

Base Briefs

AIRMEN MEET TOP CHIEFS

Former Chiefs Master Sergeants of the Air Force Paul Airey and Sam Parish are here this week for the Senior NCO Induction Ceremony. During their visit, the chiefs will meet with base technical sergeants and below at 2 p.m. Sept. 27 in the Western Range Operations Control Center theater. They will meet with base Top 3 members at 3 p.m. in the same location. These will be question and answer sessions. Participants with questions for the chiefs are asked to stand, speak clearly, say who they are and then ask a question.

POWER GOES OUT TEMPORARILY

There will be temporary electric outages in main base housing Monday – Wednesday. Streets affected by the outages are: Claremont Court, Ventana Court, Del Cielo Court, Hermosa Court and Ocean View Boulevard west of Utah Avenue and east of Korina Street. The outages will occur during installation of new transformer panels. Call Mike Bird, 606-2080, for more information.

STORES CLOSE COLUMBUS DAY

The Vandenberg Commissary and mini-comm will be closed Oct. 14 in observance of Columbus Day. The commissary will be closed Oct. 15 as well but the mini-comm will open 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.

FINANCE CLOSES FISCAL YEAR END

The finance office closes at noon Oct. 4, for an official end-of-year function. Staff will be available for emergency services. To reach a finance officer in an emergency, call 698-7603 or use the pager number, 169-0056. Finance will open Oct. 7 at 8 a.m.

CIVIL ENGINEERS INSTALL FENCES

The 30th Civil Engineer Squadron personnel are re-installing fences that were removed for sewer system cleaning and inspection in East Housing. Residents are asked to help by providing workers access and controlling pets. Call Mike Bird, 606-2080, for more information.

BASE RENOVATES LODGING

Twelve temporary lodging facilities will be closed Oct. 1 – May 15, 2003 for renovation. Lodging space will be extremely limited. Base members changing station should be prepared to stay off base. Sponsors should inform incoming families of the shortage. The lodging office will assist families in finding suitable off-base accommodations. For more information, call Michael Green, 605-7831.

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Team Vandenberg's sunset launch of an unarmed Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile caused a twilight phenomenon resulting in a rainbow of color that was seen along the West Coast from Oregon to San Diego and as far east as Provo, Utah.

Minuteman III launch successful

BY SENIOR AIRMAN BRIAN HILL

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Team Vandenberg successfully launched an unarmed Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile from north base at 7:31 p.m. Sept. 19.

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, Malmstrom AFB, Mont. The spacelift commander for this mission was Col. Wayne Louis, 30th SW vice commander. Capt. Michael Calvaresi, 576th FLTS, was the launch director.

Members of the 576th FLTS installed tracking, telemetry and command destruct systems on the missile to collect data and meet safety requirements.

The mission was part of the Force Development Evaluation Program, which tests the reliability and accuracy of the weapon system. Members of the 341st SW, led by Lt. Col. Ronald Samic, launched the missile under the direction of 576th FLTS test conductors. "I'm extremely pleased with this great team from Malmstrom," said Mission Director Lt. Col. Michael Fortney. "The whole team of 576th folks, Lt. Col. Samic's troops and of course our 30th Space Wing partners are doing a great job. I'm proud to be a part of this effort."

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

Out with the old ...

30th SW reorganizes under combat structure

BY SENIOR AIRMAN BRIAN HILL

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

The 30th Logistics Group and 30th Support Group will be re-designated at the Combat Wing Organizational Structure activation ceremony 10 a.m. Tuesday at the parade grounds here.

The changes are part of an Air Force-wide directive by Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. John Jumper.

The 30th Logistics Group, to be re-designated the 30th Maintenance Group, has a long history of service in the U.S. military. It dates back to 1940, when it was established the 30th Air Base Group.

It was activated Jan. 15, 1941 at Langley Field, Va., and was stationed at Bradley Field, Conn.; Dale Mabry Field, Fla.; and Waycross Army Airfield, Ga. before it moved overseas to Chalgrove, England; Melune, France; Doncourt, France; Euren, Germany; Ober Olm, Germany; and Furth, Germany in 1944-45.

It was disestablished June 4, 1945 and finally re-established here Nov. 1, 1991.

The 30th Support Group, to be re-designated the 30th Mission Support Group, started as the 30th Air Base Group, Depot, Nov. 10, 1950.

It was disestablished Sept. 27, 1984 before being re-established here Nov. 1, 1991. It then consolidated with the 4392nd Aerospace Support Wing to become the 30th Support Group Nov. 19, 1991. It has been awarded six Outstanding Unit Awards. It was stationed at Kelly AFB, Texas; Burtonwood RAF Station, England; Burtonwood-Sealand RAF Station, Wales; and Brize Norton RAF Station, England before coming here.

The newly-named units retain their lineage because there will be no in-activations in their cases, said Jeffrey Geiger, 30th Space Wing historian.



PHOTOS BY STAFF SGT. PAMELA TAUBMAN

Staff Sgt Darryl Lyles and the Vandenberg AFB Honor Guard fire the last shot of a 21-gun salute during the base POW/MIA remembrance ceremony.

Base honors prisoners of war, those missing in action

BY SENIOR AIRMAN BRIAN HILL

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Team Vandenberg reflected on those still missing in action or held prisoner of war during a remembrance here Sept. 20.

More than 150 Vandenberg members, veterans and former pris-

oners of war attended the ceremony – sponsored by the Air Force Sergeants Association.

"It was good to see a nice mixture of active duty and veterans at the ceremony," said Jack Hokanson, 30th Space Wing community relations chief.



Gene Baird is a Navy veteran who served in Cuba.

The event started off with Master Sgt. Quinn Johnson singing the National Anthem. Next, the Vandenberg Honor Guard performed a 21-gun salute.

Col. John Lamed, 14th Air Force vice commander, was the keynote speaker at the event. He said about 88,000 soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines from World War II to the present remain unaccounted for. He urged people in attendance to become more involved with getting POWs home.

Also, members of the 30th Security Forces Squadron and the 76th Helicopter Flight demonstrated a prisoner rescue scenario.

In addition, a new plaque and benches were dedicated at the ceremony. The plaque reads, "Vandenberg remembers," and lists the names of servicemembers from the local area who are missing.

ECAMP measures VAFB green posture

BY KIM TURNER

Tetra Tech, Inc.

This year's Environmental Compliance Assessment and Management Program visit is set to begin Dec. 2 and continue through Dec. 10.

This year's ECAMP is external, which means staff from Headquarters, Air Force Space Command, will perform the assessment.

The ECAMP assessment serves as a snapshot in time for evaluating the base's environmental compliance posture.

There are no notices of violation. However, one of the goals of the ECAMP assessment is to identify potential violations so they can be corrected before becoming a violation.

When team members visit a facility, they will be looking for:

- Current training records
- Proper labeling on hazardous waste containers
- Proper recycling of office materials
- Compliance with air permits

- Accurate and current business plans
- Proper condition of above ground storage tanks
- Proper storage and bar coding of hazardous materials

Headquarters staff will look at all areas of environmental compliance very closely. Each office should conduct an ECAMP pre-assessment of their facilities.

The ECAMP U.S. Team Guide and checklists are available through the 30th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Management Flight to assist with pre-assessment preparation.

Also, any open ECAMP findings from the previous assessment, should be closed before Oct. 31.

To obtain copies of previous ECAMP findings, team guides and checklists, or to schedule a pre-assessment visit by 30th CES environmental staff, call 606-6863.

Leadership school graduates 15

BY SPACE & MISSILE TIMES STAFF

Eleven members of Team Vandenberg, as well as four local airmen, graduated as part of Airman Leadership School Class 02-F in a formal ceremony Sept. 16.

"These are the future leaders of our Air Force," said Col. Wayne Louis, 30th Space Wing vice commander. "It's up to all of us to give them the tools to succeed."

The graduates are:

- Senior Airman John Averitte, 30th Security Forces Squadron
- Senior Airman John Cruz-Cortes, 30th SFS
- Senior Airman Caleb Real, 30th SFS
- Senior Airman Jon Burnham, 30th Transportation Squadron
- Staff Sgt. Peter Long, 576th Flight Test Squadron
- Senior Airman Douglas

- Donahue, 576th FLTS
- Senior Airman Christina Pryor, 30th Services Squadron
- Senior Airman Gregory Rivera, 30th Communications Squadron
- Senior Airman Denton Scott, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron
- Senior Airman Sara Weeks, 30th Medical Operations Squadron
- Senior Airman Ryan Youngsma, 30th Mission Support Squadron
- Senior Airman Tamara Baskerville, 369th Recruiting Squadron
- Senior Airman Michael Levergood, 369th RCS
- Senior Airman Amber Torres, 369th RCS
- Senior Airman Raymond Natividad, Detachment 1 345th Training Squadron, Port Hueneme

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Airmen take oaths of allegiance to become American citizens
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Youth soccer season opening shows true teamwork
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Weekend forecast
Low clouds in the morning and evening with clear afternoon skies.

Low/High
50/64

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

Chief outlines top ten leadership rules

BY MARK FARIAS

Vandenberg Fire Chief



The Air Force does a funny thing – it takes young people, gives them some tough love, spends a lot of money to teach them some pretty cool jobs and puts them to work.

A few tax returns later, many of them graduate leadership schools and are put in charge of something. The amazing thing is that the “something” is usually “people.”

It’s a daunting responsibility to affect other people’s lives. Few of us ever thought we were ready for the “leadership role,” but circumstances didn’t wait for our confidence development schedule.

I contend to you that leaders aren’t so much born as unveiled. I contend to you that it isn’t so much those standing in front who are the leaders, as much as those standing in the back pushing those in front of them forward, or those in the middle pulling the team together. It’s about taking chances, being bold, knowing fear, having courage, being accountable and making sacrifice.

Those who exercise the most influence in our environment today are not necessarily the statesmen, generals, commanders, first sergeants or command chiefs whom we read and hear so much about – those who dominate the realm of policy. But above and beyond them in power and influence – is you! The great silent force, which molds our environment and is shaping our Air Force future, no greater instrumentality exists at your command than the power and influence of leadership.

Our charge carries the greatest responsibility imaginable – liberty and freedom for our nation. After more than 200 years, America is the world’s most powerful and positive force for change, and you are its agent. The eyes of the world are always on us.

Right now, today, you have influence and you have power.

Aside from using leadership to accomplish

the specific mission of your organization, there is no greater responsibility for a leader than to build other leaders, regardless of where you are in the food chain.

True leadership demands that you develop subordinates into leaders. One of your primary goals as a leader is to mentor and groom your subordinates so they can, one day, fully assume your duties. If you fail in this, your team and your organization will also fail.

In my experience, people who are consumed by a need for power are the least suited of all to act in a leadership capacity. Everything in their nature conspires against the effective use of the very thing they crave. They are isolated and unable to communicate their vision and ultimately fail as leaders.

A good leader understands that everyone learns differently, a bad leader thinks everyone learns the way they do. The “my way or the highway” leaders are an endangered species and simply can no longer compete effectively in our high stress environment where we have to exploit our talent pool every way we can. We don’t have a single person to waste. Our family doesn’t look like the Osmond’s or the Cosby’s; it looks like the United Nations – different faces, strengths, weaknesses, talents and perspectives.

I’ve developed some “Leadership Commandments” along my bumpy journey. They’ve served me well and kept me on the straight and narrow. Here’s my top ten:

1. Get to know your people, and take care of them.
2. Listen to your people, and learn from them.
3. Be fair, honest and consistent.
4. Stand tall and take responsibility when you screw up, then fix it.
5. Thank the invisible people; they’re the unsung heroes.
6. Concentrate on performance, not just results.
7. Be emotional, vulnerable and human – they’ll love you for it.
8. NEVER forget where you came from.
9. Be bold, take chances and make mistakes – lots of them.
10. Destroy your enemies by making them

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Mark Farias, Vandenberg Fire Chief

your allies.

A lot of people miss opportunities because opportunities are often disguised as work. Leaders are the people that grasp opportunity whenever they can. They are the ones that were “at the right place, at the right time.”

Do you know why that is? It’s because they’re always at the right place, all of the time! Luck is a dandy umbrella, but a lousy roof.

We all screw up. There’s not a one of us who hasn’t.

Some of you might be wondering how the hell you made it this far. I know I do.

But the defining moment in screwing up, is taking responsibility. Besides, taking responsibility sounds a lot better than taking blame.

After you screw up and take responsibility, you have to step up to the plate with as much poise and grace as you can muster, and make things right. Why? Because credibility is the gold standard on which the leadership currency is based.

It came to my attention long ago, that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things. They translated their vision into reality. Better yet, they invited their people to stand next to them so they could see this vision for themselves.

Awesome leaders aren’t necessarily the smartest people or the ones that always succeed, but they make a difference in either profound or subtle ways. They make a difference where it matters most, in the lives of their people.

Leaders have to have the courage to stand-alone, the courage to make tough decisions, the courage to listen and the courage to admit mistakes. But remember, courage doesn’t always roar, it’s the quiet voice at the end of the day saying – I will try again tomorrow.

Commander's
Action Line



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

teammates a pat on the back. I appreciate your input, and I am personally involved in every response.

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

Thanks for helping to make Vandenberg such a great place to work and live. When calling the action line, please leave your name and phone number in case more information is needed.

Way to go TRANS!

In response to customer concerns, the 30th Transportation Squadron has contracted with the school bus provider, American Star, to put a fourth bus into service for children living in Main Base Housing.

This action was taken in response to concerns from parents about safety and overcrowding on the school buses that take the children to Vandenberg Middle School and Los Padres Elementary School.

The fourth bus began operations Sept. 16. More than 400 students are registered with American Star and use the service.

The transportation squadron appreciated the input from Team V’s parents. They are dedicated to providing the safest possible transportation for the base’s children.

For questions, comments and concerns, call Tech. Sgt. Andre Killkelley at 606-5255.

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VAFB airmen take oath, become U.S. citizens

By Staff Sgt. Rebecca Bonilla

Editor, Space & Missile Times

■ Who are your state's senators?

What amendments guarantee or address voting rights?

Where does the freedom of speech come from?

These are questions most Americans learn the answers to in high school and quickly forget. But for those vying for the title United States citizen, they're questions that can mean the difference between life in America and a quick ticket back to their homeland.

On Citizenship Day, Sept. 17, two members of Team Vandenberg took their oaths of allegiance and became citizens of the United States of America.

Airman 1st Class Alma Espique, 17th Test Squadron chief of information management, and Senior Airman Pelagio Perez, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron pavements and construction equipment operator, raised their right hands and were sworn in by U.S. Federal District Judge, Honorable Margaret Nagle.

"America does not ask you to forget your culture or your heritage," Nagle said. "But do take your oath seriously."

"Vote," the judge said. "If you fail to vote, you are not fully participating in this democratic society." Registrars were on hand immediately following the ceremony



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. REBECCA BONILLA

(Left to right) Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Anushiravan Sarabakhsh of Iran, Airman 1st Class Alma Espique of the Philippines, and Army Spc. Gerardo Regalado of Honduras take their oaths of allegiance and become U.S. citizens with more than 4,000 others in Los Angeles Sept. 17.

in which more than 4,000 men and women representing 120 countries became citizens of America.

For Airman 1st Class Alma Espique, the

journey to citizenship began in November 2001. As a 16-year-old, Espique came to America from Manila, Philippines in September 1996.

BRIEFS: Self-help opens Tuesday

SUPPORT GROUP NEEDS EXEC

The 30th Support Group is accepting applications for a captain to serve as executive officer for the 30th Mission Support Group. The executive officer is responsible for leading a group command section administration support staff serving more than 1,700 military and civilian personnel. Call Capt. Joe Battle, 606-8700, to apply.

MEDICAL GROUP CLOSES SHORT TERM

The 30th Medical Group closes at noon Oct. 23 for an official function. The Clinic will re-open Oct. 24 during normal duty hours.

LEGAL EXPANDS SERVICE HOURS

The 30th Space Wing Legal Office provides additional afternoon legal

assistance 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Mondays. During these times attorneys are available for a range of legal issues. Notary services for powers of attorney, affidavits, etc., are also available. Call Tech. Sgt. Yvonne Prince, 605-6220.

UNIT MASS ISSUES ID CARDS

Mass issue of the new AF ID card, the common access card, takes place Nov. 8 - Dec. 13. MPF customer service will issue cards beginning Thursday for those with expired cards only. Call 2nd Lt. Amy Garrett, 606-2276, with questions.

SELF-HELP CLOSES FOR YEAR END

The 30th Civil Engineer Squadron family housing self-help store is closed through Oct. 1.

VAFB Fire Dept. puts blaze on National Fire Prevention Week

By James McLean

Vandenberg Fire Prevention

■ National Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 5 - 12. President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the first National Fire Prevention Week in October 1925.

National Fire Prevention Week has its roots in the great Chicago Fire, which occurred Oct. 9, 1871. This tragic conflagration killed some 300 people, left 100,000 homeless and destroyed more than 17,000 structures.

The origin of the fire has generated speculation since its occurrence, with fact and fiction becoming blurred over the years.

One popular legend has it that Mrs. O'Leary was milking her cow when the animal kicked over a lamp, setting the O'Leary barn on fire and starting the spectacular blaze.

However the massive fire began, it swiftly took its toll, burning more than 2000 acres in 27

hours. The city quickly rebuilt, however, and within a couple of years residents began celebrating their successful restoration and memorializing the anniversary of the fire with festivities.

Intending to observe the fire's anniversary with a more serious commemoration, the Fire Marshals Association of North America, decided that the 40th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire should be observed not with festivities, but in a way that would keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention.

When President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the first National Fire Prevention Week, he noted that in the previous year some 15,000 lives were lost to fire in the United States.

Calling the loss startling, President Coolidge's proclamation stated, "This waste results from the conditions which justify a sense of shame and horror; for the

greater part of it could and ought to be prevented... It is highly desirable that every effort be made to reform the conditions which have made possible so vast a destruction of the national wealth".

The National Fire Protection Association continues today to make National Fire Prevention Week a priority and counts on the participation and efforts of tens of thousands of fire and safety professionals, emergency volunteers, and other individuals working to reduce the risk of fire and the toll it takes on society.

The Vandenberg Fire Department is planning several activities throughout the week to spotlight the critical need for prevention and practice throughout the year.

There will be a poster contest held at Los Padres and Crestview Elementary Schools. Winners from each grade will receive prizes and the overall winning school will take home a trophy.

There will be a parade through housing starting at 5 p.m. Oct. 8. The parade route will cover portions of the following streets: Ocean View, Korina, Aspen, Laurel, Utah, Juniper, Mountain View, Mulberry, and Willow. Not all portions of every street will be covered. Smokey the Bear, Sparky the fire dog, and McGruff the crime dog will be on the scene.

The week culminates with Fire Prevention Day Oct. 12.

Activities for the day include adult CPR classes including certification, first Aid, safety awareness, fire extinguisher demonstrations, auto extrication demonstrations, and the home safety trailer.

The Vandenberg Fire Department and the American Red Cross are sponsoring this event at building 860, the Hotshots crew quarters, on south base.

For information or to sign up for CPR classes, call Ned Payne or Matt Osborne at 605-3334.



Team Vandenberg Spotlight T.V. Phillips 30th Security Forces Squadron

PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS KARA MCCORMICK

Duty: 30th SFS volunteer game warden
Time on Vandenberg: 6 years
Time in Service: 28 years
Hobbies: hunting and fishing

Favorite part of the job: the friendships he's forged with the hunters and fishermen over the years.
Supervisor's Comments: "Six years ago, Phil volunteered to open the check station when hours had to be reduced because of manning," said Tech. Sgt. Chris Gilderson, 30th SFS. "He's been volunteering with us ever since and he's an outstanding representative of the 30th Security Forces Squadron. He's a great person to welcome the new hunters and fishermen to Vandenberg."

Vandenberg club membership pays

By John Olson

30th Services Squadron marketing

■ Proving that membership pays, Air Force Clubs are giving away a plethora of electronic entertainment equipment in the Electrified Membership Drive. Sign-up during the drive and pay zero dues until Jan 03. Also receive zero interest for six months!

New and current club members across the Air Force will become eligible to receive gifts like Plasma and flat screen televisions, home theater systems, personal component systems, portable DVD players, MP3 players and more.

During the drive, which began Sept 3 and runs through Dec 20, Air Force Clubs hopes to sign-up 10,000 new members. All will be eligible for prizes that will be given to

scores of people who join any club worldwide. Membership pays for current club members as well since they are automatically entered to win a special set of prizes just for them. Winners will be randomly selected for each prize.

"We always want to recognize existing members," said Josie Cooper, Vandenberg club manager. They are the lifeblood of our clubs. "Plus, they are one of the best forms of endorsement for an evolving club system that offers something for all."

Membership benefits include special discounts on food, entertainment, special functions and chances to win a trip to the Super Bowl, Pro Bowl and a regular season NFL game. Check with the Pacific Coast Club to find out more!

Parents of special needs children have homework before moving

By Rudi Williams

American Forces Press Service

■ WASHINGTON — Parents of children with special needs have homework to do before they move from one base to another.

That's the advice Luz Adriana Martinez gave conferees during a discussion session at the recent 4th annual Military Child Education Coalition conference in San Antonio, Texas.

Martinez knows what she's talking about because she has moved several times with her daughter, also named Luz Adriana, 13, who has mental retardation, insulin-dependent diabetes and impaired vision. Martinez is also a parent education coordinator in the Specialized Training of Military Parents office in Sierra Vista, Ariz., home of Fort Huachuca.

STOMP is a federally funded parent training and information center that assists military families who have children with special education or health needs. STOMP provides individual assistance and information about parental rights and responsibilities in obtaining special education services for their children, whether stateside or overseas.

Parents should take several steps to minimize problems for their disabled children at a new duty station, Martinez said. However, she added, the necessary steps depend on whether the child has medical or education needs or both. Using her daughter's conditions as an example, she said her family needed a combination of educational and medical assistance.

Parents should start checking on services at a new duty station as soon as they receive orders to move, Martinez emphasized. In her own case, she had to take several steps when she and her family, Army Maj.

Erasmus "Tito" Martinez and daughters, Luz, and Brenda, 11, received orders to move from Fort Hood, Texas, to Fort Huachuca.

She contacted the Sierra Vista school district and told officials about her daughter's condition. Then she sent the school a copy of her daughter's individualized education plan to show what she'd been doing in school so far.

Martinez asked questions: "What do we need to do when we get there — re-evaluate my child?" "Will you be able to offer the same services?" "What services are available in your school district for a child that has my daughter's needs?"

Satisfied with the school's responses, Martinez called the Fort Huachuca hospital to inquire about medical services. She told the hospital representatives that young Luz's doctor at Fort Hood said she needs to see a pediatrician and an endocrinologist every three months.

"Usually, military installations don't have such a level of specialties," she noted. But they said services would be available about 75 miles away.

She asked if the hospital dispensed such supplies as insulin and syringes for diabetics. "They said, yes, and that TRICARE has contracted with local pharmacies for reduced co-sharing payments on brand-name medication or a minimal payment on generic medicine," Martinez said.

She asked who her daughter's attending doctor would be and then called him to discuss her daughter's medical needs.

"Parents have to be proactive," said Martinez, who arrived at Fort Huachuca in June 2001.

One of the easiest and fastest ways to get assis-

tance is to contact STOMP before moving, Martinez noted.

"We can put newly arrived parents in contact with parents who are already at the installation who have children with special needs," she said. "We can also put you in contact with the local parent, training and information center, which all states have."

The center teaches parents how to be better advocates for their children, Martinez said. Plus, the center's staff knows about such local resources as health and human services, how to apply for supplemental security income, how to apply for Medicare and other services.

"We don't have any staff overseas, but we work with parents ... who are overseas," Martinez noted. "We also work with military medical facilities overseas, especially the Exceptional Family Member Program."

For more information, she said parents should contact the STOMP Web site at www.washingtonpave.org/stomp.html. Parents and professionals can also join STOMP's e-mail subscriber list by sending a blank e-mail to STOMP-subscribe@topica.com. The toll-free number for STOMP headquarters is 1-800-5PARENT.

"We'll come to the installations and do workshops," Martinez noted. "We also have a yearly conference where we have teams of parent professionals and a local school person come and learn laws, regulations and have intense training on special education."

Installation officials interested in hosting a workshop can call 1-800- 5PARENT or call collect 1-253-565-2266 from anywhere in the world.

ALCON: Bravo

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

Days since last DUI: **5**

DUI totals for the Year: **24**

Saves by AADD: **48**

Operations Group	0
Logistics Group	3
Support Group	8
Medical Group	0
30th Space Wing Staff	1
14th Air Force	0
381st Training Group	2
576th Flight Test Squadron	2
Detachment 9	1
Others	7

SPACE & MISSILE SPORTS



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS KARA MCCORMICK

Kade Hudluman dribbles the ball as Ashely Guiles (left) and William Valentine look on.

Teamwork shows in youth soccer

BY COACH MCKINNEY
30th Space Wing Command Section superintendent

It is often said that in order to have a great TEAM, players and coaches need to be in harmony or "on the same page." Players and coaches alike must subordinate themselves for everyone to experience team and personal success. I couldn't agree more!

However, I saw a different kind of teamwork this past Saturday. It was the kind of teamwork that extends far beyond the field or the court, and always has a much more significant outcome. Players and coaches play only a small part in this type of teamwork. An odd statement coming from a coach to be sure, but let me make my case.

The event from Saturday, which had such a profound affect on me, was the opening of the 2002 Vandenberg AFB Youth Soccer League season.

As I drove up to the youth field complex to cover a "sports story," I found considerably more than that. I knew immediately that this event, the opening ceremony, must be a big occasion. Turns out I was right. I love being right! The parking lot was full, as was the curb leading up to it. In my mind I'm thinking, "Okay, there must be some celebrity at the ceremony." On this one I was wrong ... and yes, I hate being wrong!

Walking through the newly shed leaves and gravel, working my way to the large crowd in the distance, there was a lot of cheering and the unmistakable air of excitement.

As I looked ahead I soon noticed many people who looked far too big to be youth league players. There were also a lot of strollers and little kids that looked as if they could still be in strollers. And then there were the players.

Each one wearing brightly colored uniforms, which are usually part of great pageantry. Add all these ingredients together and you have the making of that other teamwork.

What I learned Saturday was that the youth soccer league on Vandenberg is all about family and teamwork. No superstars here—just plenty of teamwork.

The 2002 season promises to be full of great action and provide quality memories for every member of the team. Each of the volunteer commissioners, Sam McPherson, Crystal Shaeffer, and Amy Haskell had excitement written all over their faces as they restated the opening comments of 30th Services Squadron Commander Maj. Thomas Reppart.

"We have 34 teams and 319

All over the field, the scene was the same, with mothers, fathers, and siblings supporting their players. There was an NCO serving as a coach, as was the spouse of a group commander. In this military environment known as an Air Force base, rank didn't seem to matter much. Case-in-point, a little boy flat on his stomach in a comfortable position in the middle of the field while the game was on time-out ... how refreshing!

I watched much of the last world cup and honestly, I don't recall seeing anything quite like that on my television.

Don't get me wrong, there were some very talented kids running around on those fields. A powerful kick here, strong defensive tackle there, and collisions everywhere, the kids were doing their best.

The final score—I'm sure someone knows, but that seemed to have little meaning to most who were on-hand.

The little boys and little girls were having fun and the families here on Vandenberg were the real winners.

How important is this league that is not playing for world prominence or a beautiful gold statue? Just ask the two fathers who arrived home from remote assignments on Friday in time to watch their son's first game. You could have asked the father who shouted instruction and encouragement to his daughter making save after save in goal. Quiz commissioner Haskell as she sits in the stands cheering on her son, waiting for her husband to coach his team.

Each game is played in four 12-minute quarters over a 9-week season. The games kicked-off at 10 a.m. and were scheduled through 4 p.m. I think it's safe to say that each of those 48minute sessions, were the highlight of each individual's week ... and I'm not just talking about the players.

We often find it easy to get caught up in our daily activity and "serious" events occurring all around the world. But for a short time, on this Saturday morning and on similar Saturday mornings over the course of the next couple of months, many great TEAMS will be on display. These families will prove to us time and again that teamwork wins out every time.

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players," Shaeffer said.

"That's a 30 percent increase in the number of players we had from last year," McPherson added.

"I like soccer, this is going to be a lot of fun," commented one player, a 7-year veteran of youth league soccer, Chase Williams.

In the initial game of the new season, the under-10 age group took the field when the Roadrunners took on the Razors.

I quickly realized that I wasn't watching the U.S. national team or the world-renowned Brazilian World Cup championship team, although they do, as commissioner Haskell stated, "play under modified FIFA (world governing body of international soccer) rules."

What I did see was the Van Prooyen team helping the Razors to do their best. Dad was coaching, Mom was the supportive cheerleader, and Tyler was out on the field, each giving all they had for their team.

Tyler scored the first goal of the season for the Razors, assisted on the play by Kory Skrudland. Also in the game, Daniel Johnson and Alexander Holcomb literally shared a goal as they both kicked the ball at the same moment to score for the Roadrunners. Now that's teamwork in every sense of the word.

Two members of Team Vandenberg to run for



TNT

(Left to right) 1st Lt. Tanya Dutton and Capt. Shelly Nentwig will run in a Portland, Ore. Marathon Oct. 6 to raise awareness for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

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BY COACH MCKINNEY
30th Space Wing Command Section superintendent

Capt. Shelly Nentwig of the 392nd Training Squadron and 1st Lt. Tanya Dutton of the 576th Flight Test Squadron have taken "excellence in all we do" to heart ... literally. These two members of Team Vandenberg have put their whole heart into a cause that's both worthwhile and worthy of much needed heightened awareness. The cause is that of the "Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team in Training."

"TNT is the world's largest endurance sports training program," Nentwig said. Since the end of April of this year, she and Dutton have been in training to compete in their first marathon. They'll travel to Portland, Ore. to compete in the Portland Marathon Oct. 6.

"The purpose of the 26.2 mile marathon is to raise awareness and funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society," Dutton said. "Every runner is required to raise \$2,600 in order to compete in the race," the lieutenant added. Both runners also pointed out that each runner wears bracelets with the name of Leukemia and Lymphoma patients, who're known as "honored teammates."

Running in a marathon is something that thousands of individuals engage in all over the world. But what makes this event special is the fact that neither Nentwig nor Dutton was even interested in running before they found out about this society and its cause.

When asked how they came to be marathoners in training, Nentwig said, "I received a flyer in the mail regarding TNT. After reading a little about it, I decided to look into it a bit more. Investigating a little more, we found out that there was a TNT running group in Santa Barbara. If we wanted to do it, they had a team and a coach to help us get started."

The idea behind TNT is to provide a starting point for people with an interest in marathons, cycling (Century Club), or triathlons.

Dutton said that, "the group in Santa Barbara has about 25 runners and a coach. They're a support group that teaches you the basics of

marathon running. They teach you how to train, how to eat and hydrate properly while training and racing, as well as showing that it can be done. When we were in San Luis Obispo, we met a 75 year-old woman who is about to compete in her fourth marathon. There is a huge range in age!"

Both officers had positive reports to give on the support they're receiving at home here. "Many of the folks in my unit are full of encouragement, especially flight commanders and such," Nentwig said. Dutton echoed those sentiments. Two of their fellow airmen have also decided to get into running and are now training.

"The biggest question I get is, 'how do you have that much time to train?' and the answer is, 'it really doesn't take that much time,'" Dutton said. "The hard part is getting up, but once you're up and get going, the 30 minutes go by fast. After I'm done and showered, it seems like I have a great deal of energy to make it through the day," the lieutenant said.

The captain and lieutenant have great attitudes about what they're doing.

"My goal is to complete the run without any immediate need for medical attention," Dutton said keeping it all in perspective.

They've outlined their training regimen and taken a methodical approach it.

"We started off going on 15 minute runs," Dutton explained. "We progressed through 30 and on up to 90-minute runs. At the end of our major training we did a 3.5-hour run. Added in was some cross training and a lot of learning," she said. "Our goal is to raise awareness and some funds, but we also want to say that anyone can do this, especially if we can."

Anyone interested in running or helping the cause of Leukemia and Lymphoma research can contact Nentwig at 606-0318, Dutton at 606-0186 or go to either of the Web sites, www.teamintraining.org or www.leukemia-lymphoma.org.

"We always talk about being part of 'Team Vandenberg,'" Nentwig said. "So if anyone has someone they would like us to run on behalf of, just let us know."

Softball standings

Women's Scores from Sept. 20

30 SVS	1
30 CS	18
30 SFS	18
Det 9	5

Standings

SFS	3	0
Comm	2	1
576 FLTS	2	1
Det 9	1	2
SVS	1	2

Wednesday's Over 30 scores

Det 9	16	Standings	Det 9	6	1
30 SFS	14		NRO	5	1
TRANS		576 FLTS	3	2	
614th SOPS forfeited		30 SFS	4	3	
576th FLTS	21	TRANS	2	4	
30 COMM	17	614 SOPS	2	5	
		30 CS	2	5	

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FEATURES

Destinations Central Coast @ Olde Towne Market

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

As a newcomer to the Central Coast, I often wonder what there is to do around here. I found that a nice evening out is closer than I thought it would be.

"Get dressed, we're going out," I told my husband when I got home from work. We headed out to downtown Lompoc for their biweekly "Olde Towne Market," not knowing what to expect.

At the end of H Street, barricades and tents indicated that we'd found the market. We snagged a free parking space and walked the half block to the action.

"Smells good out here," my husband remarked as he eyed the row of barbecue smoke pits. "I wonder if they have tri-tip."

He didn't have to go far to find the answer to his question. Ribs, kebabs, tri-tip, hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage, funnel cakes, soda, and cupcakes made our stomachs rumble.

We started out intending to walk around awhile and take in the sights and sounds of the market, but a tent selling tri-tip barbecue sandwiches ambushed us.

We ordered two sandwiches and sat down on a marquee to eat.

Children giggled and shrieked in a large bounce castle behind us. A few minutes into our meal, two-year-old Sophia Martinez sat down next to us.



A local high school band, Escapist, plays covers of rock songs at the Olde Towne Market in Lompoc Sept. 20. The market is held every other Friday from 5 to 7 p.m.



PHOTO BY 2ND LT. JENNIFER WHITAKER

Local booster clubs raise money with food booths at the market. The Vandenberg Top 3 sells funnel cakes for \$3.

in downtown Lompoc. "It's a neat addition to the community and something good for the kids to do."

Iveland and business partner Julie Biolley bought the 1894 Rudolph Building with the vision of turning it into a coffee house with a small town feel.

After six months of restoration, the old mercantile was ready for the public. The grand opening took place September 17, 1994.

Though many locals thought they were crazy, they wanted to revive the old town.

"Lompoc is the kind of town where families go back to way before this was even California. It feels like slow motion after living in L.A., but it's really a great place," Iveland said.

South Side offers everything from espresso and chai tea to soup, quiche, and pastries.

Local musicians take the stage every Friday and Saturday night, and each Thursday is film club night.

If you're planning to go to the Olde Towne Market, make sure to bring your appetite, some cash, and a light jacket.

The street festival takes place every other Friday evening from 5-7:30 p.m.

South Side Coffee Co. is open Monday - Thursday from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Downtown Lompoc has more to offer than I once thought—good food, good people, and good family fun.

Community Calendar

27
FRI

Performance Poetry Writer's Night Series - 7 - 8:30 p.m. today at Allan Hancock College. Poet Wanda Coleman opens the event in the building C forum on the Santa Maria Campus. Recommended for mature audiences due to strong language. To preregister, call (805) 922-6966.

Kids on the Move workshop - 3 p.m. today at the Family Support Center for children ages 6 - 11. Register early at 606-0801.

American Sign Language Skill Builder - Today, Saturday and Nov. 1 - 2. The class is offered through Allan Hancock College's community education program. Cost is \$40.

Children's Center openings for 3 and 4 year olds - noon - 4 p.m. Tuesday - Friday at Allan Hancock College Children's Center in Santa Maria. Program focuses on kindergarten readiness and socialization. Call Kitty Young, (805) 922-6966 Ext. 3569.

Volunteer needed - The Vandenberg Food Pantry needs a volunteer for a 50-hour-per-

week position. The position entails stocking, keeping inventory, and distributing food via scheduled appointments. Call Sally Galligan, 606-0039.

Tax volunteers - The American Association of Retired Persons needs volunteers to prepare tax returns. Volunteers receive free IRS-certified tax training. Call (888) 227-7669.

Santa Barbara trolley tours - 90 minutes, 10, 11:30 a.m.; 1, 2:30, 4 p.m. Call (805) 965-0353.

One-on-One marriage enrichment counseling - Call the family support center, 606-9958.

Military care packages - the family support center staff is accepting donations to support deployed troops. Call Master Sgt. Jamie Lopez, 605-8553, for details.

27
FRI
Twilight beach horseback rides - at Pacific Dunes Ranch in Oceano. Call (805) 489-8100 for trail rides and boarding. Beginners are welcome.

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

Several vendors from organizations in the Lompoc community sold products to raise money for their groups.

A band made up of local high schoolers played covers of popular rock songs while a small crowd of loyal supporters cheered them on.

After taking in the sights, sounds, and smells of the street fair, my husband and I wandered

into the South Side Coffee Co.

Decorated with art from local artists and out-of-commission high school marching band instruments, the coffee shop oozes with local charm.

And they make a killer Caramel latte, better than any I've had from that well-known Seattle chain.

"It's a lot of fun," said owner Estelle Iveland of her coffee shop

27
FRI
"The Nerd" - Presented by The Lompoc Civic Theater plays weekends through Oct. 6 at the Lompoc Civic Auditorium. Show times are: 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Purchase tickets at the Vandenberg Services Center, Longs Drugs and Baker's Square.

28
SAT
Mustang Waterslides - 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. This is the last weekend until May 2003. For directions, visit www.mustang-waterslides.com.

23
MON
Jiu-Jitsu self-defense classes - 7-9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Unified Center for Martial Arts, 1766 S. Broadway in Santa Maria. Call (805) 934-2158.

Relaxation Room - 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday - Friday at the Health and Wellness Center. Call 606-2221.

23
MON
Indoor cycling classes - 6 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; noon Fridays; 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays; and 8 a.m. Saturdays in the services center.

23
MON
Self-defense workshop - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays for women and girls 12 years and older at the North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center. Call 736-8535.

24
TUE
Financial Basics - 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Family Support Center. The class teaches financial management basics including checkbook maintenance, credit spending, choosing a financial institution, credit pitfalls, decoding financial terminology and making paydays count. Call Jimmy Camacho, 606-4491.

24
TUE
Testing times change - Tuesday at the base education center for CLEP, DANTES and PME testing. New test times are as follows: 1 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 8 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call the education office, 605-5900.

24
TUE
Box aerobics classes - noon Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. Saturdays. Call 606-7979.

Pre-separation Briefing - 8 a.m. Tuesday in the family support center. This is a required briefing at least 90 days prior to leaving the service.

25
WED
Around the house bingo - 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Pacific Coast Club. The Vandenberg Spouses Club is accepting membership applications at the event.

AL-ANON - 7 - 8 p.m. Wednesdays at the family support center. Call 734-0784.

Chief's Group Golf Tournament - 11:30 a.m. registration, 12:30 p.m. shotgun start Oct. 4 at Marshallia Ranch Golf Course. The entry fee is \$20 plus greens fees. Make reservations by Wednesday with Chief Master Sgt. Phil Cope, 606-9567 or Master Sgt. Tom Seward, 605-7220.

Cinema Under the Stars - 6:30 p.m. Oct. 4 and 18 behind the fine arts building at the Allan Hancock College Santa Maria Campus. The movie Oct. 4 is "Breakfast at Tiffany's." Oct. 18

the movie is the Alfred Hitchcock thriller, "Notorious." Call (805) 922-6966 to register. Recommended for those 18 years and older.

5
SAT
Grapes and Grains Festival - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Oct. 5 at Santa Maria's Historic Civic Center. Order tasting tickets at (800) 331-3779 Ext. 814. Tickets are \$20 per person at the door or \$15 in advance.

7
MON
Introduction to disaster services class - 6 - 9:30 p.m. Oct. 7 at the American Red Cross Lompoc District Office, 312 North H Street. The class is free and designed to prepare people to participate as volunteers in disaster relief operations. Call 736-5110 to register.

8
TUE
Single parents support group - 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Oct. 8 in the services center. Call 606-9958.

9
WED
Mass care overview - 6 - 9:30 p.m. Oct. 9 at the American Red Cross Lompoc District Office, 312 North H Street. The class is free and designed to prepare people to participate as volunteers in disaster relief operations. Call 736-5110 to register.

Chapel Notes

EVENTS

- ♦ **Parish potluck** - following 5 p.m. service Saturday in the Chapel 1 Annex.
- ♦ **Combined worship service** - 11:30 a.m. Sunday in Chapel 1. The Protestant Women of the Chapel will lead the service. A fellowship luncheon follows.
- ♦ **G.I. Java coffeehouse** - open 5 - 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday in the Delta Dormitory. To volunteer, call Staff Sgt. William Spencer, 606-5773.
- ♦ **Vandenberg food pantry drive** - first weekend of each month. Call 606-5773.
- ♦ **Weekly Prayer Focus** - The chapel staff will pray this week for those who are currently TDY and for their families.
- ♦ For information on other chapel activities and religious denominations, call 606-5773.

PROTESTANT

- ♦ **Chapel Community Night** - 5:30 - 7 p.m. Sundays in the religious education classrooms.
- ♦ **Brothers and Sisters in Christ** - 5:30 - 7 p.m. Sundays in the religious education classrooms. Call Jill Hembroff, 734-1360.
- ♦ **Women's Evening Study** - Call Julie Wittkowski, 734-3788.
- ♦ **The new apologetics Bible study group** - 7 p.m. Monday in the REA building.
- ♦ **Protestant adult and youth Bible study** - 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Chapel 1 Annex. Call Tech. Sgt. Mark McKinney, 605-7564.
- ♦ **Men's weekly Bible study** - 6 p.m. Wednesdays in the Breakers Dining Facility. Call 606-5773.
- ♦ **The Vandenberg AFB Officers' Christian Fellowship** - 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Call Christy Keana, 734-0696.

WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

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

- ♦ Protestant Women of the Chapel **beginner quilting classes** - 10 a.m. Thursday in the Chapel 1 annex. Call Lucille McLain, 733-2630.
- ♦ **Women's Saturday morning bible study** - 10 a.m. third Saturday of the month in the religious education admin building. Call Genette Howard, 734-1693.

CATHOLIC

- ♦ **New Bible study group** - 7 p.m. Mondays in the religious education administration building. Call Deborah Cotey, 734-4202.
- ♦ **Fellowship Thursdays** - 7 p.m. Thursdays in the religious education administration building. Call Deborah Cotey, 734-4202.
- ♦ **CCD classes are underway** - 8:30 a.m. Sundays in the religious education administration building. Call 606-5773 to sign up.

At The Movies

All movies start at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

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