

Base Briefs

BOGUS WEBSITE

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service advises airmen of a bogus myPay Web site at www.mypay.com. When personal information is loaded into the system, it can be connected to commercial loan vendors. The official myPay Web site is <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.asp>.

GATE CLOSURE

The Solvang Gate is closed through Jan. 19. The gate is closed while civil engineers complete construction on the 13th Street Bridge. Call the 30th Security Forces Squadron at 605-2585 with questions.

GATE OPENINGS

The Santa Maria, Lompoc and Timber Lane Gates are open 24 hours. The Utah Gate is open from 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. The Titan Gate is open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

TRANSLATOR NEEDED

The 30th Space Wing Public Affairs office seeks a person who speaks fluent Romanian and can translate for a tour group visiting Oct. 20. Those qualified can call Jack Hokanson at 606-5814.

TOUR GUIDES

The 30th Space Wing Public Affairs office seeks company grade officers and NCOs to conduct base tours for visiting groups. The duty requires some advanced training and orientation, but would only take short periods of time from regular duties. Volunteers are needed by Oct. 10. To sign up or for more information call Jack Hokanson at 606-3595.

NEW OFFICE HOURS

The 30th Comptroller Squadron customer service section has new office hours.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

30th CPTS is closed Wednesdays from 8 to 10 a.m.

OSI RECRUITING

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations is recruiting new agents in grades E-4 through E-7 with less than 12 years total active federal military service. First term airmen must be within their retraining window in order to apply. A cross-flow board is scheduled for November 2003 for active duty officers in the grades of O-1 through O-3. Call special agent Casey Fitzpatrick at 606-1852 for more information.

START ESCORTS

The 30th Space Wing Treaties office needs airmen, staff sergeant and above, to act as escorts during START inspections. Training includes one hour in class and one practical demonstration. Volunteers must be available for approximately two days at a time. Call 606-8727 to sign up.

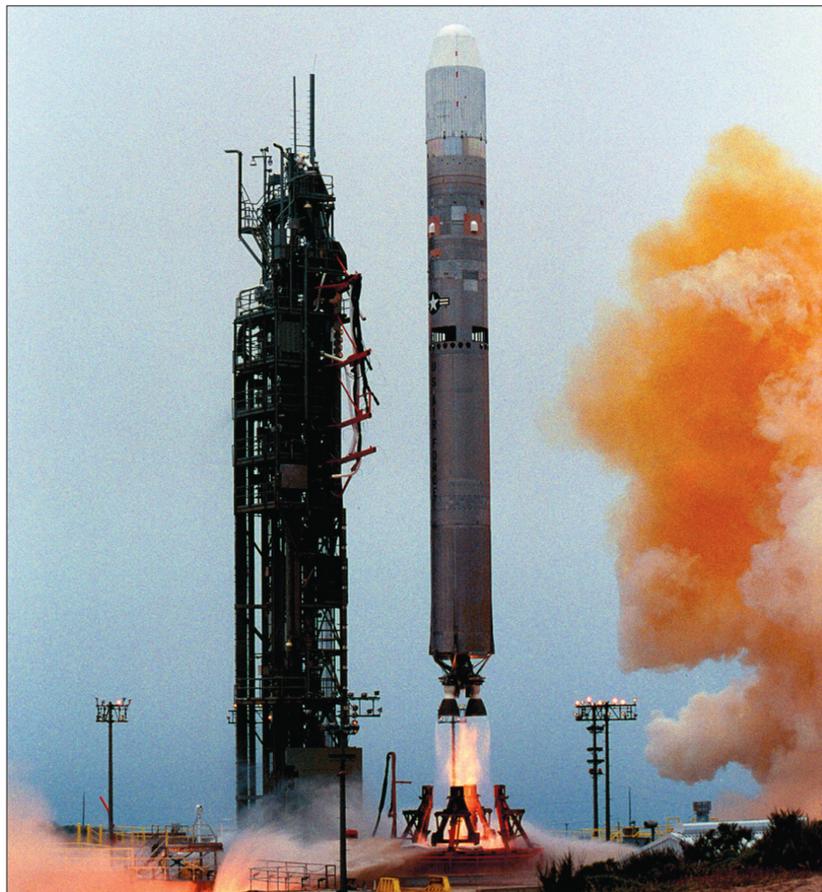


PHOTO BY BILL HARTENSTEIN

A Titan II rocket lifts off from Space Launch Complex 4-west May 21, 2002.

Titan II set to launch

By 1ST LT. MICHELLE MAYO

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

The Titan II rocket standing on the pad at Space Launch Complex-4 West is ready to make history as the last Titan II ever to be launched from Vandenberg AFB.

The launch is set for Oct. 15

between 9:17 and 9:27 a.m.

The rocket will carry a 4,200-pound Defense Meteorological Satellite Program satellite into Low Earth Orbit approximately 458 nautical miles above the Earth.

The DMSP satellite constellation monitors the Earth's

atmosphere and oceans providing nearly complete coverage of global cloud distribution every six hours.

This is not the first time for this mission to make history.

This Titan II space booster has been stacked, de-stacked, and restacked an unpre-

cedented three times.

The first attempt to launch G-9 was in January 2001. The launch was scrubbed because of problems with the booster and satellite. The rocket sat on the pad for a year, before it was finally de-stacked to make room for another launch.

"The G-9 de-stack was a historical event in itself, in that it was the first time in the 13 years of the program that a launch-ready Titan II was de-fueled and de-erected, said 2nd Lt. Deshawn Fogle, 2nd Space Launch Squadron.

Seven days after the successful launch of the Titan II G-14 mission in June 2001, G-9 was back on the pad preparing for an October 2002 launch.

But the mission was again plagued with equipment problems and once again G-9 was de-stacked to make room for another launch, which successfully flew out of Vandenberg in January 2002.

Today the 2nd SLS is confident that the Titan II G-9 mission is on the pad for the third and last time.

"Spacecraft fueling operations are complete and we're ready to go," said Capt. Ram Riojas, 2nd SLS operations support flight commander.

"This is the final chapter in the story of the fabled Titan II rocket," said Col. David Thompson, 2nd SLS commander. "When G-9 launches on October 15, it will be riding a column of fire and blazing into history."

People with base access can view the launch from the parking lot behind building 6510 on 13th Street. People without base access can view the launch from the water tower in the former base mobile home park on Azalea Lane off of Highway 101. Public address systems will be set up at both locations to broadcast the launch countdown.

Airmen ready base for weekend protest

By MAJ. STACEE N. BAKO

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Base personnel may be diverted to alternate gates if demonstrators for the International Day of Protest to Stop the Militarization of Space block the Santa Maria Gate Saturday.

Protestors from the Vandenberg Action Coalition plan to stage a nonviolent protest at the main gate here from 1 to 4 p.m. Should the group block the road, base traffic will be re-routed to the Utah or Lompoc Gates for base access.

The group is conducting the protest as part of a week-long, worldwide action entitled "Keep Space for Peace." According to the group's Web site, their goal is to encourage the redirection of funding to alternative energy sources, like windmills instead of continued funding of the Missile Defense Program.

Demonstrators are allowed to park in the Vandenberg Middle School parking lot and to protest in the areas designated by snow fencing put up by the 30th Civil Engineer Squadron.

The 30th Security Forces Squadron patrols ensure no laws are broken during the protest and will be on hand to detain trespassers if required.

Suspicious activities should be reported to the Security Forces Control Center at 606-3911. For more information on protest advisories, visit the Web at www.vandenberg.af.mil.

Project Good Neighbor supports Team V

By STAFF SGT. REBECCA DANÉT

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

How does a parent look into a child's wide eyes and tell them Santa didn't have enough money for presents this year? With an ever-rising cost of living and the holiday's coming quickly that scenario can easily become reality, even at Vandenberg.

To combat the stress of overly tight holiday budgets, the Vandenberg First Sergeant's Council manages Project Good Neighbor, a program that provides financial assistance to families in need. Through the program, first sergeants provide holiday food baskets, monetary grants, interest-free loans and food vouchers, said Master Sgt. Dennis Wingett, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron first sergeant.

People in need are identified through their supervisors, Wingett said. They can also go to their first sergeants themselves. Grants are based on the number of children in the family. Last year, the program provided food and grants to about 325 Vandenberg families.

"Some (people) are kind of embarrassed

by it," Wingett said. "Some of them are surprised that their supervisor may have turned their name in. But some of them are just ecstatic that there's somebody there to help them."

Project Good Neighbor doesn't just provide budget relief during the holidays, the first sergeant said.

"We had an individual who wanted to take some classes," Wingett said. "But due to financial binds, they needed a small loan to buy two books." Project Good Neighbor was able to help the airman buy the books he needed to start class and the airman repaid the loan the following payday.

"It's just another means that the base has to allow us to help," Wingett said.

To raise enough money to support the need, the first sergeants hold an annual golf tournament and accept donations year round.

This year's Project Good Neighbor Golf Tournament is set for Oct. 17 with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start at Marshallia Ranch Golf Course. The deadline for entry is Oct. 15

and is limited to the first 128 golfers. The four-person scramble tournament costs \$20 plus greens fees to enter. Senior Master Sgt. Brian Robertson, 381st Training Group first sergeant, is taking sign-ups at 606-9815.

Other sources of income for the project include donations from local businesses, contractors and private organizations. The Vandenberg Commissary supports Project Good Neighbor with vouchers for free turkeys and Vons does the food baskets for about \$11 each, Wingett added.

"Last year the biggest turkey I saw was about a \$20 turkey and it was in an \$11 basket," the first sergeant said. "It's a complete meal, a bag of potatoes, all the vegetables and everything they need to make a pumpkin pie."

Ace Engineering of Lompoc gave the program a check for \$5,000 this year, half of the money the first sergeants hope to raise to support base airmen.

For more information on Project Good Neighbor, call unit first sergeants or Wingett at 606-7358.

Ten airmen receive Article 15 punishment

COMPILED BY STAFF SGT. KEITH EGELSTON

30th Space Wing Legal

Ten Vandenberg airmen received punishment in August and September, under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Their crimes and punishments are as follows:

A senior airman from the 30th Weather Squadron violated Article 111 of the UCMJ, drunken or reckless operation of a vehicle. The airman received a reduction in rank to airman first class.

An airman first class from the 30th Security Forces Squadron violated Article 92 of the UCMJ, dereliction of duty, providing alcohol to a minor. The airman received a suspended reduction in rank to airman, suspended forfeiture of \$250 pay per month for 2 months, 18 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

When a portion of a punishment is suspended, it does not come into affect unless there is a further offense within six months.

An airman first class from the 30th SFS violated Article 113 of the UCMJ, misbehavior of a sentinel, sleeping on post. The airman received a reduction in rank to airman, suspended restriction to base for 30 days, and 18 days extra duty.

A senior airman from the 30th SFS violated Article 113 of the UCMJ, misbehavior of a sentinel, sleeping on post. The airman received a suspended reduction in rank to airman first class, suspended restriction to base for 30 days, and 18 days extra duty.

An airman first class from the 30th SFS violated Article 92 of the UCMJ, dereliction of duty, sleeping on duty. The airman received a reduction in rank to airman, suspended restriction to base for 30 days, and 18 days extra duty.

A senior airman from the 30th Civil Engineer Squadron violated Article 92 of the UCMJ, dereliction of duty, misuse of the government travel card. The airman received

a reduction in rank to airman first class and 14 days extra duty.

An airman from the 30th CES violated Article 92 of the UCMJ, failing to obey a lawful order. The airman received a reduction in rank to airman basic.

A senior airman from the 381st Training Support Squadron violated Article 128 of the UCMJ, simple assault. The airman received a reduction to airman first class and a reprimand.

A senior airman from the 30th Space Wing violated Article 134 of the UCMJ, disorderly on station. The airman received a suspended reduction in rank to airman first class and forfeiture of \$350 pay.

An airman first class from the 30th Space Communications Squadron violated Article 92 of the UCMJ, dereliction of duty, misuse of government travel card. The airman received a suspended reduction in rank to airman, forfeiture of \$250 pay per month for 2 months, and 45 days extra duty.

Base airmen earn 115 promotions

Congratulations to the following Team Vandenberg airmen promoted this month!

AIRMAN

Joseph Fletcher, 30th Security Forces Squadron

Clifton Gillyard, 30th SFS

Jaime Nicolazzi, 30th SFS

Jason Boardman, 532nd Training Squadron

Joseph Brucato, 532nd TRS

Nickolas Falco, 532nd TRS

Trakas Floyd, 532nd TRS

Daniel Lunsford, 532nd TRS

Christopher Petrus, 532nd TRS

Chase Starnes, 532nd TRS

Daniel Turner, 532nd TRS

Jessica Abeyta, Detachment 1, 345th Training Squadron

Kyle Anderson, Det. 1, 345th TRS

Joshua Cash, Det. 1, 345th TRS

Samantha Conley, Det. 1, 345th TRS

Ulysses Cornielle, Det. 1, 345th TRS

Jonathan Danos, Det. 1, 345th TRS

Sallandra Delgado, Det. 1, 345th TRS

Billielee Faber, Det. 1, 345th TRS

Zackary Fenton, Det. 1, 345th TRS

Dylan Johnston, Det. 1, 345th TRS

Christopher Lentz, Det. 1, 345th TRS

Brian Meyer, Det. 1, 345th TRS

Drew Musselman, Det. 1, 345th TRS

Owen Parker, Det. 1, 345th TRS

Stephen Phillips, Det. 1, 345th TRS

Patrick Rayell, Det. 1, 345th TRS

Timothy Reed, Det. 1, 345th TRS

John Shephard, Det. 1, 345th TRS

Jeffrey Arlin, 534th Training Squadron

Christina Brodhead, 534th TRS

AIRMAN FIRST CLASS

Brandon Carpenter, 532nd TRS

Christina Colvin, 532nd TRS

Remigiusz Czelyny, 532nd TRS

V. E. Ferrer Estrella, 532nd TRS

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The 30th Security Forces Squadron takes its fourth consecutive championship title. See Page A6.



Destinations Central Coast checks out fast-rolling bowling action at Zodo's in Goleta. See Page B1.

Weekend forecast
Morning low clouds and fog. Partly cloudy afternoons
Low/High
53/70
For a full Vandenberg weather report, visit www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather

Fore!



PHOTO BY AIRMAN KURT GIBBONS

Maj. Gen. Michael Hamel, 14th Air Force commander, prepares to tee off in the annual Big V golf tournament Oct. 3. Big V pairs Team Vandenberg airmen with Lompoc residents for a day of golf and camaraderie. This year's event at the Vandenberg Village Country Club boasted more than 80 participants.

This week in history ...

COMPILED BY AIRMAN JUANIKA GLOVER
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

October 5

1877 – Chief Joseph of the Nez Percé Indians surrenders to U.S. General Nelson Miles in the Bear Paw mountains of Montana.

1969 – In an embarrassing breach of the United States' air-defense capability, a Cuban defector enters U.S. air space undetected and lands his Soviet-made MiG-17 at Homestead AFB, Fla., south of Miami. Presidential aircraft, Air Force One, was at the base at the time, waiting to return President Richard Nixon to Washington.

October 6

1683 – The first Mennonites arrive in America encouraged by William Penn's offer of 5,000 acres of land in the colony of Pennsylvania and the freedom to practice their religion. They arrive in America aboard the Concord. They were among the first Germans to settle in the American colonies.

1961 – President John Kennedy, speaking on civil defense, advises American families to build bomb shelters to protect them from atomic fallout in the event of a nuclear exchange with the Soviet Union. He then assured the public the U.S. civil defense program would soon begin providing such protection for Americans.

October 7

1780 – During the American Revolution, Patriot irregulars under Col. William Campbell defeat Tories under Maj. Patrick Ferguson at the Battle of King's Mountain in South Carolina.

1913 – For the first time, Henry Ford's entire Highland Park automobile factory is run on a continuously moving assembly line when the chassis – the automobile's frame – is assembled using the revolutionary industrial technique.

October 8

1919 – The first transcontinental air race in the United States begins, with 63 planes competing in the round-trip aerial derby between California and New York.

1968 – Operation Sealords is launched in the Mekong Delta by U.S. and South Vietnamese forces. The operation was ordered by newly appointed Commander Naval Forces Vietnam, Vice-Admiral Elmo Zumwalt, Jr., who established Task Force 194 to operate along the canals and less-traveled waterways of the Mekong Delta to interdict Viet Cong infiltration routes from Cambodia.

October 9

1864 – Union cavalry in the Shenandoah Valley defeat their Confederate counterparts at Tom's Brook, Va.

1936 – Harnessing the power of the mighty Colorado River, the Hoover Dam begins sending electricity over transmission lines spanning 266 miles of mountains and deserts to run the lights, radios, and stoves of Los Angeles.

October 10

1845 – The United States Naval Academy opens in Annapolis, Md., with 50 midshipmen students and seven professors.

1973 – U.S. vice president Spiro Agnew becomes the first vice president to resign in disgrace. The same day, he pleaded no contest to a charge of federal income tax evasion in exchange for the dropping of charges of political corruption. He was subsequently fined \$10,000, sentenced to three years probation, and disbarred by the Maryland court of appeals.

October 11

1968 – Apollo 7, the first manned Apollo mission, is launched with astronauts Walter Schirra, Jr.; Donn Eisele; and Walter Cunningham aboard. Under the command of Schirra, the crew of Apollo 7 conducted an 11-day orbit of Earth, during which the crew transmitted the first live television broadcasts from orbit. The crew also successfully performed a docking maneuver with a lunar module.

Team Vandenberg Ball Centennial of Flight

Nov. 1 at the Pacific Coast Club
Social hour at 5 p.m.

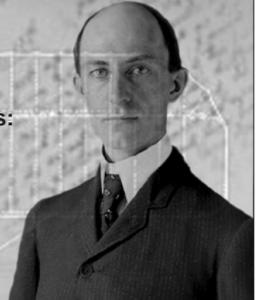
Dinner at 6 p.m.

Dress is mess dress or semi-formal

Tickets on sale now for \$30

See unit representatives for tickets:

30th SW: Senior Airman Kyle Hammock, 606-9961
30th MDG: Staff Sgt. Claudia Driver, 606-1846
30th MSG: Master Sgt. Adrian De Silva, 606-3122
30th SFS: Master Sgt. Wesley Asleson, 605-0549
30th OG: 1st Lt. Anderson Kester, 606-4725
381st TRG: Paulette Taylor, 606-7416
576th FLTS: Staff Sgt. Angela Knowles, 606-0628
Det. 9: Master Sgt. Stephen Hopkins, 606-3230
14th AF: Staff Sgt. Shannon Stromberg, 605-0337



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E-mail your message to
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Identification is not required but a name and phone number help in case more information is needed.



Col. Frank Gallegos commander

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

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

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

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

The action line is always available and it's an excellent tool, but remember to use your chain of command. Talk to your supervisors, first sergeants, services officials and other base professionals and give them a chance to solve your problem first.

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

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

Comment...

Maintain good health for life

By COL. FRANK GALLEGOS
30th Space Wing commander

Being an airman takes a special commitment as our core values indicate. We should all strive for integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do. It's what makes

us members of the best Air Force in the world. To be the best, we need to focus on health issues that affect the readiness of our greatest asset – our human weapons system. There are three things we'll always have; our reputations, our

families and our health, but to get what we want out of these areas we have to work on them and foster them in order to produce the desired results.

Of particular focus in the next few months will be our health and fitness as the Air Force transitions to a new way of

testing our physical fitness. I will not pass by this chance to lead, so I will take the fitness test at the first opportunity in January 2004 along with the command chief.

Health is many things to many people, but the concepts that revolve around it are generally physical, mental, and spiritual well-being.

Without good health, we

would not be ready or able to perform our duties as required. If we don't take care of our bodies and our mental well-being, we will not be focused and prepared for the challenges yet to come.

Overall health is more than just a matter of going to the fitness center a few times a week. It's about getting enough rest, eating right and making sure you take advantage of the preventative health measures that are put in place for you. Keep up with your PHAs, vaccinations, routine checkups and exams. It may mean all the difference in the long run after you retire or separate from the military.

"If we don't take care of our bodies and our mental well-being, we will not be focused and prepared for the challenges yet to come."

But come the new year, you need to be prepared for a new kind of challenge in the fitness test.

Remember that balance between our physical, mental and spiritual well-being is the key to ensuring today's airmen are ready to fight tomorrow.



Hot Shots mark 25 years of service

By MARK FARIAS
Vandenberg Fire Chief

On the morning of Dec. 20, 1977 strong, gusty winds developed throughout Santa Barbara County. Due to the extreme winds a high-voltage power line snapped, igniting a brush fire on the south portion of Vandenberg Air Force Base, the Honda Canyon Fire.

Conditions faced by firefighters were daunting. They were working in rocky, steep mountainous terrain, covered with extremely dense drought-stricken chaparral that hadn't burned in more than 100 years. Additionally, winds were gusting to speeds exceeding 100 mph.

These drastic conditions had never before been experienced by Vandenberg firefighters and would have a tremendously adverse affect on fire suppression efforts. After nearly 24 hours of having tactics dictated by nature, aid came in the form of rain allowing for the fire's containment.

Relief came, but not before four tragic fire fatalities: Base Commander Col. Joseph Turner, Fire Chief Billy Bell, Assistant Fire Chief Eugene Cooper and heavy equipment operator Clarence McCauley.

Investigative conclusions all pointed to the need for an increased level of training and preparedness in wildland firefighting. In 1978, a specially trained cadre of Vandenberg firefighters was formed to improve the wing's wildland

firefighting posture. This precursor to today's Hot Shot crew improved Vandenberg's capability, but proved to have limitations.

In 1980, the University of California under contract to Vandenberg, recommended a multi-year Wildland Fuels Management Plan to reduce the age class of contiguous fuel beds on base. Upon adoption of the university's recommendation, it became clear that conducting the Fuels Management Plan would require additional human resources.

In 1981 the Hot Shot crew was formed for the first time from seasonal overhires, establishing a 20-person crew dedicated to a fuels management program and wildland fire suppression.

Since the horrific Honda Canyon Fire, Vandenberg AFB has experienced many extreme challenges in the form of wildland fires. None had fire conditions more similar than the 2001 Harris Grade Fire.

This 12,000-acre inferno threatened Vandenberg's schools, military family housing, the community's horse stables, mission critical launch facilities and the town of Casmalia. Fire conditions were at their very worst – 900 firefighters fought 100-foot flames for four straight days.

The outcome however, was very different. There were no serious injuries, no fatalities, no memorials to attend. Why? Because the base had learned,

adjusted and simply refused to make the same mistakes again. Vandenberg's firefighters could not have made this journey of evolution without the absolute commitment and support of their leadership - wing, group and squadron commanders.

Since 1981, the Vandenberg Hot Shots have made tremendous improvements to their program. The last few years have been particularly dramatic in evolution. These progressive changes have included gaining permanent funded positions, changing the Hot Shots classification series from laborer to firefighter, acquiring new crew transportation vehicles and a superintendent command and control vehicle, acquiring portable weather stations, purchasing ATV's for tactical backfiring operations and reconnaissance, and converting some Hot Shot firefighter positions to engineer, lieutenant, captain and battalion chief positions. Now, there's a healthy career progression within the Hot Shots.

In 1997 the Hot Shots secured a new crew quarters facility that was completely renovated by the firefighters from the crew and operations.

Today this facility is not only home to the Hot Shots, but also houses the Vandenberg Interagency Fire Training Center. This premier facility hosts on-going fire training courses to fire personnel throughout the western states from December to

May each year. Currently the Vandenberg Hot Shots are the only Hot Shot crew in the Department of Defense. The Hot Shots are often called upon to assist outside agencies with wildfire response requests when not committed to wildfire or prescribed burn projects at Vandenberg AFB. In fact, the last few years have been their busiest. The crew has averaged 30-40 mutual aid requests and responses per year. They have literally been the difference maker to thousands of residents and businesses throughout California – carrying the Air Force banner high.

Despite their uniqueness, members of the Vandenberg Hot Shots continue their commitment to Vandenberg's Fuels Management Program as well as wildfire suppression. This commitment includes constant training and hard work to maintain a highly professional team of individuals, ready to adapt to a wide variety of demands related to wildfire or prescribed fire.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Vandenberg Hot Shots. The team plans to hold an event to bring together young and old who have shared some history with the crew. The event is expected sometime toward the end of fire season 2003. Anyone interested in attending or helping to plan this event should call the Hot Shots at 606-2965, or e-mail them at vandenberg.hotshots@vandenberg.af.mil.

30th Space Wing vectors

Unleash Human talent
Airmen
Wing mission
Knowledge to command the future
Safety

GRAPHIC BY SENIOR AIRMAN BRIAN HILL

ALCON: Normal

A general condition reflecting responsible alcohol use.

Days since last DUI: 20

DUI totals for the year: 13

AADD saves: 257

30th OG	1	14th AF	0
30th MXG	1	381st TRG	2
30th MSG	5	576th FLTS	1
30th MDG	0	Det. 9	1
30th SW	0	Others	2



PHOTO BY AIRMAN KURT GIBBONS

Team Vandenberg Warrior
Staff Sgt. Kelly Williams
30th Operations Group

Hometown: Pittsburgh, Pa.
Time in service: 6 years
Time on station: 2.5 years
Role in mission: I'm a functional system administrator for the 30th Operations Group. I ensure all communication devices within my purview meet or exceed AF standards. I'm also the executive assistant to the deputy commander. I provide him the necessary information used in decision-making.

What do you like best about the Air Force? I enjoy the camaraderie.
If you could change one thing about the Air Force what would it be? I'd change the pay.

How do you fulfill core values? I ensure I give my all to the mission without compromising my integrity.
What's your most exciting

AF experience so far? I got an incentive ride in a KC-135 and watched the boom operator refuel 3 F-16s.
How would you improve life at Vandenberg AFB? I'd open up communication channels between senior base leadership and airmen.
Who is your role model and why? My mom. She's inspired me to always do the best that I can, and to always go after my dreams and goals.

Who is your favorite leader in history and why? George Washington. He was a great leader because he cared more about giving the people a voice than leading.
Favorite book: The Harry Potter series

Hobbies: Spending time with family, horseback riding, and basketball

Meet the New Commander
Lt. Col.
Chan Keith
30th Weather Squadron commander



PHOTO BY AIRMAN KURT GIBBONS

Hometown: Hubert, N.C.
Time in service: 18 years
Recent career history: I was at the Air Force Weather Agency, Offutt AFB, Neb. Before that, I was the wing executive officer and weather flight commander at RAF Mildenhall, England.

Leadership philosophy: Give your personnel the tools they need to get the job done, then watch them excel at accomplishing the mission.
Short-term goals: I'm focused on ensuring the weather squadron is provid-

ing the best launch support it can, and preparing the unit for the upcoming operational readiness inspection.

Personal information: I'm married to Maj. Tracey Keith. We have three dogs.
Hobbies: hiking, camping, skiing and spending time

with family
How do you fulfill core values? Integrity means acting responsibly, and being accountable for my actions; doing the right thing. Service means having faith in leadership and respect for others, putting AF needs above personal desires when required. Excellence means staying focused on timely, accurate weather information services.

What is the most exciting thing that has happened to you during your Air Force career? It's not necessarily most exciting, but one of the most memorable. I deployed to Sarajevo, Bosnia, as the senior weather officer for the multinational peacekeeping force. It was a great feeling to be part of an organization directly helping to bring about peace in a battered country.
Who is your favorite leader in history and why? Winston Churchill. I admire his ability to prepare and focus his nation when their very existence was threatened.

College Football Military Appreciation Night

Allan Hancock vs. Moorpark at Righetti High School Nov. 8 starting at 5 p.m.

Approximately 1,000 active-duty airmen and their families are invited to a free tailgate party and barbecue prior to the game. There will be military

performances pre-game and at half-time. Tickets are required and available from 30th Space Wing Public Affairs. Uniform wear is encouraged.

MyPay looks to shorten lines at finance, increase satisfaction

By AIRMAN JUANIKA GLOVER
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ In an effort to decrease the long waiting period at the finance office and increase customer satisfaction, a new system has been developed that will allow Team V members the chance to handle their financial issues on their own.

The myPay system is an instrument that allows customers to take control of their pay accounts online. Many of the reasons that once brought people into the finance office can now be taken care of in the home or at a workstation computer.

"MyPay is a Web site that people can use to retrieve a copy of their leave and earnings statement, W2s, manage allotments, make address changes, make changes to tax withholdings and so on," said 2nd Lt. Joanne Finan, 30th Comptroller Squadron budget analyst.

The Air Force goal is to have 80 percent usage of the myPay system by January 2004, she said.

"Web based leave and earnings statements and more are now fully functional, but you need a personal identification number to use the service," said Lt. Col. John Coulahan, 30th CPTS commander.

To help reach the 80 percent goal, Finan said Vandenberg comptrollers will hold two myPay PIN drives to get people signed up for an online account. Customer service representatives will also visit each squadron to set up myPay PINs.

People who can't make it to one of the drives or are unavailable when customer service visits their squadrons will also be able to sign up through their orderly rooms, Finan said.

According to a recent article by 2nd Lt. Chuck Widener in Airman Magazine, the myPay system is currently available to National Guardsmen, Reservists, Defense Department civilian employees, retirees and active-duty members.

"With the capability to manage so much, customers are assured that myPay is a secure way to make changes directly to their pay accounts," Widener said.

"Eventually there's not going to be a paper LES or W2. The customer will have to go to the myPay Web site and print one of their own," Finan said.

"I've been using myPay without incident for a year and have turned off my hard copy LES through the myPay Web site," Coulahan said.

Some people who don't have ready access to get online or to a printer may worry they'll be unable to use the myPay system, but there are alternatives.

"People who don't use a computer at work can still use the myPay system," said Master Sgt. Vincent Pfoer, 30th Comptroller Squadron. "They'll still be able to come by the finance office, they can use the system from their home computers or an assigned public use computer at their squadron."

Vandenberg Spouses Club!

Krispy Kreme doughnut sale – Oct. 22 at the base exchange and commissary.
Wine tasting – 6:30 p.m. Oct. 22 at the Pacific Coast Club. Cost is \$10 per person, \$20 per couple. Make reservations with Anneke Cerri at 734-0956 by Oct. 17.



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Crimebeat ...

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30th Security Forces Squadron

■ Oct. 03

Identity theft – 11:52 a.m.

An airman reported an unknown person charged more than \$300 on his personal credit card without his permission and also submitted applications for services he did not request. An incident report was filed.

Property theft – 5:40 p.m.

An airman reported his play station memory card and a DVD movie were stolen from a common area in Agena Dormitory. The property was valued at \$30.

■ Oct. 04

DUI – 4:16 a.m.

Patrolmen suspected a non-base affiliated civilian of driving under the influence of alcohol after stopping her for a traffic violation on Santa Lucia Canyon Road adjacent to Pine Canyon Road. She failed a field sobriety test and her breath alcohol content was .08. She was cited into Federal Court.

Concerned caller – 8:34 a.m.

An anonymous caller reported a toddler and infant were unattended at a home on Ocean View Boulevard. The caller believed the parent was asleep and was concerned for the children's safety due to the untidy condition of the home. An airman was contacted at the home and the quarters were in order. The airman's first sergeant was briefed.

■ Oct. 05

DUI – 3:54 a.m.

Patrolmen suspected a non-base affiliated civilian of driving un-

der the influence of alcohol after stopping him for a traffic violation on Highway 1 adjacent to Mountain View South. After failing a field sobriety test he was released to the California Highway Patrol.

Property damage – 12:50 p.m.

A civilian employee reported damage to a customer's private vehicle in the commissary parking lot. Investigation revealed a retired airman returned to his vehicle after shopping and discovered a passenger window broken. The cause was not determined.

Unruly children – 3:54 p.m.

A civilian employee reported three juveniles harassing customers at Burger King. They were identified and released to their respective parents.

Medical emergency – 7:42 p.m.

A patrolman reported a non-base affiliated civilian approached his police vehicle at Highway 1 and Timber Lane complaining of chest pain. Emergency medical teams responded and transported her to Lompoc Hospital's emergency room.

■ Oct. 06

Domestic assault – 11:35 p.m.

The fire department dispatcher received a report of an assault at a home on Elm Street. Investigation revealed an airman struck his wife in the face after a verbal argument. He was apprehended for assault and battery and released to his first sergeant. The wife was transported to Lompoc Hospital's emergency room. Alcohol was involved.

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Titan II lifts off for last trek into space

ICBM turned space booster makes its final ascent after nearly six decades of service

By MAJ. DAN WETMORE
30th Space Wing Plans and Programs

As the final Titan II rocket streaks skyward Oct. 15, it leaves in its wake a long and varied history spanning 40 years and a transformation from intercontinental ballistic missile to space booster.

The two-stage, liquid-propelled, silo-based Titan II began as a part of the United States' budding ICBM program. ICBMs served on the front lines

of the cold war. Among the quartet of subterranean sentinels that held that duty, including Atlas, Titan, Minuteman and Peacekeeper, the Titan II cast the longest shadow tipped as it was with the largest warhead ever fielded by the

United States, the 9-megaton Mark 6. With an explosive equivalence 600 times that released at Hiroshima and a range of 6,300 statute miles, the Titan II stood watch for nearly a quarter of a century from 1963 to 1987.

The first Titan II ICBM test launch from Vandenberg was Feb. 16, 1963. The missile exploded less than a minute after launch.

Maybe it was the name.

"In the early days, they used to give missiles

nicknames," said Jeffrey Geiger, 30th Space Wing historian.

"This one was called 'Awfully Tired.' 'Maybe it was so tired it just blew up,' he said.

Despite this first disaster, the Titan II program forged ahead. The next missile test launch was April 27, 1963. In the next 24 years, Team V launched 56 more Titan II ICBMs.

Then along came the more efficient Minuteman ICBMs and the Titan II missile became obsolete, Geiger said.

The Titan II weapon system was deactivated May 5, 1987.

"Once the missile lost

its operational viability, it became a space booster," Geiger added.

In 1988, following decommissioning of the Titan II as a weapon system, 14 of the 54 remaining vehicles were reacquired by Lockheed Martin Corp. The missiles were then retrofitted for spacelift duty.

Since 1989, 12 of those have flown from Vandenberg shores, successfully placing a wide array of payloads into polar, low-earth orbit.

One of the more unique aspects of the Titan's history is its involvement with

the manned space program.

In the ten flights of the Gemini Program from 1965 to 1966, modified Titan IIs carried two-man spacecrafts aloft. These flights focused on the logistics of 'twinning' spacecraft in orbit, rendezvous and docking procedures to which the Saturn-based Apollo missions were heir, and which brought the first moon landing in 1969.

Those early Gemini flights weren't the Titan II's only contribution to lunar exploration.

"The Titan II's most interesting payload was the Clementine lunar space probe," Geiger said. The 1994 Clementine mission provided evidence of water on the moon. This was also the first lunar launch from Vandenberg.

Of all the Titan IIs built by the Martin Company between 1962-67, 95 have passed fully into history. Two were destroyed in various accidents, while 93 have performed their intended function.

Of those, the second-to-last forged will be the last to fly, providing the 430,000 pounds of thrust which will take the 16th in a series of DMSP weather satellites for its six-minute ride 100 nautical miles into space.

Those original Titan operators and maintainers watching the final Titan II launch from the viewing area of Vandenberg's Rod and Gun Club will do so a mere 200 yards from the site of the inaugural silo launch of this rocket.

1st Lt. Michelle Mayo contributed to this story

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Titan II specifications

ICBM MISSION

- ◆ Established in October 1955
- ◆ More than 140 built by Lockheed Martin
- ◆ The nation's first two-stage ICBM
- ◆ First underground silo-based ICBM
- ◆ Deactivated in June 1987

SPACELIFT MISSION

- ◆ First successful launch from Vandenberg Sept. 5, 1988
- ◆ Medium-lift space launch vehicle
- ◆ Carries payloads for the Air Force, NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- ◆ Two-stage, liquid-fueled booster
- ◆ Lifts approximately 4,200 pounds into polar, low-Earth orbit
- ◆ First stage: Length: 70 feet
Diameter: 10
Engine thrust: 474,000 pounds
- ◆ Second stage: Length: 24 feet
Diameter: 10 feet
Engine thrust: 100,000 pounds
- ◆ Guidance: inertial with digital computers
- ◆ Payload fairing: Length: 20 feet
Diameter: 10 feet
- ◆ Liquid rocket engines: refurbished Titan II ICBM engines

Cops take fourth consecutive championship

Lady Cops beat Lady Tigers 11-2 in women's softball action

By Staff Sgt. Chuck Walker
30th Space Communications Squadron

The 30th Security Forces Squadron women's softball team came into the base championship game as the favorites, having won the past three championships.

Make that, four championships...

The Cops pounded out 16 hits and got great defensive play from Susan Alegria and Michelle Humann to defeat the 14th Air Force/614th Space Operations Squadron, Lady Tigers 11-2.

Six batters had multiple hit games for the Cops led by Denise McLean who went 3-for-3 with an RBI and two runs scored, while Freda Dumas and Alegria each went 2-for-3 with three RBIs.

"Winning is always good," said Cops coach Scott McElroy. "I'm so happy for the team. This is all about them. This obviously feels great."

Early on it looked like the Lady Tigers would make a game of it, taking advantage of two errors in the top of the 1st inning to take an early 2-0 lead.

But the Cops responded back in the bottom of the 1st scoring five runs and quickly putting to doubt any thoughts of an upset.

After plating a run in the third inning, the Cops put the game on ice by adding

five runs in the bottom of the fifth.

The combination of the timely hitting the Cops got with the defense provided by the middle infield combo of Humann and Alegria made the ingredients for a base championship team.

Each time it looked like the Lady Tigers would mount a comeback, either Alegria or Humann would make a defensive stop that would kill the rally.

"Susan is a better defensive player than I am," McElroy said of Alegria. "She does it every game. Michelle (Humann) is also always in the right spot. They have a knack for making big plays and killing innings."

For the Lady Tigers it was just a matter of their aggressiveness on the base paths coming back to haunt them.

"We knew we had to be aggressive coming in and they just made some great defensive plays that killed us," Lady Tigers coach Bob Taylor said. "The Cops, namely Susan (Alegria) just made some outstanding plays when they had to."

Taylor, whose team came into the championship after having a losing record in the regular season, said his team had a terrific run despite losing the championship.

"It was an awesome run," Taylor said. "We didn't have a team last year and we started this year rough. But we beat teams we hadn't beat before just to get here. Ask anybody; we played with our hearts more than any team in the playoffs. We fought hard."

McElroy said his team being able to

"I rallied them together and told them to get their smile back and to play loose, because when we play loose nobody can beat us."

COPS COACH SCOTT McELROY

win despite the pressure of being the three-time defending champions and overcoming a late-season loss, was special.

"In our very last game of the season we lost to the 576th Flight Test Squadron by 15 runs and it was because we were too tight," McElroy said. "I rallied them together and told them to get their smile back and to play loose, because when we play loose nobody can beat us. They took it to heart and our two captains, Barb Kabrel and Freda Dumas kept the girls focused in the playoffs."

Dumas, who has been on the Cops team for all four championships, said each time is special for her.

"Each year, winning is a goal for me," Dumas said. "It's an exciting feeling each time we win. I'm glad I'm able to come out and have a part in our success and to have fun at the same time."

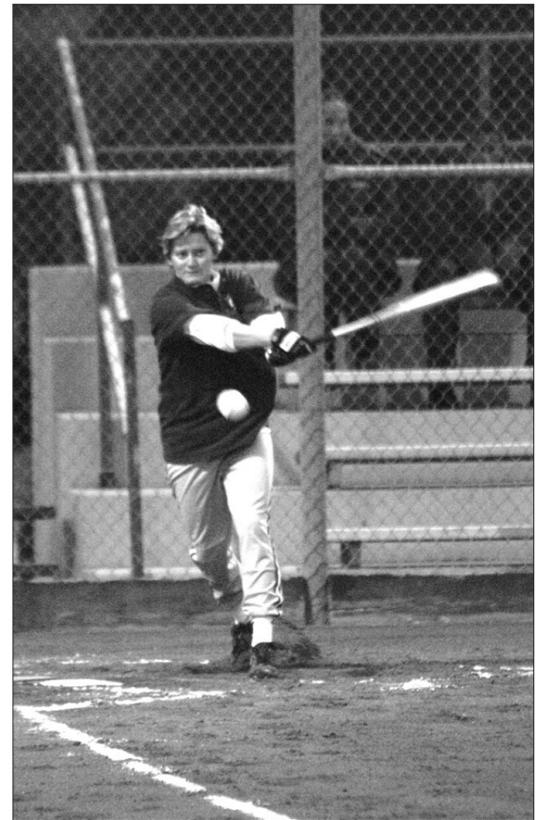


PHOTO BY AIRMAN KURT GIBBONS

Lisa Hubbard, 30th Mission Support Squadron, swings for a hit during the women's intramural softball championship game Oct. 3. Hubbard plays ball for the 30th Security Forces Squadron.



Youth swim meet sizes up Vandenberg contenders

By TECH. SGT. MARK MCKINNEY
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Team Vandenberg hosted its first-ever youth swim meet at the base pool Sept. 27. Entrants ranged in age from 5 to 18 years old.

"The response to this event has been great and by the turnout, we have to consider this a success," said meet organizer Jennifer Espino-Smith.

"Success for an event like this is not based on winning and losing, but participation of as many young swimmers as possible is our criteria. We had 38 youth swimmers pre-register and that in itself is a victory," she added.

All morning long the recurring theme, from parents and swimmers alike, was how much everyone was looking forward to the competition.

"I think the whole idea of an

event like this on a military base is a good thing," James Camarena said. "Anything that helps the kids get into and stay in shape is a good idea. Events like this motivate the kids to stay involved and motivates the parents to take that little extra time to get the kids here to participate."

The children came from all types of swimming backgrounds. Some have been in the pool since infancy, much like eight-year-old Cannon Creese who competed in the freestyle event.

One of the more accomplished swimmers, Arlyssa Cavazos is on the Vandenberg Village swim team and is a lifelong swimmer.

"Swimming is a sport I enjoy doing," Arlyssa said. "I do a pretty good amount of swimming and I just really love to do it. I'm happy that we had a chance to have a swim meet out here on the

base. The most exciting part is just swimming."

Ten-year-old Cooper Creese provided yet another perspective on the day's festivities.

"It's fun to swim all summer long, but it gets a little boring," Cooper said. "Racing, after swimming all summer is exciting, because it's a chance to race and see how fast I am."

Meet organizers said they held the event to find out if there was enough interest on base for a youth swim meet. The answer from Vandenberg's swimming community was a resounding yes.

"We organized this meet to find out if what we were hearing was actually the case," Espino-Smith said.

"I think it's safe to say that the case has been made," she said. A sign-up sheet was made available for parents to have their say as to



PHOTO BY AIRMAN KURT GIBBONS

Swimmers ages 5 to 18 compete in Vandenberg's first youth swim meet Sept. 27.

whether or not they were interested in developing a more in-depth swim program and

possibly a swim team for Vandenberg."

Based on those results, the

family aquatic center is working with base leaders to develop a youth swim program here.

Destinations

CENTRAL COAST

SPACE & MISSILE TIMES

Oct. 10, 2003

Zodo's takes bowling to rock-n-bowl extremes

BY TECH. SGT. MARK MCKINNEY
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Nestled neatly at 5925 Calle Real Road in Goleta, just a short 40-minute drive south of Vandenberg on Highway 101 is what can only be described as an unforgettable experience. Zodo's Bowling and Beyond is not just a bowling center, it's a full-blown experience to be had by anyone looking for fun on the Central Coast.

Last Saturday, my two sons, Raphael and Robert, packed up a couple of snacks and soft drinks and headed out the main gate due south for what we hoped would be a good time. What we found in Goleta was a bowling center that has a little something for everyone.

Zodo's has 24 well-maintained lanes with automated scoring systems. The graphics alone are enough to keep young children or even those who are simply young at heart, amply occupied. Regardless of whether you roll a strike or leave 9 of the 10 pins standing, your glance up at the scoreboard will be greeted with animated characters letting the entire facility know how well you did.

If that description of a bowling center sounds a bit ordinary, here's a little more about Zodo's. The center also has a sports bar, full-service restaurant, banquet room, pro shop, and an executive chef with a staff of six. Chef Shane Koblis is a graduate of culinary



PHOTOS BY DUSTIN DUGRE

Zodo's Bowling and Beyond offers 24 lanes, a sports bar, full-service restaurant, banquet room, pro shop and an executive chef. Located just off Highway 101 in Goleta, Zodo's is a short 40-minute drive from Vandenberg and it's open 24 hours. Specialty nights at Zodo's include rock-n-bowl, Pasta Mondays and late-night bowling for only \$2 per game.



school and boasts of a menu offering New York strip steak, Santa Maria tri-tip, Philly cheese steak sandwiches,

Cardinal's clam chowder and Tri-tip dip. If healthy dining is your choice, albacore tuna salad, Chinese chicken

salad, and chopped cobb salad are also on the menu. These are just a sampling of what seems to be an endless offering for the palate. In case bowlers don't want to leave their game for munchies or a meal, Zodo's offers full-service ordering on the lanes.

The sports bar offers more than just beverages to quench your thirst, depending on the time of year, their 10

television monitors, including three plasma big screens, carry a full slate of professional and college football games, major league baseball games and professional and college basketball games.

Zodo's does have bowling leagues and specialty days and nights, including rock-n-bowl on Thursdays from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., Pasta Mondays, Senior

Bowling Party for those age 50 and over, Monday and Friday from 12:30 to 1 p.m. There's also late-night bowling daily from 1 to 9 a.m. at \$2 a game, which is never a problem for this 24-hour operation. That's right, Zodo's operates around the clock.

As for clientele, the range is no less impressive. Saturday, there were families celebrating birthdays, couples having a fun night out, and college students getting away from studies. Names withheld to protect the innocent!

"We try to have a little something for anyone who wants to get out from under their normal routine," Chef Koblis said. "As most are already aware, the Santa Barbara area has quite a list of celebrities and many of them find their way here. With the UCSB and Santa Barbara City Colleges in the local area, we get a lot of students coming here to relax and get away as well. We keep a staff of security guards on-hand at all times. Not because of any high degree of trouble, but more to make sure that families feel secure while enjoying a night out. That's just paying attention to the details. We average between 4,000 and 7,000 visitors weekly, so details matter."

Judging from our night out at Zodo's, all of the details have been covered and all customers have to do is show up ... prepare to be pampered.

"This place is awesome," Raphael said. "I can't believe they have so much at a bowling alley. This was a good time and whole lot of fun."

Zodo's is a great time, but not just for families. Single airmen looking for a good time without taking a long drive will find everything they need for an evening out. For information on pricing, call Zodo's at (805) 967-0128.

Community Calendar

10 FRI
Bundles for Babies – 1 to 4 p.m. today at the Vandenberg Family Support Center. Learn parenting skills, meet other expectant parents and receive a free gift.

Movie night for kids – 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Chapel Annex. The evening features a kid's movie and simple dinner to offer moms and dads some quiet time before and after deployment or extended temporary duty.

Base lake cleanup – 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at Pine Canyon Lakes. Volunteers are needed. Call 606-3013 to sign up.

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

Santa Maria Speedway – 6 p.m. through Sunday Call (805) 466-4462 for tickets and reserved seating information.

PAIR, Partners Assisting in Reading – Airmen read with Crestview Elementary School students. Call 734-1651 to sign up.

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

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

10 FRI
G.I. Java seeks musicians – G.I. Java wants local musicians to play at the coffeehouse during business hours. Solo performers and bands are welcome. Call the Chapel at 606-5778 for an audition.

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

Air Force Association Chili Cook-off – Saturday in the base exchange courtyard. Proceeds benefit Operation Kids' Christmas, the airmen's attic and other local charities. To sign up a team, call Kristie Stavoli at 606-2538.

Frankenstein traveling exhibition – Continues through Nov. 1 at the Allan Hancock College Santa Maria Library.

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

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

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

Air Force Sergeant's Association meeting – 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Services Center.

Deployed Spouses Support Group – 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in the family support center. Reservations are required by calling 606-0039.

Baby Meet – 9 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the religious education center, building 16140. Baby Meet offers discussion and socialization for expectant parents and those with babies newborn through two years old.

Vandenberg Retiree Activities Center – Open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday in building 10346 in the

15 WED
base exchange shopping center. Call 606-5474 for more information.

Manage Your Move – 8:45 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the family support center.

Winning interviews and setting a professional image – 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the family support center. Call 605-8557 for more information.

Playtime for Tots – 10 a.m. Wednesdays at Cocheo Park. The playgroup is for parents and children ages two to five.

Catholic fellowship – noon Wednesdays at Cocheo Park following 11:30 a.m. mass at Chapel 2.

Risk reduction classes – 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays at the HAWC. Call 606-2221 to sign up.

Cal-Vet Home Loan class – 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Oct. 17 at the family support center. Call 606-0039 for more information.

Comic View All-Stars – 8 p.m. Oct. 17 at the Lompoc Civic Auditorium. Tickets are \$15 presale at Footlocker in Lompoc, \$20 at the door. Call

18 SAT
Global Hearts Group Sloppy Joe Dinner – 5:30 p.m. Oct. 18 at the chapel annex.

Spouses club Krispy Kreme Doughnut sale – Oct. 22 at the base exchange and commissary. Proceeds support the Vandenberg community.

Spouses club wine tasting – 6:30 p.m. Oct. 22 at the Pacific Coast Club. Cost is \$10 per person, \$20 per couple. Make reservations with Anneke Cerri at 734-0956 by Oct. 17.

Guardian Challenge golf tournament – Oct. 23 at Marshallia Ranch Golf Course. The tournament is a four-person best ball competition with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person plus greens fees. To register, call 2nd Lt. Phillip Patrick at 605-8292.

Pizza eating contest – 5:30 p.m. Oct. 23 for E-4 and below at G.I. Java. Entries limited to the first 100 sign ups at the coffeehouse.

Chapel singles group – 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of the month

24 FRI
15th Annual Texas Blowout – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 24 at Chochoe Park. Events include jail, fear factor, horse ropin' and horseshoe throwing. Cost is \$7 and covers food and drinks. Proceeds raised support Operation Kids' Christmas. For more information, call 606-2184.

Battlestar Galactica convention – Oct. 24-26 at the Sheraton Universal Hotel in Los Angeles. Military specials are available. Sign up at <http://galacticonlinevents.com>.

Harvest Celebration – Oct. 30 – Nov. 1 in San Luis Obispo. Participants visit area wineries and restaurants tasting gourmet foods and wines. For more information, call the San Luis Obispo chamber of commerce at (805) 781-2777 or visit www.visitslo.com.

CGOC golf tournament – 11 a.m. registration Oct. 31 at Marshallia Ranch Golf Course. Cost is \$20 plus greens fees for the shotgun start tournament. To sign up, call 2nd Lt. Joshua Baltz at 606-2749.

Movie Corner

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

SCHOOL OF ROCK PG-13 7-15 p.m.
SECONDHAND LIONS PG

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SCHOOL OF ROCK PG-13
DAILY 4:30-7:00-9:30 SAT-SUN 11:30-2:00

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

KILL BILL R
DAILY 4:30-7:00-9:30 SAT-SUN 11:30-2:00

INTOLERABLE CRUELTY PG-13
DAILY 4:45-7:15-9:30 SAT-SUN 11:45-2:15

General admission \$7 kids and seniors
\$5 Allshows before 5:30 p.m. \$5. Movies and times subject to change

Vandenberg Thrift Shop

The Vandenberg Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 606-3128 to find out more.

The shop is located next to the skills development center in Bldg. 11180. They always need volunteers.

The Vandenberg Food Pantry

Needs food donations

Items needed are:

sugar, Bisquick, pasta sauce, pancake mix, Hamburger Helper, evaporated milk, Chicken Helper, baby wipes, crackers, soups, complete meals, macaroni & cheese, brown sugar, canned vegetables, rice, flour, pasta, peanuts, mixed nuts, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, diapers; sizes 3, 4, 5, juice boxes, cake mixes, frosting, canned fruit and vegetables

The food pantry is located behind the family support center. For more information on hours of operation, call 606-2960.