog adjacent to the main gate. The canine was sentenced to an overnight stay in the stray animal facility.

Jan. 16 The one that got away - 8:13 a.m.

The Vandenberg fire department dispatcher reported a major vehicle accident on Santa Ynez Ridge Road near Bldg. 811. Investigation revealed a civilian employee operating a Dodge Ram swerved to miss a deer crashing into bushes. He was transported to the Lompoc Hospital emergency room for back, neck and shoulder injuries. The vehicle's front end and rear bumper received damage. The deer apparently fled the scene.

Identity crisis - noon

An airman reported receiving a collection agency notice for a debt owed to an unfamiliar company. His inquiries with the company revealed an account was fraudulently opened using his identity. An incident report was accomplished.

911 call - 6:40 p.m.

The Vandenberg fire department dispatcher reported a 911 hang up from a home on Arbor Street. An airman at the home said his son accidentally dialed the number.

Jan. 17

A happy ending - 2:04 a.m.

Patrolmen stopped an airman's wife for erratic driving on South Dakota Avenue and discovered she was frantically looking for her 21-year-old son. She said he was required to be at their home on Oceanview Boulevard by 10 p.m. Jan. 16. Patrolmen contacted the airman at the home for further details

and he said his son was last seen at noon on Jan. 16. An all points bulletin was issued. The son showed up at his residence later in the day saying he came home as required, however, nobody was home and he was locked out. So he spent the night with a friend.

Parked in a parking lot - 1:16 p.m.

A services employee reported a white sedan with one occupant parked outside outdoor recreation for more than two hours. Investigation revealed an airman was waiting for a trailer to return to the facility.

Slam dunked - 2:55 p.m.

A services employee requested medical assistance at outdoor recreation. Medical crews were dispatched and investigation revealed a civilian sustained a forehead laceration during a basketball tournament. He was transported to the Lompoc Hospital emergency room for treatment.

Push came to shove -

6:28 p.m.

The Vandenberg fire department dispatcher reported an altercation at a home on Stonebridge Lane. Investigation revealed two airmen at the home arguing began pushing one another. The respective first sergeants were briefed.

Jan. 18

See you at the ALCON sign - 12:18 a.m.

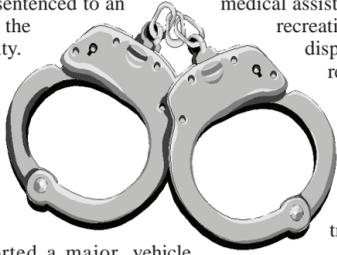
Patrolmen suspected an airman of drunk driving upon stopping him for a traffic violation on Highway 1 and San Antonio East Road. His dual use of more than one lane was the first clue. He failed a field sobriety test and his breath alcohol content registered .08. He was released to his unit first sergeant.

Loud noise - 4:01 a.m.

An airman's wife reported loud music from a home on Sumac Street. The airman at the home complied with a request to lower his music.

Expensive taste - 1:51 p.m.

A Vandenberg base exchange employee reported detaining a retired airman's daughter for shoplifting \$114 in merchandise. Investigation revealed the daughter placed lipstick, makeup and three compact discs in her purse and left the store. She was cited into Federal court and released to her sponsor.



Two Team Vandenberg airmen receive Articles 15

COMPILED BY STAFF SGT. MARCY BYRD
30th Space Wing legal office

■ During December, two Vandenberg airmen received nonjudicial punishment from their commanders under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

In the first case a senior airman from the 576th Flight Test Squadron was found guilty

of destroying non-military property worth more than \$500 and unlawfully entering another airman's dormitory room in violation of Articles 109 and 134. His punishment consisted of a suspended reduction in rank to Airman First Class, 15 days restriction to base, 15 days extra-duty and a reprimand.

In the second case, a captain from the 30th Operations Support Squadron was found guilty of violating Articles 109 and 133 of the UCMJ by viewing pornography on his government computer and conduct unbecoming an officer. He received a reprimand and forfeited \$1,000 of his pay for two months.

This week in history ...

COMPILED BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JUANIKA GLOVER
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

January 18

1905 – The Wright Brothers open negotiations with the government for procurement of one airplane.

1985 – For the first time since joining the World Court in 1946, the United States walks out of a case. The case that caused the dramatic walkout concerned U.S. paramilitary activities against the Nicaraguan government.

For the Reagan administration, efforts to undermine the Sandinista government in Nicaragua had been a keystone of its anticommunist foreign policy since it took office in 1981. Policies designed to economically and diplomatically isolate the Nicaraguan government were combined with monetary and material aid to the "Contras," a paramilitary anti-Sandinista force that carried out armed attacks against the Sandinistas. Although some of these U.S. efforts were public knowledge, others were covert and remained hidden from public view.

January 19

1840 – During an exploring expedition, Captain Charles Wilkes sights the coast of eastern Antarctica and claims it for the United States. Wilkes' group had set out in 1838, sailing around South America to the South Pacific and then to Antarctica, where they explored a 1,500-mile stretch of the eastern Antarctic coast that later became known as Wilkes Land. In 1842, the expedition returned to New York, having circumnavigated the globe.

1910 – Three two-pound sandbags are dropped in the first simulated bomb

drop experiment.

January 20

1918 – The Air Service's 1st Army Corps Headquarters is organized at Neufchateau, France.

1961 – John Kennedy is inaugurated as the 35th president of the United States. It was a cold and clear day, and the nation's capital was covered with a snowfall from the previous night.

The ceremony began with a religious invocation and prayers, and then African-American opera singer Marian Anderson sang "The Star-Spangled Banner," and Robert Frost recited his poem "The Gift Outright." Kennedy was administered the oath of office by Chief Justice Earl Warren.

During his famous inauguration address, Kennedy, the youngest candidate ever elected to the presidency and the country's first Catholic president, declared that "the torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans" and appealed to Americans to "ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

January 21

1911 – The Army makes the first radio-telephonic transmission from an aircraft.

1950 – In the conclusion of one of the most spectacular trials in U.S. history, former State Department official Alger Hiss is convicted of perjury.

He was convicted of having perjured himself in regards to testimony about his alleged involvement in a Soviet spy ring before and during World War II. Hiss

served nearly four years in jail, but steadfastly protested his innocence during and after his incarceration.

January 22

1959 – An Air Force study of UFOs reveals less than 1 percent could be classified as unknown.

1973 – In a historic decision, the U.S. Supreme Court rules in Roe v. Wade that women, as part of their constitutional right to privacy, can terminate a pregnancy during the first two trimesters. Only during the last trimester, when the fetus can survive outside the womb, would states be permitted to regulate abortion of a healthy pregnancy.

January 23

1849 – Elizabeth Blackwell is granted a medical degree from Geneva College in New York, becoming the first female to be officially recognized as a physician in U.S. history.

1918 – The Air Expeditionary Force makes the first American military balloon ascension.

January 24

1908 – The Boy Scouts movement begins in England with the publication of the first installment of Robert Baden-Powell's Scouting for Boys. The name Baden-Powell was already well known to many English boys, and thousands of them eagerly bought up the handbook. By the end of April, the serialization of Scouting for Boys was completed, and scores of impromptu Boy Scout troops had sprung up across Britain.

1946 – Gen. Carl Spaatz is named the first Chief of Staff of the Army Air Forces.

Around the Air Force

Service demographics available

■ **RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** — Air Force Personnel Center officials recently published the quarterly demographics report offering a snapshot of the service's active-duty and civilian force as of Dec. 31.

The report outlines information regarding the Air Force's 372,305 active-duty airmen and 139,083 civilian employees, such as age, sex, race and education level.

The complete list of demographics can be found on the Web at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/pubaffairs/release/2004/01/Jan04demographics.htm>.

Airmen restore old mosque

By Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Williams

■ **506th Air Expeditionary Group PA KIRKUK AIR BASE, Iraq** — Among a landscape filled with tree stumps, old barbed wire, concrete and rebar, airmen from the 506th Air Expeditionary Group found a hidden jewel — an old building in desperate need of repair.

Thanks to base chapel, contracting and civil engineers leaders, and with the help of a large volunteer base, a 35-year-old Sunni mosque will soon be used again after being abandoned for several years.

"A project like this with lasting impact generates the best in Air Force volunteerism," said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Gary Garvey. "Finding a mosque is like finding a jewel. This is something that will last for a long time. It's really a labor of love."

The mosque was "discovered" by Capt. Geary Pyles, a 506th Air Expeditionary Group contracting officer, who asked Chaplain Garvey on Dec. 19 if it was possible to renovate the mosque.

Chaplain Garvey contacted Lt.

Col. Dave Bossert, the 506th AEG deputy commander for support, the next day and asked for approval to restore the mosque. Colonel Bossert gave his approval immediately.

Colonel Bossert is impressed with the enthusiasm that embraces this project.

"This mosque is really important," he said. "You could see it on everyone's face. We are making the statement to the Iraqi people that we respect them."

For Tech. Sgt. David Minzie, from the 506th ECES and deployed here from Andrews Air Force Base, Md., helping is a chance to leave his mark.

"I figure that when I leave here, this is going to be one of my marks," Sergeant Minzie said. "We are making a difference in the lives of Iraqis."

Hold off embroidering logo

■ **WASHINGTON** — Air Force clothing office officials are asking airmen to wait a few weeks before having their lightweight blue jackets embroidered with the Air Force logo.

"We've had an overwhelmingly positive response in regards to placing the logo on the jacket," said Libby Glade, Air Force clothing office chief. "However, we have also received numerous questions from embroidery vendors and private individuals about the logo."

We are revising the technical data to obtain an embroidery software format."

A contractor is currently working on a digitized pattern, which will be available online at www.af.mil/airforcestory by the first week of February, Ms. Glade said.

This pattern should be compatible with 90 percent of the embroidery software programs used by vendors.

"We are advising vendors and individuals to hold off on embroidering until further guidance

is available," she said.

Besides the digitized pattern, complete, updated specifications for embroidery will be available online. These specifications will include a diagram of logo placement and design elements, such as thread color and number, font style and size, stitch style and count, and spacing.

Ms. Glade said those individuals who have already had their jackets embroidered based on the current Web site logo guidelines and the previous news article are authorized to wear their embroidered jackets.

"However, we are advising that since this software will ensure conformity with the AF logo guidelines and provide uniformity across the AF, it would be best if individuals refrained from having their jackets embroidered until the software is available," she said.

Rocket test stand gets facelift

■ **EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif.** — The rocket test stand used more than 30 years ago for Apollo Moon-mission F-1 rocket engine production testing has been modernized and is ready for use.

Test Stand 2-A is the only Department of Defense stand capable of performing full-scale rocket thrust chamber development testing in the 750,000-pounds-of-thrust class.

Its primary use is for the development testing of rocket engine turbomachinery and combustion components, but it can be used for numerous high pressure and flow-rate propulsion systems.

The testing of next-generation rocket engine components on Test Stand 2-A is intended to provide more reliable, lower-cost, and higher-performance rocket engines for tomorrow, said officials here.

(These articles are courtesy of Air Force Print News. To view the full stories go to the Air Force Web site at www.af.mil.)

Setting the bar



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. CHUCK WALKER

Colonel Frank Gallegos, 30th Space Wing commander, and Command Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Ludwig — along with Team Vandenberg's commander's and senior enlisted leadership — gathered at the base track Jan. 16 to record their 1.5-mile run times for the new physical fitness test.



Around the DoD

CPA announces \$18 billion Iraq jobs, rebuilding program

By GERRY GILMORE
American Forces Press Service

■ **WASHINGTON** – A senior Coalition Provisional Authority official today announced an \$18 billion jobs and reconstruction program for Iraq that aims to create 50,000 jobs by the June 30 handover of sovereignty.

The main purpose of the program “is to help rebuild your country,” retired U.S. Navy Rear Adm. David Nash, director of the CPA’s program management office, told Iraqis during a Baghdad news conference.

About \$12.4 billion is earmarked for 2,300 construction projects spread across Iraq, Nash pointed out, to include roads, schools, power plants and other infrastructure work. Many projects funded by the program, he noted, should be up and running by March.

About a third of the \$18 billion will be used for training Iraqis and purchasing needed equipment, he said.

The admiral noted that many contractors already had signed on, and that he hopes the program would provide 50,000 new jobs for Iraqis by the time the coalition returns sovereignty to the Iraqi people.

It would take three to four years, Nash estimated, to complete all of the projects funded by the program. He also noted that security would play an important role in the program’s success.

The program puts “Iraqi men and women back to work, providing decent, honorable jobs for all,” Nash pointed out. “These jobs will bring the dignity of honest earnings to Iraqi families, while providing tangible improvements in the quality of life for all Iraqi families.”

Officials mourn losses; vow to continue operations

By K.L. VANTRAN
American Forces Press Service

■ **WASHINGTON** – A bombing outside coalition headquarters in Baghdad will not deter U.S. and coalition forces from their mission in Iraq, a military spokesman said in a briefing from the Iraqi capital.

An explosives-laden truck exploded shortly after 8 a.m. during Sunday’s morning rush hour near the entrance to the headquarters. At least 20 people were killed, and at least 60 more were injured. Officials believe most of the dead were Iraqi citizens, but Army Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, deputy director of operations for Combined Joint Task Force 7, said two Americans may have been killed by the blast.

“We have indications that some of those that were killed were American citizens – U.S. contractors,” he said. “We

believe the current number at two. We’re waiting for firmer confirmation.”

Kimmitt vowed that the coalition’s efforts will not abate. “We will continue our operations,” said the general. “We will continue the pace of our operations. We will continue to kill or capture anti-Iraqi and anti-coalition elements throughout the country as long as we are here.”

In a statement released on the Coalition Provisional Authority’s Web site, Ambassador L. Paul Bremer mourned the “innocent victims” but affirmed that the plan to hand over authority to Iraqis remains on course. Bremer, the CPA administrator, called today’s bombing an “outrage.”

“(It’s) another clear indication of the murderous and cynical intent of terrorists to undermine freedom, democracy and progress in Iraq,” he said. “They will not succeed.”

The ambassador said the attack, which took place at the height of rush hour in Baghdad, was “clearly timed to claim the maximum possible number of innocent victims. Once again, it is innocent Iraqis who have been murdered by these terrorists in a senseless act of violence.”

Bremer said the coalition’s determination to work for a stable and democratic future for this country is undiminished.

“Our plan to hand over remaining authority to a new Iraqi government in July this year remains unchanged,” he added.

“The coalition is doing all it can to assist the Iraqi security and emergency services in dealing with the aftermath of this terrorist attack,” he continued.

Guard-staffed WMD civil support teams slated for increase

By GERRY J. GILMORE
American Forces Press Service

■ **WASHINGTON** – The Defense Department plans to stand up more National Guard-staffed civil support teams trained to assist local authorities in the event of a weapons of mass destruction attack on the American homeland, a senior DoD official said Jan. 16.

There are currently 32 WMD civil support teams with the skills and equipment to detect chemical, biological, nuclear and explosive agents in support of emergency first responders in event of an attack, noted Paul McHale, assistant secretary of defense for homeland defense.

McHale said Congress recently approved \$88 million to field 11 more teams, as part of ongoing evaluations of the role of the Guard in homeland defense. DoD will field a total of 55 WMD civil support teams, he continued, each of which comprises 22 Army and Air National Guard members.

U.S. officials believe terrorist organizations like al Qaeda could very well attempt to use WMDs to attack the American populace, key infrastructure or defense industries, McHale pointed out.

He said he envisions civilian law enforcement officials would work closely with the National Guard in the event of an attack threat on U.S. defense industry “to provide a physical layer of protection to that defense industrial base or to that plant in order to ensure its continuing operation.”

In a worst-case scenario, McHale noted, a presidential order issued through the secretary of defense could deploy soldiers or Marines if civilian law enforcement agencies lacked the means to protect defense industries. But he emphasized that the chances of such a scenario actually occurring are “extremely remote.”

The 1878 Posse Comitatus Act prohibits the active duty military from conducting domestic law enforcement operations, McHale explained. However, since the Guard comes under the control of the state governors, he said it has more leeway to assist law enforcement officials during an attack or other emergency.

McHale said if active duty troops are called in to protect the homeland, they wouldn’t be performing law enforcement duties. Those active troops, he emphasized, would be involved “in a domestic warfighting mission to defeat a terrorist attack.”

The National Guard, McHale asserted, has earned high marks following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States and the ensuing global war against terrorism.

“The performance of the National Guard in anticipating and training for homeland defense missions has been extraordinary,” he said.

McHale pointed out that homeland defense is a natural fit for the Guard. “The National Guard was created to protect us here at home (and later) became our strategic reserve for warfighting overseas,” explained McHale, a Marine Reserve colonel who volunteered for active duty during the 1991 Gulf War.

And the Guard — like the active duty military — is undergoing transformation to better meet the challenges of the 21st century. Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, chief of the National Guard Bureau, has begun a “historic” transformation effort as part of that effort, McHale said.

“While remaining fully committed to the warfighting functions of the National Guard, Lt. Gen. Blum has recognized that some of the Guard’s most important contributions to the nation will be in homeland defense,” McHale explained.

Blum has begun a review of the National Guard’s force structure, he noted, “to identify capabilities that may be deployed both overseas and at home, particularly with regard to WMD response.”

“I think that kind of transformation effort will guarantee the Guard’s relevance and importance to the nation for the next 50 years,” McHale concluded.

(These articles are courtesy of *Armed Forces Press Service*. To view the full stories go to the *Defense Link Web site at www.defenselink.mil/*)

Flame broiled!



PHOTO BY AIRMAN SCHERRIE GATES

AVIANO AB, Italy – Air Force firefighters battle a blaze at the base’s Burger King Jan. 12. The fire was reported at about 1:30 p.m. after flames and smoke were seen on the roof of the building. The facility was destroyed.

Clean living



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS NICHOLE ADAMOWICZ

SOUTHWEST ASIA – Airman 1st Class Abram Groves cleans the intake of an F-15 Eagle at a forward-deployed location. Intakes usually get cleaned every other week. Airman Groves is a crew chief with the 391st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron.

Water world



PHOTO BY SENIOR MASTER SGT. GENE LADOUER

KIRKUK AB, Iraq – Two Army soldiers remove a bunk from their flooded tent Jan. 13. The base was hit by nearly two inches of rain overnight leaving many areas of the base, including tents for airmen and soldiers, deluged by water.



PHOTO BY AIRMAN JENNIFER HAAS

Security Forces short stop Andy Moran catches 1st Air and Space Test Squadron baserunner Bill Lozada in a run down during the second game of the winter league softball championships Wednesday night.

Cops stare down elimination, take softball title

By STAFF SGT. CHUCK WALKER
30th Space Communications Squadron

Winning a championship coming out of the loser's bracket is not an easy feat, especially when you're facing the same team that blew you out by 19 runs the previous week.

Don't tell that to the 30th Security Forces Squadron softball team.

The Cops had brilliant hitting from Wayne Moses, Anthony Creazzo and Richard Wright to beat the 1st Air and Space Test Squadron 26-6 and 24-17 to win the Winter League softball championship.

In the process the Cops avenged a 20-1 loss to the ASTS in the second round last week.

"Our whole mentality was, 'let's go out and win that first game and prove that the last time we played, that wasn't

us,'" Cops coach Fernando Mora said. "We were just relaxed, we had fun and we came to play softball. Finally, it's the Cops!"

Game one was all Cops. Creazzo went 4-for-5 with two home runs, including a Grand Slam, and seven RBIs to lead the Cops to a blowout 26-6 victory.

Mora said he was proud of his offense, especially Creazzo.

"He's a good hitter," Mora said. "He just needs to stay with the pitch because he has a tendency to hit high flyballs. He was just on tonight."

"Moses is coming off shoulder surgery - he's a little rusty and it showed in him going 9-for-9."

In game two, the Cops kept their momentum from game one, jumping out to an early 16-7 lead and holding on for the 24-17 victory.

Moses and Wright were the consistent hitters for the Cops. Moses went 9-for-9 in the two games with three RBIs and Wright went 8-for-9 with three RBIs.

Moses said consistency was the key to his big night.

"There was really no big secret, I just stayed focused," Moses said of his success. "Timing is everything. I just wanted to get the ball in play to help the team. Our offense just jelled."

Wright said the Cops focused on carrying over their momentum from game one over to game two.

"We just wanted to keep it going,"

Wright said. "Keep up the motivation, keep the momentum. We had a lot of consistency with our hitting and that got us through. We just settled down and went to work and we won a championship."

Coming in just needing one win out of two games, the ASTS failed to deliver.

ASTS player-coach Scott Tyley said the Cops were just too tough.

"The Cops really played well," Tyley said. "We lost to a good team."

"I told our team before the game, let's take it in one, but they hit the ball really well. Softball is game of momentum and offense and they had both. We had a good season and we're glad to take second place."

Mora said the Cops have been focused since losing last week's game to the ASTS. He said his team came in with something to prove.

"They're a great team," Mora said of the ASTS. "We've just been on a roll through the loser's bracket and we just kept going. We caught them sleeping. Finally, the Cops are back on top, where we belong."



FREE-THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 at Vandenberg can participate in the local level of competition for the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship.

The local competition begins at 1 p.m. Jan. 25 at the base gymnasium. Call Jeffrey Greenwood at 734-1700 for entry forms or additional information.

VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS NEEDED

Varsity volleyball practice is every Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Experience is recommended, but not mandatory. All levels are welcome. Call Joe Krause at 606-6165 or Darren Savella at 606-3833 for more information.

MOMS - 2-BE EXERCISE

The exercising during pregnancy class is offered at the HAWC and gives expectant Moms the guidelines for staying fit while pregnant. The class is offered quarterly. Call the HAWC at 606-2221 for more information.

RUNNER SAFETY NOTICE

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 7:10 to 7:40 a.m. 120 members of the 30th Civil Engineer Squadron practice a 1.5-mile run that involves crossing Washington Ave between South Dakota Ave and Alaska Way.

This course also involves running along the sides of these streets. For safety precautions, road guards and traffic cones are used to direct traffic away from runners. Please look out for the runners, road guards and use caution.

WATER AEROBICS

This class is offered from 1 to 1:45 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the Services Center.

YOUTH GOLF LESSONS

Marshallia Ranch Golf course holds youth golf lessons at 1:30 p.m. Saturdays for youth ages eight and up. The price is \$5 per session including the use of a rental club set and range balls.

CGO COURSE RUN

The Company Grade Officer Course run is at 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the obstacle course. Call 2nd Lt. Korinne Houston at 605-0782 for more information.

Mounted unit brings Old West Style to modern Air Force



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

As daybreaks, a cowboy walks into the stables. His horse begins to pace in its pen. The rider slowly brushes the animal's dark brown hair preparing it for a long day's work.

The horse's anticipation level rises as the saddle is finally placed on its back. The rider leads him out of the stable and mounts the horse to begin a trek through Vandenberg's wilderness.

The cowboy and the animal blend easily into the surrounding terrain but the two are more than they appear. The horse is a well-trained working horse and his rider is an airman assigned to the 30th Security Forces Squadron's game warden mounted unit.

Bringing horses to Vandenberg was Jim Mercier's idea. Mr. Mercier leads the base's team of military and civilian game wardens.

"We're responsible for patrolling all 100,000 acres of this base," Mr. Mercier said. "What better place in the world than Vandenberg to have a horse patrol? There are so many different types of terrain and there are many places that you can't get to with an all-terrain vehicle or patrol unit."

Horses are also an environmentally friendly alternative to other means of transportation.

The horses are used to patrol the beaches and coastline during the nesting season for the threatened snowy plover, said Carolyn Curry, 30th SFS game warden. Tiny nesting plovers can be nearly invisible to humans walking the beach.

"You can't drive up and down the beaches with an ATV or patrol car during snowy plover season, so the horses were a good environmentally sound choice," she said.

The mounted units are used for more than beach patrol. They take part in many missions on the base.

"We use the horses during hunting season, during protests and to patrol for back-country incursions," Mr. Mercier said. "The horses are quiet and they give the warden the ability to get in and out of areas unnoticed. Plus, they don't run out of gas."

With anti-war protestors attempting to sneak into Vandenberg's remote back-country areas, the mounted units have made their presence known.

"When you're patrolling a fire lane on an ATV, people can hear you coming and will duck for cover," Mr. Mercier said. "But with a horse, you won't hear us coming."

On occasion the mounted units work during protests at the front gates.

"Horses are great for a protest situation because they don't look threatening just standing there, but they're a very effective tool," Mrs. Curry said. "With a horse, people will generally make a path and just get out of the way. It doesn't have the same aggressive feeling as someone coming at you in riot gear."

The mounted units also come out for community events like the Pumpkin Patrol during Halloween and National Night Out. With everything these mounted units do at Vandenberg, it's easy to forget that they boil down to a rider and a horse.

Each of the seven horses here is assigned a primary and a secondary rider. These riders are responsible for cleaning the horse's stalls, checking their hooves



PHOTOS BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS BRYAN FRANKS

Staff Sgt. Thad Dickinson and Alamo spend an afternoon patrolling North Vandenberg.

and checking for medical needs.

"We assign each horse with a primary and secondary rider to allow the horse and the rider to become accustomed to each other," Mrs. Curry said. "This helps each of them to better anticipate each other and allows the rider to notice any changes in the horse's behavior."

The wardens ride at least once during their three-day shifts.

"We patrol once in a three-day shift to let the horse get out and to stay used to people, wild animals, and situations they

would not be used to if they stayed in the stable," she added.

With the one-on-one attention that the horses get, it's no surprise that they've protected their riders from danger.

Alamo, a veteran working horse, and his rider were patrolling Surf Beach in May 2000. A dog broke loose from its owner and charged the rider. But Alamo kept the dog at bay by keeping his body in between the two, Mr. Mercier said.

Besides providing the wardens an alternate form of travel, the horses also

provide a bit of comic relief.

While Mr. Mercier and Mrs. Curry installed a new fence in Lady Justice's and Lady Liberty's pen, the two horses would steal the tools out of Mr. Mercier's pocket and run off the with them.

"They're like big dogs," the game warden said.

For the riders, the time they spend patrolling Vandenberg's wilderness is like taking back a step back in time.

"This is what it's all about" Mr. Mercier said. "Vandenberg is like the Old West."



(Above) After patrolling Sergeant Dickinson washes Alamo down then squeegees him dry as part of the wardens duties after a ride. (Right) Sergeant Dickinson adjusts his saddle before riding out on patrol.



Goes to brunch at El Paseo in Santa Barbara

By MAJ. STACEE BAKO
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Once again my travels found me in Santa Barbara on a glorious Sunday afternoon. I was pretty excited to take my husband to El Paseo, a Mexican restaurant nestled in the middle of the historic "El Paseo," Santa Barbara's original pedestrian mall, which dates from 1925.

The restaurant is essentially an open-air market, but canopy covering and space heaters shield from the elements and provide cozy warmth.

One of my friends first took me to the restaurant when my husband was deployed and we "ooh'd & ah'd" at the skill of the fresh guacamole maker and the delicious dip that was served to us, while the kids were just happy with the hand made tortilla chips.

In the back of the restaurant is a little area where they make fresh tortillas and chips for restaurant patrons - very authentic.

I have to admit I was a bit disappointed when I found out they were serving brunch. All of my previous visits to the restaurant were ordering off the menu events, and I haven't been very lucky when it comes to buffets - especially with Mexican food.

However, the kids were "dying" from hunger so my husband talked me into staying. It was the right choice. The food was right there (quick fix for the kids) and it was delicious. From enchiladas to chili rellenos, huevos rancheros, fresh fruit, plentiful desserts and all you can drink mimosas and sangria; it was outstanding. The best part was there was a chocolate fondue fountain amidst the fruit, which won praises from the youngest of our family members.

Overall, it was the best brunch I've had in some time and I would gladly return. The nice part was that after a delicious lunch, if you have the time, you can walk the narrow passageways that wander through the El Paseo, pedestrian mall area. It features a maze of courtyards that hold a variety of unique gift shops, jewelry stores, and art galleries amid romantic gardens and Spanish courtyards and is great fun for young and old alike.



PHOTOS BY MAJ. STACEE BAKO

A waiter makes fresh guacamole for patrons at El Paseo. You select the ingredients you want and can make special requests for add-ins. (Inset) Zachary (left), 3, and Hayden, 1, toss pennies in the fountain in the center of El Paseo.

To get there is simple: Take the 101 freeway to Garden Street. Turn north towards the mountains. At the first stop light, turn left to go to the downtown area. Turn right on Santa Barbara St. Go up Santa Barbara St. a few blocks until you reach Figueroa St. Take a left on Figueroa St. Go a block and a half along Figueroa St. and turn right into the Figueroa St. parking garage. State Street is a few yards to the west of this parking garage. The west end of El Paseo is now just a block down State St.



The dessert bar at El Paseo is tempting with chocolate fondue and fresh fruit.

Community Calendar

23 FRI **CAL-VET loan class** - 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. today at the Family Support Center.

Learn about the application procedures and understand the basic CAL-VET home loan process and potential pitfalls. Call 606-0039 to register.

Volunteers needed - to chair the following events: Women's history month in March and Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust in April. Call 606-0370.

Soccer players needed - The base soccer team is looking for experienced and committed players for a Santa Maria arena soccer league. Email ryan.howell@vanderberg.af.mil for more information.

Pharmacy Automated System - A new pharmacy automated system is being implemented at the medical clinic. Patients may experience an increase in waiting times for the next three to six months. Call 606-7440.

Grant program - The General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant program awards \$1,500 college education grants to eligible

candidates. Visit the Air Force Aid office at the Family Support Center or the society's Web site, www.afas.org for information or an application for this grant.

Youth Basketball scholarships - Applications are located at the youth center and base library.

Cell phone collection - Family Advocacy is collecting used cell phones and accessories to be recycled for people involved in domestic violence.

Collection boxes are located at the commissary, base exchange and medical clinic. Call 606-8217.

Low walk-up fares - American Airlines expanded its military fares through next fall. The fares include no advance-purchase requirements and no change fees. Call (800) 433-7300.

Hunters Against Hunger - Donate wild game to the needy. Call 606-6804.

Hebrew, Bar Mitzvah - classes are available. Call 734-3311.

Free car seats - to E-4 and below. Call 606-5338.

23 FRI **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.

G.I. Java seeks musicians - The G.I. Java wants local musicians to play at the coffeehouse during business hours.

Solo performers and bands are welcome. Call the chapel at 606-5773 for an audition.

Gift of Groceries program - The Defense Commissary Agency offers a gift certificate program that allows anyone to purchase commissary gift certificates to donate to military families through charitable organizations or give directly to military friends and family.

Gift certificates are available online at www.commissaries.com.

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

23 FRI **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.

24 SAT **Home Improvement Show** - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Earl Warren Showgrounds.

26 MON **Office Closure** - 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Mondays the Family Support Center is closed for training. Call 606-0039 for emergencies.

Newcomers Orientation - 8:30 to 10 a.m. Monday at the Pacific Coast Club spouses are welcome to attend the Newcomers Orientation. From 10 a.m. to noon spouse are welcome to attend Heart Link, this informative workshop is to help spouses become familiar with the military lifestyle and meet representatives from all the helping agencies and programs. Call 606-0039 for more information.

Allan Hancock College spring registration - Late

registration takes place 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 30 for 8-week classes and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 2 through 5. Call 605-5915, for more information

26 MON **Relaxation room** - 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Vandenberg Health and Wellness Center. Call 606-2221 for an appointment.

27 TUE **Mothers of Multiples Group** - 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the base library. Call Karen Duncan at 734-1654 for more information.

Single Parents Support Group - 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Services Center.

Vandenberg Retiree Activities Center - Open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday in building 10346 in the base exchange shopping center. Call 606-5474 for more information.

Youth sign language classes - 3 to 3:50 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the education center room E-4. The class is for children in

third through fifth grades. Call (805) 734-0452, for more information.

27 TUE **Baby Meet** - 9 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the religious education center, building 16140.

Baby Meet offers discussion and socialization for expectant parents and those with newborn babies through two years old. Call 734-1461, for more information.

28 WED **Farners Market** - 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays at the La Cumbre Plaza in Santa Barbara.

Resume Writing - 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Family Support Center. Call 606-0039 to register.

Partners Assisting in Reading - 2:55 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Crestview Library. For more information, call 734-1651.

Playtime for Tots - 10 a.m. Wednesdays at Cocheo Park. The playgroup is for children age two through five. Call 734-2098, for more information.

Movie



Corner

Hi-Way Drive-in
Santa Maria Ph. 937-3515
GEN. ADM. \$5 KIDS 4-11 \$1

LORD OF THE RINGS: RETURN OF THE KING PG-13 DAILY 7:00 p.m.

Movies Gemini
Lompoc Ph. 736-1306

TORQUE PG-13
DAILY 4:30-7:00-9:00 MON 2:00 SAT-SUN 11:30-2:00

ALONG CAME POLLY PG-13
DAILY 4:30-7:00-9:00 MON 2:00 SAT-SUN 11:30-2:00

Movies Lompoc
Lompoc Ph. 736-1558

WIN A DATE WITH TAD HAMILTON PG-13
DAILY 4:30-7:00-9:30 SAT-SUN 11:30-2:00
COLD MOUNTAIN R
DAILY 4:00-7:15 SAT-SUN 1:00
BIG FISH PG-13
DAILY 4:30-7:00-9:30 SAT-SUN 11:30-2:00

THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT R
DAILY 4:30-7:00-9:30 SAT-SUN 11:30-2:00

Parks Plaza Buellton
Buellton Ph. 688-7434

COLD MOUNTAIN R
DAILY 4:00-7:15 SAT-SUN 1:00
IN AMERICA PG-13
DAILY 2:00-4:30-7:00 FRI 9:30 SAT-SUN 11:30-9:30
ALONG CAME POLLY PG-13

DAILY 2:15-4:45-7:15 FRI 9:30 SAT-SUN 11:45-9:30
WIN A DATE WITH TAD HAMILTON PG-13
DAILY 2:00-4:30-7:00 FRI 9:30 SAT-SUN 11:30-9:30
CALENDAR GIRLS PG-13
DAILY 2:00-4:30-7:00 FRI 9:30 SAT-SUN 11:30-9:30

General Admission \$7.50 kids and seniors \$5 All shows before 5:30 p.m. \$5. Movies and times subject to change.

Call **Edwards Santa Maria 10** for movie listings (800) 326-3264

30th Services News

YOUTH CENTER

PASSPORT to MANHOOD

Starts Wednesday • 4 p.m. • Youth Center

Passport to Manhood is a free program for boys 10-to-14 years-of-age that promotes and teaches responsibility for male Youth Center members. (Nonmembers cost is \$10.)

The program consists of 14-sessions, meeting once a week, each of which concentrates on a specific aspect of manhood through highly interactive activities.

Register today! Call Mike Renner, Program Director at 606-2152 or visit the Youth Center front counter personnel for information and a brochure.

This program is presented by VAFB Youth Center and the Boys & Girls Clubs of America.



LIBRARY



DIAL-A-STORY

To hear this week's story, "The Two Frogs" (Japanese story), call the Dial-A-Story at 606-4300. Stories are available 24/7.

Thursday - Pre-school Storytime 10 a.m.

YOUTH SPORTS

VAFB Youth Sports

SIGN UPS

BASEBALL - Boys & Girls, ages 5 to 13

Registrations: Continuing Youth Center, Mon. through Fri., 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cost: \$55 (\$50 Youth Center members)

Skills Day: Feb. 21 at the Baseball Field (behind the Child Development Center)

SOFTBALL - Girls, ages 8 to 13

Registrations: Continuing Youth Center, Mon. through Fri., 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cost: \$55 (\$50 Youth Center members)

Skills Day: Feb. 14 at Softball Field #2 (behind the Child Development Center)

COED TEEN SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL - League Ages 14 to 16

Registrations: Continuing Youth Center, Mon. through Fri., 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cost: \$55 (\$50 Youth Center members)

Skills Day: Feb. 14 at Softball Field #2 (behind the Child Development Center)

Volunteers are needed.

For information, call the Youth Center, 606-2152.

GOLF COURSE

Youth Golf Lessons

Saturdays - 1:30 p.m.

Children ages 8-years and up can stop by the golf course every Saturday for youth golf lessons. Learn the fundamentals of golf and find out how to get that smooth swing. Cost: \$5 each session, includes rental clubs and range balls.

For information, call the golf course at 606-6262.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

February schedule

Ceramics Courses

(3 classes) Cost: \$35

1st Wednesday: Slab clay, hand-forming 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

2nd Wednesday: Cleaning and painting, hand-formed item, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

3rd Wednesday: Finish painting and glazing 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

For more information, call the skills development center at 606-6438.

Program begins Monday!

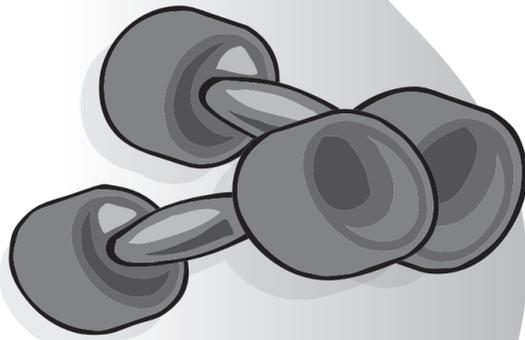
GET FIT FOR 2004



Looking to lose a little weight?

Want to get in better shape?

Start the new year right with our 8-week fitness contest



- Fitness Assessment - Before & After
- Receive your exercise 'Prescription' to help you get fit for 2004
- Top three male and female participants win super prizes!

For more information, call HAWK, 606-2221 / Fitness Center, 606-3832



Saturday
10 a.m.
Fitness Center

5-on-5
Pre-Season BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Call 606-3833 for more information.*

Family Skate Competition

Sponsored by the Fitness Center

Saturday • 10 a.m.
Free at the Skate Park (Bldg. 16190)

For more information, contact Darren at 606-3833.



January Specialty Class

January 31 • 10 a.m. • Services Center • **INTRO to FULL CIRCLE**

This is the class to introduce yourself to the Indoor Cycling Experience... 25-minutes on the cycle for exceptional stretching, and ab-core strengthening. For any questions, call 736-1572.

HUMAN RESOURCES

LOOKING for a JOB?

NAF HUMAN RESOURCES is the place to find one!

Position Title: RECREATION AID (LIFEGUARD)**

Location: Outdoor Recreation-Aquatics

Grade: NF-0189-I

Salary: \$6.75/Hour

Must have an approved and current nationally recognized certification in lifesaving and water rescue methods and skills, as well as basic first aid training, and CPR training. This position also requires experience and knowledge of swimming activities, rules and procedures.



Position Title: RECREATION SPECIALIST (OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES)**

Location: Outdoor Recreation

Grade: NF-0188-III

Salary: \$10.36/Hour

Must have 1 year of specialized experience (or 4-year course study in related field) in outdoor recreation. Knowledge of office automation software and possession of the appropriate driver's license is also required.



Position Title: WOOD CRAFTER (INSTRUCTOR)

Location: Hobby Shop

Grade: NA-4605-10

Salary: \$11.93/Hour

Must have experience which demonstrates knowledge of wood crafting methods and techniques to make and repair a variety of wooden items with unique and intricate shapes and designs. The ability to instruct and assist wood shop patrons is also required.



**Background check required.

NAF HRO HOURS:

Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
(Closed Holidays), Bldg. 11777, Room B-105

NAF MAILING ADDRESS:

30 SVS/SVH, 1036 California Blvd.,
Vandenberg AFB, CA 93437-6202

PHONE: 606-8906 **FAX:** 606-6834 **JOB LINE:** 606-8743

Applications are now accepted on line at www.30svs.com

Please e-mail the completed forms to

PACIFIC COAST CLUB

The PCC is the Spot TONIGHT!

• 80s & 90s NITE •
E-Lounge 9pm to 2am

★ '18 & over Night' ★

Saturday • 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

The best of R&B, Hip Hop, Old School with the central coast's No. 1 morning show 'Danny G & Company' You hear them on the radio... come out and meet the Company!

FAMILY VALUE NIGHTS for the Vandenberg Family

- MONDAY \$5 off any large pizza, members \$3 off non-members
- TUESDAY PCC Chicken Buffet \$6.95 members, \$3.95, kids 4-to-11 yrs.
- WEDNESDAY Kids' Pizza Night, kids 11-and-under, pizza with soft drink, \$1.50
- THURSDAY Pasta Mania Buffet, \$6.95 members

Call the club, 606-3330, for more information.