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Team Vandenberg launches MM III

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■ Team Vandenberg successfully launched an unarmed Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile at 1:28 a.m. Wednesday from North Vandenberg.

Almost immediately after entering the launch window, a hold was issued due to technical issues with down range equipment. As soon as those issues were resolved and the countdown was set to resume, the 30th Weather Squadron launch weather officer issued another hold due to cumulus cloud build up.

“Cumulus clouds resemble cotton balls and can reach 6,000 feet or higher,” said Capt. Eric Barela, 30th WS launch operation flight commander. Cumulus clouds are associated with unstable air masses.

Barela said there are constraints on launching a vehicle into or around cumulus clouds. For this launch, the main concern was avoiding cumulus clouds because of possible triggered lighting.

The launch was allowed to proceed after the nine-member weather launch team determined the vehicle would not pass through an area violating this constraint, he said.

The launch was a team effort by members of the 30th Space Wing and the 576th Flight Test Squadron here and the 341st Space Wing from Malmstrom AFB, Mont. The spacelift commander for this mission was Col. Richard Strathearn, 30th SW vice commander. The mission director was Lt. Col. Douglas Kelley, 576th FLTS commander. Capt. Phillip Opela, 576th FLTS, was the launch director.

Maintenance members from the 341st SW and the 576th FLTS conducted maintenance activities for the launch. Lt. Col. Jodie Bliss was the task force commander for the team from Montana.

“This launch was another great effort by Team Vandenberg and the Malmstrom Task Force,” Strathearn said. “Payload problems forced us to postpone a Titan II launch last month, so this is our first launch of the year. The success of this launch builds on our 100 percent mission success rate in 2000. I look forward to continuing this great trend through this year and beyond.”

The mission was a part of the Force Development Evaluation Program with the purpose of testing the reliability and accuracy of the weapon system.

The missile’s three unarmed re-entry vehicles traveled approximately 4,200 miles in about 30 minutes, hitting a pre-determined target at the Kwajalein Missile Range in the western chain of the Marshall Islands.

“Day in and day out, 365 days a year, the ICBM force is the most reliable and responsive leg of the Strategic Triad made up of bombers, land-based and sea-based ballistic missiles,” Strathearn said.

A Minuteman III takes to the air at 1:28 a.m. Wednesday from Launch Facility-10 on North Vandenberg. The launch team was made up of members from Malmstrom AFB, Mont., and Team Vandenberg.

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SENIOR AIRMAN LEE OSBERRY

Four-star dining

Airman 1st Class Chandra Bell, 30th Mission Support Squadron, shakes hands with Gen. Richard Myers, vice chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff. The general and his wife, Mary Jo, joined members of Team Vandenberg at the Breakers Dining Facility for breakfast Feb. 2 during their two-day visit to Vandenberg. Also attending the event was 2nd Lt. Sean Allen (left) and 2nd Lt. Ronald Jewell both of the 381st Training Group.

AF Surgeon General: One suicide is one too many

BY LEIGH ANNE BIERSTINE

Air Force Surgeon General Public Affairs

■ WASHINGTON — One Air Force suicide is one suicide too many, according to Lt. Gen. Paul Carlton, Air Force surgeon general.

The surgeon general is trying to combat suicides by instilling in every Air Force member that it is a community problem. That philosophy is the basis for the Air Force's community approach to suicide prevention.

"We have to stop thinking of suicide prevention as something only mental health professionals do," Carlton said.

"All of us have a responsibility to our fellow airmen and co-workers," he explained. "Recognizing when a person is having problems and actively encouraging that person to seek help is a vital part of suicide prevention.

"We lose too many airmen to suicide in the Air Force, and it is preventable," he said. "Whatever the numbers are, we can never stop being proactive and declare victory. Instead we must continue our efforts."

Today, the Air Force is using a prevention team called the integrated delivery system that includes chaplains and professionals from mental health, family support, child and youth services, health and wellness centers, and family advocacy, all working together and

taking responsibility for enhancing community health and well-being.

To date, suicide prevention efforts include an emphasis on involving and training Air Force leadership, and on buddy care and annual suicide prevention training for all military and civilians. The Air Force also maintains a database that tracks not only suicides but also suicide attempts.

The Air Force is not alone in its battle against suicide. David Satcher, surgeon general of the United States, described suicide as a "serious public health problem." Nearly 31,000 people commit suicide annually in the United States. Twenty-one active-duty Air Force people committed suicide in 2000, according to the casualty services branch of the Air Force Personnel Center.

Raising suicide awareness is not enough, according to Lt. Col. Wayne Talcott, who leads the Air Force's suicide prevention team.

"Our pilots are responsible for early signs of problems with their jet engines, so mechanics can intervene before engine failure occurs," Talcott said. "In the same way, we expect our commanders, first sergeants and supervisors at every level to be responsible for their co-workers and watch for early signs of problems so

we can intervene early."

"The subject of suicide is very discomfoting for many people, but the first step toward preventing suicide is getting people to talk about it," Talcott said.

Talcott suggest people be alert for the following warning signs that may signal suicide intent:

- ◆ Preoccupied with death and dying
- ◆ Talk about committing suicide
- ◆ Make final arrangements for death
- ◆ Trouble eating or sleeping
- ◆ Drastic changes in behavior
- ◆ Withdrawal from friends or social activities
- ◆ Loss of interest in work, school, etc.
- ◆ Give away prized possessions
- ◆ Take unnecessary risks
- ◆ Loss of interest in personal appearance
- ◆ Increased use of alcohol and drugs

For more information on what to do if a member encounters someone with these signs, immediately contact an appropriate intervention agency representative: the chaplain's office, family support center, behavioral health clinic, family advocacy, or health and wellness center.

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Correcting individuals benefits everyone

By COL. MICHAEL ALTOM

30th Space Wing Inspector General

In today's Air Force, many people are wondering how to motivate their less than stellar people without motivating them right out of the service. There are two schools of thought on this.

The first school of thought is that we have to protect our people no matter what. I call this the mother hen syndrome. Some bosses think they have to always support their people to the point of defending them at every turn. No matter what the person does, the mother hen gathers her chicks under her wings and takes their side against all opposition. Many times that "opposition" is the recommendation of the legal office or the commander or first sergeant. When I was a squadron commander, it became the standard that no matter what someone had done, their supervisor was in my office asking me to not punish the offender because she or he was "my best technician."

We are not now, nor were we ever a "one mistake Air Force." However, what some leaders, and most offenders, have a problem with is the difference between a mistake and a crime. While the legal office probably has a different way of defining these words, here are my definitions.

A **mistake** is when someone is trying to do the right thing, then momentarily goes "heads up and locked" and does something wrong. A **crime** is when a person knowingly violates a law, policy, regulation, instruction or just plain common sense.

For example, Staff Sgt. Donuts is working on a

delicate piece of equipment. While moving the equipment from one bench to another, he inadvertently drops the equipment causing \$10,000 in damages. This is a mistake. On the other hand, Staff Sgt. Baga is sitting in his office and using a government computer to check out the latest unclad beauties on the Internet for several minutes everyday. This is clearly against Air Force Instruction. This is a crime. It is very important that leaders understand the difference. We are not a "one mistake Air Force" but we certainly can be a "one crime Air Force" if the crime is serious enough.

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Col. Michael Altom

Many supervisors don't want to punish someone because they claim to be a "people person." Think about the term "people person" for a minute. When a supervisor knows that someone is violating the law and does nothing about it, or worse, actually defends the offender, is he or she being a people person? In reality, they are being a "person person" because the only one they are helping is the offender. They are hurting the other people in their organization who will have to pick up the extra work for the offender plus their association to the offender links their reputations. A true "people person" thinks about what is best for the group as a whole, not what is best for the individual. By correcting criminal behavior or by removing the offender from the workplace, the group as a whole benefits.

In my next article I will discuss the second school of thought concerning discipline. This school is composed of those suffering from the "Paper Mill" syndrome. More on this next time.



SENIOR AIRMAN LEE OSBERRY

Tech. STEP

(Right) Tech. Sgt. Jim Kelley, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron plans and programs readiness NCOIC, assists Tech. Sgt. Charles Liston, 30th CES unit deployment manager, with his ground crew ensemble mask fitting. Kelley was STEP promoted to technical sergeant Dec. 15 by Col. Steve Lanning, 30th Space Wing commander.

Auto hobby shop opens for business

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

■ Team Vandenberg members opened the doors of the new auto hobby shop Tuesday at the corner of Alaska Way and Community Loop.

Performing the ceremonial ribbon cutting to open the facility for business was Col. Steve Lanning, 30th Space Wing commander, Col. Duane Lamb, 30th Support Group commander, Chuck Neil, 30th Services Squadron Auto Hobby Shop manager and Felecia Davenport, Skills Development Center director.

The \$1.5 million complex replaces the dilapidated Camp Cooke-era building. The older facility, once part of a U.S. Army tank maintenance battalion, became the auto hobby shop in the early 60's.

The new shop has 10 stalls, one with a wheel alignment station, and five with car lifts; a new tire balancing machine and a large auto

mechanic library for checkout and on-the-spot information.

To improve customer convenience, the hobby shop staff is working to establish a partnership with a local auto parts source.

According to Neil, the old auto hobby shop had about 10 people a day using the facility. The staff hopes these numbers will go up.

"I hope we can double the customers who use the shop," said Neil.

All active duty, DOD civilians, contractors and retirees are authorized to use the new facility.

Some people take a sound roof and heat for granted, however Neil, who has worked in the older facility for more than 30 years, said the best thing about the new shop will be that it'll have heat and a roof that doesn't leak.

In the past, there was always a waiting list to use the car lifts, he said. Now with two more lifts he hopes to reduce the waiting time.

With all the improvements one

thing will stay the same ... prices.

"People using a lift for 30 minutes will still be charged two dollars," said Davenport. "We haven't changed the prices for four years and we're very proud of that."

Since the July 1999 ground breaking, Services has tried to push the project along. The road to the grand opening has had its bumps.

Davenport and Neil praised the work of about 12 people from the 30th Civil Engineer Squadron for their help in getting the new shop open.

Davenport and Neil agreed that if it wasn't for the 30th CES folks it might have been another three months of construction.

During the opening ceremony, the 30th Support Group commander praised the project.

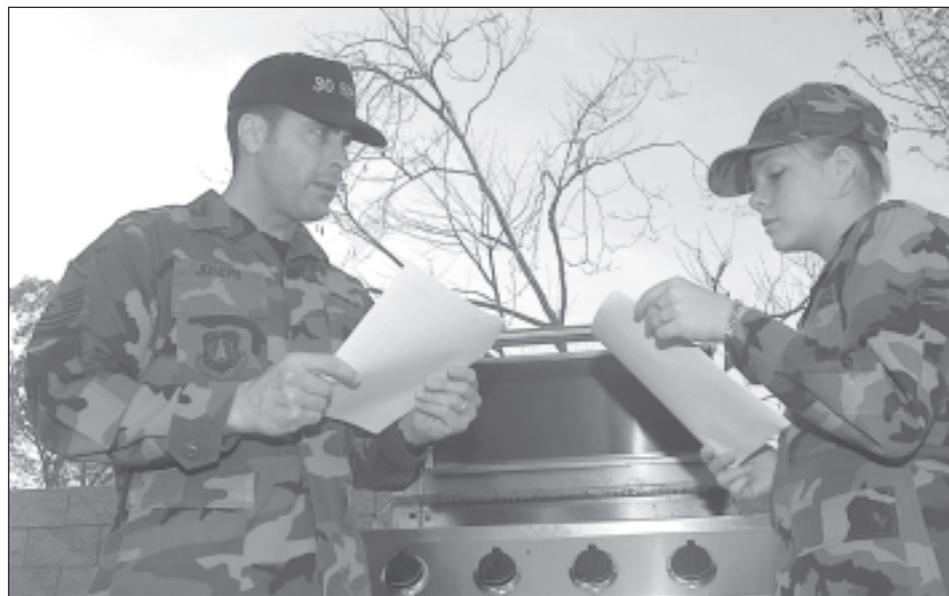
"Improving quality of life issues, like this facility will, is what helps make Team Vandenberg a jewel in Air Force Space Command," Lamb said.



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Chuck Neil, auto hobby shop manager, checks the engine oil in a patron's car. The new center is open Tuesday through Saturday. For more information about operating hours and fees, call 606-6014.

Dorm residents fire up new gas barbecue grills



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(Left) Master Sgt. Brian Joseph, 30th Support Group unaccompanied housing chief, reviews operating procedures with Airman Chaunte' Shepherd, newly elected Top Life Dorm Council president.

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

■ Last weekend's unseasonably warm weather gave Team Vandenberg's unaccompanied housing residents the opportunity to fire up their new gas grills.

Located throughout the 13000-series dorms, installation of the six new grills and the modification of four others was a quality-of-life initiative taken on by the Dorm Improvement Group.

Last year, Col. Steve Lanning, 30th Space Wing commander, tasked the DIG to improve living conditions and address quality of life issues for single airmen, said Master Sgt. Brian Joseph, 30th Support Group unaccompanied housing chief.

"We want people to be able to enjoy themselves in the courtyard and barbecue area," he said. "This initiative will no doubt contribute to that goal."

Despite the rugged construction of the grills, there are guidelines for care and operation that must be followed. Joseph outlined the grill-use instructions during the Top Life Dorm Council meeting Jan. 31.

During the meeting, Joseph cautioned that using charcoal instead of the installed natural gas system seriously damages the units.

"These grills are guaranteed for 100 years, but residents still need to take care of them and clean up after themselves," he said. "If people don't take care of them, they could lose them."

"They worked great," said Airman Chaunte' Shepherd, 532nd Training Squadron supply material clerk. Shepherd joined seven of her friends to grill steaks and vegetables Sunday.

"It only took us about 10 minutes to clean up the grill and surrounding area when we were done," said the newly elected Top Life Dorm Council president.

The 30th Space Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant was also pleased with the latest series of dorm improvements.

"These grills are a great quality-of-life addition to the dorms," said Chief Master Sgt. Paul Krim. "Airmen living in the dorms must care for the facilities they live in as well as one another. I trust our airmen will help each other by taking care of the grills so they can be enjoyed for years to come."

The DIG takes quality-of-life issues raised by chiefs, first sergeants and the Top Life Dorm Council then determines whether a contractor or the 30th Civil Engineer Squadron will do the work.

When the decision is made, it's taken to the wing commander.

Affirming Lanning's commitment to forge ahead with quality-of-life initiatives, Joseph said, "He has 'written the checks' to get things done."

The Top Life Dorm Council meets at 3 p.m. on the last Wednesday of every month at the Vandenberg Center. All unaccompanied housing residents are welcome to attend.

Grill operating rules

- ◆ Don't attempt to light the grill if the odor of gas is present.
- ◆ If the burner doesn't light after about four seconds, turn the knobs to the "Off" position and wait five minutes.
- ◆ If the burner will not light after several attempts, contact the dorm managers. During non-duty hours,
- ◆ report problems to the disaster control center at 606-1856.
- ◆ Do not leave the grill unattended while cooking.
- ◆ Turn the burners off when finished cooking.
- ◆ Don't use charcoal in the grills.
- ◆ Clean up grill and surrounding areas when finished cooking.



SENIOR AIRMAN APRIL MUNIZ

NCOs of tomorrow

Airman Leadership Class 01-B gathers after their graduation banquet Tuesday at the Pacific Coast Club. (Left to Right) Master Sgt. Jeff Sherrill, ALS flight chief, Senior Airman Dustin Funkhouser, Christopher Miller, Agnes Alisch, Raja Beckles, Distinguished Graduate Tyson Wilhelm, Ronald Grajeda, David Smith, Michael Munyon, Academic Achievement Award winner David Caturla, Saleem El Amin, Fred Tobias, John Levitow Award winner William Session, Gerald Mishloney, Leadership Award winner John Hubbell, Jennifer Burger, Tech. Sgt. Neil Lynn, ALS flight instructor and Staff Sgt. Rye Bavin, ALS flight instructor.

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AFSA TO HOLD GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TUESDAY

Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1356 has scheduled the next general membership meeting for Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. at the Pacific Coast Club. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Lisa Antoni at 605-2633.

AIR FORCE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS DUE THURSDAY

Community College of the Air Force graduation transcript deadline is Thursday. Students who have completed all course requirements for graduation and need transcripts submitted to CCAF should submit their requests through the base distribution system to 30MSS/DPHE Attn: Michelle Schrage. Transcripts, along with a degree nomination letter from the counselor, must be to CCAF, Maxwell AFB, Ala. Feb. 23. For more information, call Debbie Johnson at 605-5902.

DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY TO AWARD COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarships For Military Children Program offers military children the opportunity to apply for \$1,500 college scholarships. The scholarships are open to the children of active-duty, retired, guard and Reserve members. Applications are available at the Vandenberg commissary or can be downloaded at www.commissaries.com. Completed applications should be returned by Thursday to the commissary. For information, call Bonnie Powell at (804) 734-9731 or DSN 687-9731.

VAFB TOP THREE ASSOCIATION TO HOLD GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Vandenberg Top Three Association has scheduled a monthly meeting for Thursday at noon in the Pacific Coast Club. The association is seeking people to serve on the following committees: the senior noncommissioned officer induction ceremony committee, the senior NCO professional development course and the NCO enhancement seminar. For more information, call Master Sgt. Ty Foster at 606-2040.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS COMMITTEE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

This year marks the 10th anniversary of Vandenberg AFB hosting the Santa Barbara County Special Olympics. This year's event is scheduled for April 21. The committee is currently looking for volunteers to serve as: team leads, escorts, and organizational points of contact. For more information, call Capt. Stacy Huser at 606-1542 extension 3106.

GROUP TO HOLD EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER OPEN HOUSE

The 30th Medical Group Family Advocacy section has scheduled an Exceptional Family Member program open house March 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the 30th Medical Group Auditorium.

The program will offer information concerning EFMP enrollment and issues detailing service availability and a question and answer session. The group will offer free childcare during the briefing. Call Calvin Long or Airman 1st Class Andrea Ulibarri at 606-5338 or 606-8217 for reservations.

14th Air Force airman to SOAR as officer

TECH. SGT. LLOYD CONLEY

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

The concept of flight is nothing new to Air Force members, but an airman assigned to the 14th Air Force will soon SOAR to the height of his abilities.

Senior Airman Ray Brushier, 14th AF information manager, will soon SOAR into a new phase in his young Air Force career.

He was recently chosen to participate in one of the many airman commissioning programs.

SOAR is an acronym that stands for Scholarship for Outstanding Airman to attend Reserve Officer Training Corps.

To Brushier, it's a realization of one of the goals he had set for himself when he enlisted in the Air Force almost three years ago. "My intention was to eventually become an Air Force officer," he said.

Getting into the program was no simple feat for him though. The time consuming process began when he read an article about SOAR in Vandenberg's base newspaper, the *Space & Missile Times*. "I began research on the program using the information I gleaned from that article," he said.

He followed up by picking the brains of local unit commanders for information on airman commissioning programs. Afterward he talked with counselors at the base education office on the necessary academic requirements. Brushier said he got the necessary forms and specific directions from the counselors at the



SENIOR AIRMAN LEE OSBERRY

Senior Airman Ray Brushier (right), soon to be 2nd Lt. Brushier, discusses an administrative issue with his supervisor, Staff Sgt. Ruth Moore.

education office. That was the easy part, he said.

Brushier said a major obstacle he had to contend with was bringing his grade-point-average up. It was high enough to meet the standards but a higher one would improve his chances. "I've been taking an average of six hours per semester. That means classes four out of seven days a week in addition to my regular Air Force duties."

Brushier said it was, and is, challenging but he credits his wife, Janica, with giving him the support he needs to get it done. He adds that he reciprocates that support because Janica also takes classes. The Brushiers also have two children, Dalven, 2 and Juwan, 1.

Another obstacle Brushier had to deal with was preparing for and taking the Air Force officer qualification test. "It was a very difficult test and I still didn't do as well as I would have liked."

He also needed a nomination letter from his commander and letters of recommendation from leaders in his chain of command.

Additionally, a nomination for award, an Air Force Form 1206, was required for all applicants.

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That however, was not much of a problem. Brushier was recognized as 14th Air Force Staff Airman of the Year in 1999 and Numbered Air Force Airman of the third quarter in 2000.

"He is truly an outstanding Airman," said Staff Sgt. Ruth Moore, Brushier's supervisor and NCOIC 14th AF executive services. "He displays leadership traits that will make him a fine officer."

"As a military brat, I have nothing but love in my heart for the Air Force," Brushier said. "The core values; integrity first, service before self, excellence in all we do, are concepts I strive to live by."

Brushier believes he will be an excellent officer because he works well with people.

He said people are the most important element in the Air Force because they are the ones who get the job done.

However, in order for that to happen Brushier has to conquer his next challenge.

He enters Weber State University in Ogden, Utah in the fall semester as a junior ROTC student on a full scholarship. His scholarship will pay for his books, tuition and fees.

The 14th Air Force senior airman below-the-zone winner says one of his primary goals is to become a communications officer once he receives his commission.

He's really looking forward to his new set of challenges and he added that "None of his good fortune would be possible without God in his life."

'The Sitting Place' spreads message of social equality

BY LYNN GONZALES

Air Force Space Command Public Affairs

The sign next to the peaceful lakeside bench was brutally short—"whites only." But on one steamy Alabama afternoon 40 years ago, a black man named Martin Luther King Jr., sat there.

That is the scenario for a new video recently produced by the military equal opportunity office at F. E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., in celebration of African-American History Month.

It is called "The Sitting Place" and was based on a play written and directed by Tech. Sgt. Rob Palos, NCOIC of the Military Equal Opportunity Office at F.E. Warren.

Performed for the base's Martin Luther King Jr. luncheon last year, the play was such a hit that the MEO staff decided to videotape it for posterity.

The drama centers on a fictional conversation between King (played by Tech. Sgt. Derrick Moore)

and Mayor Buford (played by Master Sgt. Jeff Stevens), the white mayor of an Alabama town in the early '60s. It begins with the mayor confronting King for sitting on the whites-only bench in a town park. But as the 12-minute drama unfolds, it turns into a forum of ideas for race relations, yesterday and today.

Although the F.E. Warren AFB video will not be confused with Hollywood productions, playwright Palos' message comes through with simplicity and strength: Communication is the key to learning, understanding and possibly accepting other perspectives. "People can disagree, but they can still communicate and have a civil discussion," Palos said. "By doing so, they're able to try and see the other person's perspective. Sometimes that leads to progress."

To create the two main characters, Palos did extensive research on King's beliefs, attempting to use similar phrasing found in his speeches. Palos tried to put himself in an average southern 1960s

white man's shoes as well, trading stereotypical versions for a man struggling to understand why black people were protesting but not condoning violence.

Tech. Sgt. Chris Wuerthner, public affairs broadcaster at F. E. Warren, filmed and edited the video on the base. Fresh from performing in front of a live audience, it took only a day to finish principal photography.

"This is one way of telling the Air Force story and showing how creative people are in the Air Force," Wuerthner said. "Someone sat down and wrote this play. We've got airmen who are actors and who are taking the time out of their day to learn this stuff and shoot it. It's a total effort. I think it also showcases how talented people in the Air Force are and how they can do more than just their jobs."

Copies of the video are available by calling the F.E. Warren AFB public affairs office at (307) 773-3381 or DSN 481-3381. (Courtesy AFSPC News Service)



SENIOR AIRMAN SUZANNE JENKINS

Advance and be recognized

(Left to right) Staff Sgts. Herbt Kermick, 576th Flight Test Squadron; Suntara Nop, 534th Training Squadron; James Collins, 30th Security Forces Squadron; Kendall Beasley, 614th Space Operations Squadron; Justo Galindo Jr., 30th Comptroller Squadron; Megan Buck, 30th Security Forces Squadron; and Josh Sallee, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron are Team Vandenberg's newest NCOs.

Drug use ends 18-year career for 30th CES NCO

BY 2ND LT. KAREE GREENE

30th Space Wing Legal Office Transition Student

■ A 30th Civil Engineer Squadron technical sergeant with more than 18 years of service was court-martialed here Jan. 25.

Tech. Sgt. Glenn Thompson pleaded guilty to the use and possession of methamphetamines, a schedule one controlled substance, and to making a false official statement.

These violations of Articles 112a and 107, respectively, of the Uniform Code of Military Justice led to Thompson's conviction and sentencing to reduction in grade to E-1, confinement for one year, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

Last year, Thompson was randomly selected for urinalysis testing May 10. Instead of reporting, he left his duty station and couldn't be found. The next day squadron officials located Thompson and ordered him to provide a

sample. His urinalysis came back positive for methamphetamines or "crank." When questioned by Air Force Office of Special Investigations

agents, Thompson said he did not know why his test was positive because he had never ingested drugs. This false statement was a violation of Article 107, UCMJ.

While awaiting court-martial charges, Thompson was directed to provide another urine sample

for a unit sweep in October. This sample also came back positive for methamphetamines. Upon renewed AFOSI questioning, Thompson admitted to wrongfully ingesting methamphetamines on multiple occasions between January and October. AFOSI subsequently found drugs at his residence in military family housing.

"This case is a perfect example of a career and life literally destroyed by drugs," said Capt. Christopher Morgan, trial counsel. "Once again, we've witnessed a tragic miscalculation by an Air Force member attempting to

outwit the urinalysis program

at Vandenberg." Thompson is currently serving his sentence at the Miramar Joint Correctional Facility.

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trial counsel



STAFF SGT. JANICE CANNON

Cut!

(Left to right) Lt. Col. John Powell, 534th Training Squadron commander; Col. Kenneth VanSickle, 381st Training Group commander; and Lt. Col. Andrew Fowkes, former 533rd Training Squadron commander, officially open the Space Initial Qualification Training building Jan. 16. The \$7.4 million facility increases the number of training performance bays from 12 to 28.

DoD has homework to do before F-22 decision

BY ARMY SGT. 1ST CLASS KATHLEEN RHEM

American Forces Press Service

■ WASHINGTON—The Department of Defense still has plenty of homework to do before making a final decision on acquiring the F-22 fighter for the Air Force.

The Air Force and the program contractor, Lockheed Martin, say they have completed preliminary flights and testing required before a Defense Acquisition Board can rule on further funding. Pentagon spokesman Rear Adm. Craig Quigley said Feb. 6, however, that a final decision might still be a long way off, in part because of the “strategic review” being planned by new Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

Development of the F-22 has been proceeding on \$350 million in interim funding, which runs out March 31.

To proceed with initial production, the acquisition board must approve releasing the additional appropriated \$2.1 billion. Quigley said DoD still has “a lot of homework.”

“The flights and testing have just been completed,” he said during a Pentagon press briefing. “You’ve now got to collect all that data (and) put it in an orderly fashion to prepare for the Defense Acquisition Board process.”

Rumsfeld’s as-yet-undefined strategic review, directed by President Bush, is adding even more uncertainty to the process. Rumsfeld plans to look closely at defense strategy, programs and structure before making high-dollar decisions, Quigley said.

“I think you’d be hard-pressed ... to make any significant acquisition decisions for big dollars absent an understanding of where they fit into the overall picture,” Quigley said in response to reporters’ questions.

No time limit has been placed on the review, but the secretary has said he expects it to last “some number of months,” the admiral said. “(Rumsfeld) has not put any more boundaries on it than that. ‘Not days and not years’ were his words.”

COMMUNITY

CALENDAR

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FRI

The family support center is sponsoring a class on **mutual fund basics** today at 1 p.m.

The class will teach the basics of investing in mutual funds. Call Jimmy Camacho at 606-4491 to register.

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MON

A **sponsorship training class** is scheduled for Monday at 3 p.m. at the family support center. Training will include sponsorship responsibilities, relocation resources, and tips to assist Vandenberg newcomers. Call relocation assistance at 606-0801 to register.

at the family support center. Support center staff will go over the details of this government sponsored insurance. Call Sunny Park at 605-0134 for information.

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TUE

Survivor Benefit Plan for Spouses workshop is scheduled for Tuesday at 2 p.m.

at the family support center. Support center staff will go over the details of this government sponsored insurance. Call Sunny Park at 605-0134 for information.

Attend the next **resume writing workshop** at the family support center scheduled for Tuesday at 2 p.m.

Topics will include writing a winning resume or updating an old one, current formats and styles, hot effective words, and power statements to include in a winning resume. To register, call Tinisha Agramonte at 605-8557.

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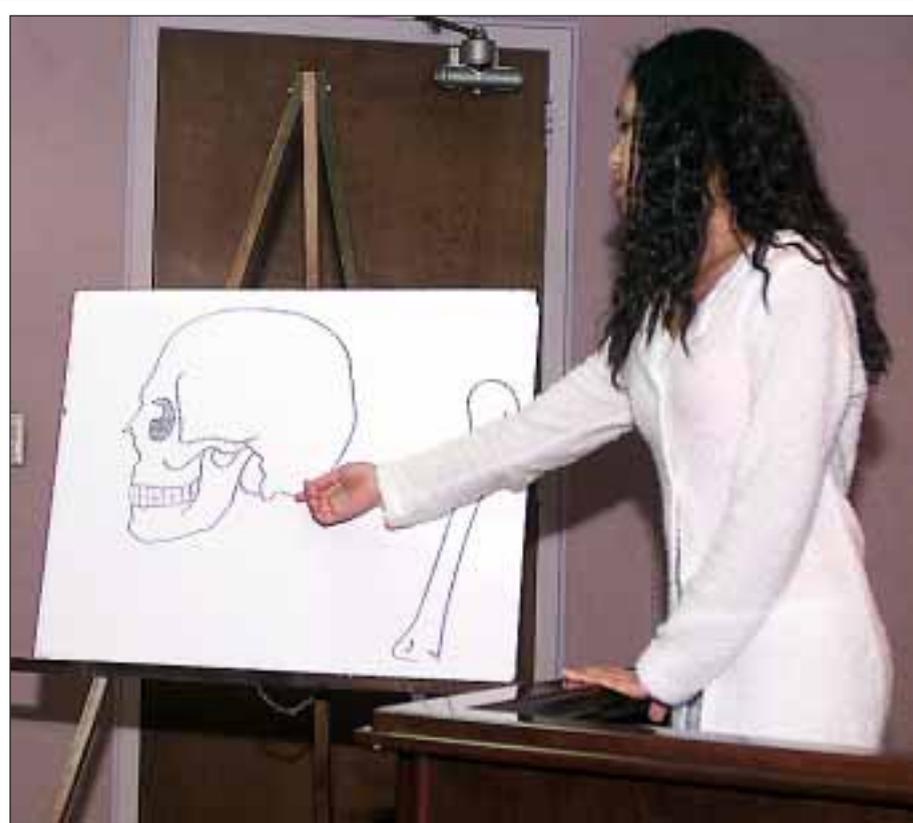
WED

The **African American Association** is sponsoring several events to commemorate Black History Month.

The events are: Black Cultural Awareness Wednesday at Crestview Elementary School at 9:45 a.m.; An Afro-centric film will be shown at the base theater Saturday at 3:30 p.m.; An Expo will be held in the Services Center Thursday at 3 p.m.

The African-American Heritage Banquet will be Feb. 26 at 6 p.m. in the Pacific Coast Club. Call Master Sgt. Dwight Daniel at 606-4150 or Master Sgt. Quinn Johnson at 605-6354 for more information.

There will be a **National Society of Military Widows' Chapter** meeting Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Retiree Center, building 10364, near the Four Seasons store. Military widows and widowers are welcome to attend and assist in the formation of the chapter and selection of officers. Call the retiree activities office at 606-5474.



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS STEVE SCHESTER

Guilty or not guilty?

Isa Imamura, Lompoc High School student, proves her case during a mock trial practice here Jan. 31. LHS students were preparing for a competition against 14 other Santa Barbara County high schools. This is the first year local students have partnered with 30th Space Wing attorneys to hone their skills.

15

THUR

The monthly meeting of **military retirees** is Thursday at 1 p.m. in the

Retiree Center. The guest speaker will be Ann Fox, 30th Space Wing legal office.

She will discuss tax preparation and legal office benefits for retirees.

A **manage your move** workshop is scheduled for Thursday at 3 p.m. in the family support center. Tips will be offered on minimizing the stress of moving and there will be briefings from finance, TMO, housing, legal, and TRICARE. Spouses are encouraged to attend. For information, call 606-0801.

16

FRI

The family support center's **Career Focus Program** provides information

on local employment opportunities and sources for job seekers Feb. 16 at 2 p.m. staff will let participants who who's hiring, who's not and teach how to post a resume to the Air Force and local websites. Call Tinisha Agramonte at 605-8557 for information.

22

THUR

Learn about breast health and breast cancer by attending the **Breast Health class** offered by the Breast Education

Center Feb. 22, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the Health and Wellness Center. Call the center at 605-2120 for more information.

The **Women's, Infant's, and Children's office** visits the family support center the fourth Thursday of each month for Vandenberg members.

WIC is a nutrition education program that provides supplemental food to promote good health for pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, infants and children up to age five. The next visit is Feb. 22. For more information, call the Lompoc WIC office at 737-6470 or Teresa Orozco at the Family Support Center at 606-4636.

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FRI

The family support center is sponsoring an **IRA workshop** Feb. 23 at 1 p.m. The

class will teach the differences between Traditional and Roth IRA's and which is best for each family. Call Jimmy Camacho at 606-4491 to register.



VAFB
web site
www.vafb.af.mil

CHAPEL NOTES

CHAPEL SCHEDULE:

Catholic Worship Services:

Saturday at 5 p.m. in Chapel 2
Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in Chapel 1
Daily Mass is Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 2.

Catholic Religious Education:

Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in the Religious Education Building
Confirmation at 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel 1 Annex
Youth; first and third Sunday of the month at 6 p.m. in the Chapel 1 Annex

Protestant Worship Services:

Contemporary Service is Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in Chapel 2.
Traditional Service is Sunday at 11:15 a.m. in Chapel 1.
Inspirational Service is Sunday at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 2.

Protestant Religious Education:

Sunday School at 10 a.m. in the Religious Education Building.
For various Bible Studies, call 606-5773.

For **other faith groups** or concerns, call the chapel staff at 606-5773.

Youth fellowship is Sunday afternoon at 6 p.m. for the "BIG," Believers In God, Youth Fellowship at the Religious Education Chapel. For more information, call Chaplain Husfelt at 606-5773.



AT THE MOVIES

TODAY

Miss Congeniality (PG-13)
Starring Sandra Bullock and Michael Caine.

SATURDAY,

Soul Food (PG-13) **FREE!**
Starring Vanessa Williams and Vivica Fox, 3 p.m.
Miss Congeniality (PG-13)

SUNDAY

The Emperor's new groove (G)
Starring David Spade, John Goodman and Eartha Kitt 3 p.m.
Miss Congeniality (PG-13)

FEB. 16

Dracula 2000 (R)
Starring Christopher Plummer and Johnny Lee Miller.

Movies begin at 7:30 p.m. unless posted otherwise.



SENIOR AIRMAN LEE OSBERRY

Team Vandenberg Spotlight

Name: Staff Sgt. Michael Arture (right)

Assignment: 532nd Missile and Space Facilities Apprentice Course Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.

Hometown: Pittsburgh, Pa.

Time on Vandenberg: Four years

Time in service: 11 years

“Staff Sgt. Arture is one of my most innovative instructors. He is a forward thinker with a relentless appetite for challenges. His professional and hard charging attitude with his job and the community are an example all NCOs should follow,” said Capt. Hugh Banks, commander of the 532nd Missile and Space Maintenance Training Flight.

Team Vandenberg recycles batteries

BY KIM TURNER
Tetra Tech Inc.

■ The holidays are over and batteries from toys, tools, video games, and small appliances are probably starting to run low. When their life expires, what will you do—throw them away, stash them in a junk drawer, forget about them? Hopefully none of the above.

A good and environmentally sound option is to recycle them.

This can be done by placing them in the recycling stations located at the entrances to the base exchange and the commissary.

The Vandenberg household battery recycling program has been going strong since August. As a result, more than 600 pounds of batteries have been recycled since its inception. That's enough batteries to fill approximately one standard-size bath tub.

That is 1,500 pounds of batteries that would otherwise be disposed of in the base landfill over the course of a year.

Team Vandenberg needs to continue to recycle spent batteries to prevent harmful chemicals from entering the groundwater and creating a potential contamination problem.

Three types of batteries can be recycled under the Vandenberg Household Battery Recycling Program, alkaline, nickel-cadmium and lithium.

People can turn in expired batteries at the recycling stations by simply dropping them in the appropriate opening.

The batteries will be picked up and transported to the collection accumulation point at building 6830.

However, no **LEAD ACID** batteries will be accepted under this program. This type of battery needs to be taken to the Auto Hobby Shop, at building 6438, for proper disposal.

For more information on recycling batteries or other materials, call Gary Kamei at 606-3271.



SENIOR AIRMAN LEE OSBERRY

Serve it up!

Joe Mitchell of the 30th Security Forces Squadron team takes the ball to the hoop over Manuel Betancourt of the 30th Communications Squadron team. The final score was 57 to 35 in favor of the 30th SFS.

Intramural basketball standings

National League				American League			
Team	Win	Loss	Pct.	Team	Win	Loss	Pct.
576th No.1	4	0	1.000	30th TRANS	3	0	1.000
30th CES No.1	4	0	1.000	30th CES No. 2	3	1	.750
30th SFS No. 1	3	0	1.000	614th SOPS	3	1	.750
533rd TRS	2	1	.667	30th SFS No. 2	2	1	.667
392nd No. 1	2	1	.667	Det 9	2	1	.667
30th SFS No. 3	2	2	.500	576th No. 2	2	2	.500
30th MSS	2	2	.500	392nd No. 2	2	2	.500
30th OG No. 1	1	2	.333	30th SFS No. 4	1	2	.333
381st TRG	0	4	.000	534th TRS	1	3	.250
30th Comm	0	4	.000	30th OG	0	3	.000
30th Cons	0	4	.000	30th MDG	0	4	.000

SPORT SHORTS

YOUTH SOFTBALL COACHES SPONSOR FREE CLINIC

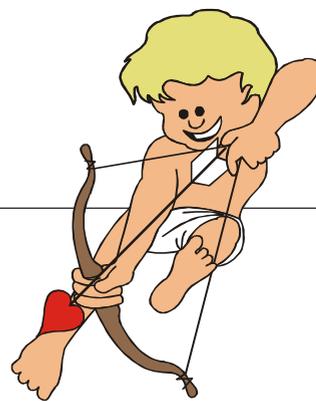
A free clinic is scheduled from Saturday at the youth softball field No. 1 for children ages 8 to 10 from 9 a.m. to noon and for children ages 11 to 14 from 1 to 4 p.m. Children need to bring their glove

and water bottle. For more information, call the youth center at 606-2152.

YOUTH CENTER TO HOLD YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL SIGN-UPS

Youth baseball and softball sign-ups are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the youth center. For more information, call 606-2152.

S 30th Services



NEWS



Wednesday - 6 to 8 p.m.

Chateau Briand

for two with salad, dessert and complimentary bottle of champagne or sparkling cider

\$34.95

Chicken Monterey

\$11.95

Blackened Salmon Fillet

\$13.95

Served with 1/2 carafe of wine, salad and dessert.

BOWLING CENTER

EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT - Family Night with "Thunder Alley" and Rock 300, 6 to 9 p.m. Three hours of bowling with "Thunder Alley" includes rental shoes. (No other specials honored.)

SWEETHEART DOUBLES TOURNAMENT - Feb. 17. \$12 per entry. Check in at 5:30 p.m. and bowl at 6 p.m.

OUTDOOR REC

FISHING SEMINAR - Saturday, \$5 per person. Pre-register at building 11238. Meet at Pine Canyon Lake No. 1 at 7 a.m. Fishing expert, Eric Holcomb will be there to assist and give instructions and advice.

KAYAKING - Feb. 17, \$15 per person. Pre-register at building 11238. Meet at Pine Canyon Lake No. 1 at 11 a.m. Kayaks will be sit-on style. Personal flotation devices will be furnished.

VOLUNTEER SEARCH - Outdoor Rec is looking for volunteers to head a planning committee for an Eco-Challenge at Vandenberg. Call Michael J. Renner at 606-5908.

Getty Museum



March 24

\$35 per person

Leave services center at 7:30 a.m., return 8 to 9 p.m. Call 606-7976 for more information.

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FITNESS CENTER

SWEETHEART 5K Run
Feb. 16, noon

GOLF

SCGA TEAM PLAY - Saturday, 1 p.m. River course at Marshallia Ranch.

FLORIDA FOUR BALL TOURNAMENT - Feb. 17. Entry Deadline is Thursday by 3 p.m. Tee times start at 6:45 a.m. \$10 per player.

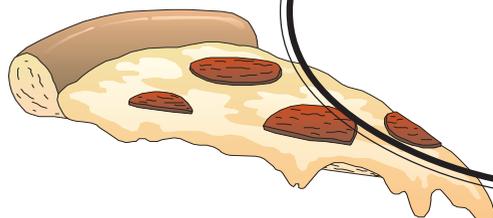
REMINDERS...

FOGGIO'S FEBRUARY SPECIAL

MONDAY PICKUP ONLY / AFTER 5 P.M.

Large
CHEESE PIZZA
\$7.50

\$1.25
Per Topping



The NAF Human Resources Office...

has jobs available for off-duty military, family members and civilians. For a list of current positions, call the job information line, 606-8743, or stop by building 11777, room B-109 to pick up an application.

Congratulations to FAMILY CHILD CARE ENTREPRENEURS of the quarter...

Great job and well done!
Patricia VanProoyen, Michaela Hardin, Gabriela Acosta, Regina Winegar, Stacia Church, Casey Collins.
Oct. through Dec. 2000

30th Services

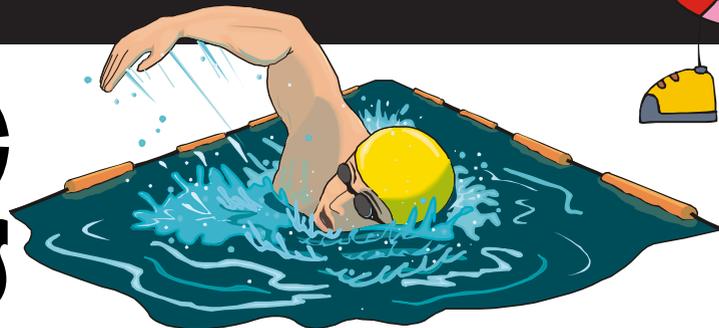
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FAMILY AQUATICS CENTER

YOUTH SPORTS

AQUATIC PROGRAMS



WATER EXERCISE CLASS

This program is set up for those who want to have a great workout and fun at the same time, without the impact of land-based exercise programs. The class is held Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1 to 1:45 p.m. and costs \$3 per class or \$20 per month.

PRIVATE SWIMMING LESSONS

Give your child or yourself the opportunity to learn new water skills and refine current skills while working one-on-one with an instructor. You or your child will receive the attention necessary to overcome fears, concentrate on specific strokes, and develop confidence while swimming. Private lessons are 45 minutes Monday through Friday for one week. Cost: \$50 per week.

SWIM TEAM

Catch the wave of excitement! The **Central Coast Marlins** is a year-round competitive swim club for ages 5 to 18. The club offers all levels ranging from beginners to the national level. Fees vary according to ability. Come and try it out ... your first week is free!

For more information, please call 606-3581

Are You Looking For An EXCITING SUMMER JOB????

The VAFB Family Aquatics Center is seeking qualified, responsible and motivated individuals to join our summer staff as **LIFEGUARDS** or **SWIM INSTRUCTORS!**

If you are interested, please call Jennifer at 606-3581.

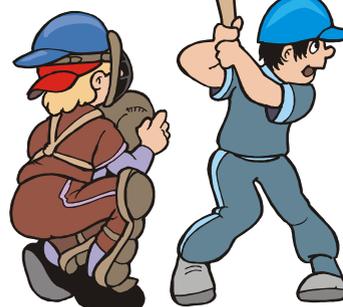
VAFB YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE

Ages 5 to 13

Registration: at the Youth Center is ongoing through March 2 (or until teams are full)

Cost: \$40

(\$35 for Youth Center Members) For more information, contact the Youth Center at 606-2152, or the Youth Sports Office at 606-9374.



The New Diana YOUTH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Ages 6 to 14

Registration: at the Youth Center is ongoing through Feb. 16 (or until teams are full)

Cost: \$40

(\$35 for Youth Center Members) For more information, contact the Youth Center at 606-2152, or the Youth Sports Office at 606-9374.



Massage Therapy...



Located at the Services Center

Call Mary at 605-4748 or 717-9088

Valentine's Day GIVE-AWAY

2-Hour Hot Stone Therapy (a \$100 Value!)

with purchase of one one-hour gift certificate and...

a paragraph describing why your significant other deserves it!

The winner will be called on Valentine's Day. Therapy session given Feb. 16.

Now Open!



Visit the ALL NEW...

Breakers Dining FACILITY

HOURS of OPERATION

Breakfast 5-8a.m.

Lunch 11a.m.-1:30p.m.

Dinner 4:30-7p.m.

Midnight.....11p.m.-1a.m.

WEEKENDS & HOLIDAYS

Brunch.....6a.m.-1p.m.

Supper.....4-6p.m.

Carryout available throughout each meal. Box lunches available each meal.