

# Astro News



Photo by Gary Bogdon, Orlando Sentinel

The Defense Satellite Communication System III B8 satellite launches into space aboard an Atlas IIA rocket from Cape Canaveral, Fla., Jan. 20.

## SMC launches upgraded communications satellite

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Public Affairs

The military now has a more responsive, high priority, communication satellite that allows defense officials and battlefield commanders to exchange crucial information during war.

"The DSCS team is very proud of the successful deployment of the satellite," said Lt. Col. Terry Peterson, DSCS program director at SMC. "We now enter two months of on-orbit tests to fully characterize the communication payload capabilities before the satellite joins the operational constellation."

The Defense Satellite Communications System III B8 satellite was launched aboard an Atlas IIA rocket at 5:03 p.m. Jan. 20, from Cape Canaveral Air Station, Fla. SMC manages both the spacecraft and the launch vehicle.

The Atlas IIA is a two-and-a-half stage liquid engine launch vehicle. The stainless steel skin fuel and oxidizer tanks comprise the launch vehicle structure and are pressurized or mechanically stretched to maintain structural integrity while on the ground and in flight. An engine system composed of a sustainer engine and a booster engine set propel the booster. The upper stage vehicle, the Centaur, is powered by two engines and is used to position the payload into a separation orbit.

"The Atlas team surmounted the challenges of rocket science to produce the 46th straight Atlas success—a string unrivaled by any launch system in the world!" said Lt. Col. Nancy Insprucker, Atlas/Delta program director at SMC.

The DSCS space and terminal/network system provides super-high frequency, anti-jam, secure voice and high-data rate communications to Department of Defense and national security users on the ground, at sea or in the air.

This launch is the first DSCS III B8 spacecraft using 50-watt traveling wave tube amplifiers in all its six communication channels, called Service Life Enhancement Program. The modification provides users with a 200 percent increase in tactical communications capability. Additionally, the new satellite offers greater flexibility for mixing high and low-power users through its new variable gain-step attenuation.

The DSCS III is also used to transmit space operations and early warning data to a variety of systems and users. In addition to DoD users, DSCS supports a variety of national security users including the White House, U.S. Embassies and intelligence agencies.

The next Atlas IIA launch is set for March 20, and the next DSCS III launch is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 12. Both launches are from Cape Canaveral Air Station.

## SMC involved in Integrated Flight Test launch

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SMC Test and Evaluation Directorate and Detachment 9 participated in the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization's fourth Integrated Flight Test for the National Missile Defense Program at Vandenberg AFB, Calif., Jan. 18.

Testing the ability to hit a hostile missile out of the atmosphere, SMC provided an unarmed Minuteman II Intercontinental Ballistic Missile, which carried a simulated warhead, as the target launch vehicle for BMDO's experimental exoatmospheric kill vehicle.

The target launch vehicle lifted off from Vandenberg AFB at 6:19 p.m. The EKV launched from Kwajalein

Missile Range 20 minutes later.

While the intercept did not occur, SMC's role was carried out smoothly, said Col. Dan Dansro, SMC/TE's deputy director.

It normally takes 18 months for SMC to deliver a launch vehicle for this type of test. However, "Due to slips of IFT-3, the work on IFT-4 has been on and off for over two years," said Capt. Jeff Harlan, Ground Based Interceptor Multiple Service Launch System program manager.

Making an interceptor mission such as this run smoothly involves many key players who must all come together to form a unified team.

"We (SMC/TE) work with Lockheed Martin to manufacture the guidance, navigation, and control system, with Hill AFB to refurbish the Minuteman II booster, and with

TRW for our technical support," said Harlan.

SMC also has personnel assigned to Detachment 9 at Vandenberg AFB who are an integral unit in every SMC launch.

Col. John Wagner, Detachment 9 commander, describes his role in IFT-4 as "the field operations unit for the MSLS program office. We oversee pad readiness and launch vehicle processing."

The complexities of the team involved in the IFT-4 launch go beyond SMC and industry. Working with Vandenberg AFB personnel is another link in the chain.

"We are the interface to the 30th Space Wing and work range issues before and during the countdown," said Wagner. "We work with the program office to ensure the launch site is ready and assist in running a smooth

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# Los Angeles AFB begins the new century

**Col. David Price**  
Commander, Air Base Group

Calendar year 2000 will produce a lot of changes around Los Angeles AFB. Since financial resources are likely to remain very tight, it will take a lot of ingenuity and hard work to maintain the excellent quality of life we enjoy today. I believe we are up to the challenge. However, I want everyone to understand what is happening around the base so we can all work toward a common goal—keeping Los Angeles AFB a great place to live and work.

Base organizations were well prepared for the year 2000 rollover, and it passed without incident. Our communications squadron worked hard to ensure that the base's comm/computer infrastructure was 100 percent ready—and it was! Nevertheless, the command post, civil engineers and communication squadron had people on duty around the clock over the New Year's weekend just in case a Y2K emergency surprised us. The senior battle staff was also on-call Dec. 31 through New Year's Day—just in case. Thanks to a comprehensive base wide planning effort and thorough system testing by our communications squadron, the calendar change we experienced was truly a non-event. Great job everyone!

In terms of big picture things, our new clinic at the El Segundo end of our base tops the list. We completed the 100 percent design review in September, got the congressional appropriation in October, and finished the composite interior design review in November. If all goes according to plan, ground breaking will occur in April with an estimated project completion in early 2002. This new facility is long overdue since our clinic's TRICARE enrollment is now over 6,500 and increasing every month. Our number 1 priority for the coming budget year is a new fitness center, to be located adjacent to the new clinic. Our latest news from the Pentagon is that our gym project made the cut and will be included in the FY 2001 military construction budget. Finally, we have been working with the Army Air Force Exchange Service to get a new base exchange facility for Los Angeles AFB. Everyone agrees we need it; it is only a question of when. Right now, it looks like the AAFES board of directors will approve construction of a new base exchange in FY 2002. These three projects represent the first non-housing construction work approved and funded for our base since 1983.

The news with regard to our real property maintenance funding is not so good. In October, our major command headquarters at Dayton cut our RPM funding by \$1.1 million. This represents our share of an

Air Force-wide RPM funding shortfall. Nevertheless, this is making it tough to maintain the quality of life we want here at Los Angeles AFB. We are recycling reimbursements and using other accounts to cover the cost of basic supplies for our base maintenance contractors. Right now our funding will only take us through July or August and every emergency we experience will make it worse. So far in this fiscal year, we have had an earthquake, a HVAC failure, and a boiler substitution totaling \$100K in unprogrammed cost. We are currently preparing for Air Force Materiel Command's initial FY 2000 budget execution review, which is our first chance to formally highlight our problem—though we have been engaged in informal discussions since the beginning of the fiscal year in October. I believe we will be successful in getting some additional funds—enough to get us through the year, but not enough to give us smooth sailing all the way.

Back to another bright spot. Our club has completely turned around its financial status. Once consistently the worst financial performer in Air Force Materiel Command, our club was #1 in command six of the last seven months. Part of this improvement stems from a 25 percent increase in membership from March to August. However, most of the credit goes to our club staff who increased the volume of catering at The Club. Last year, catering was all but dead; now The Club caters reunions, weddings, official functions, and other events almost every weekend. With the addition of the new Air Force Core Catering Program in October and the preferred plus membership initiative planned for implementation in June of this year, The Club expects an even better performance in the future. Carryout chicken lunch Wednesdays is a big hit—recommend you try it. Also, if you are planning a large gathering, call The Club staff and ask about their buffet banquet menu options.

A year ago, we stood up a new, predominantly civilian security forces squadron. Our law enforcement team is working hard to document policies and procedures while accomplishing its critical real-world mission of protecting the Los Angeles AFB community 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Overall, the squadron is doing a good job. Unfortunately, the troops are still living with 13-hour shifts due to a severe manpower shortage. Back in August, a security force staff assistance team from Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command visited us to respond to our request for 37 additional manpower authorizations. The team validated 22 additional authorizations. We are now trying to get those 22 authorizations added to our manpower books and funded so we can hire the people everyone agrees we need. It looks like the problem will be fixed in FY 2002, but we are still working on getting the additional

manpower sooner. Many of you stopped by guard posts or intercepted patrols over the Holidays to wish our police officers well—trust me, they appreciated your thoughtfulness. I strongly encourage everyone to continue to support these dedicated guardians of our base community.

To support implementation of the Air Force's new Expeditionary Aerospace Force concept, a new *Airman's Manual* was published in August. The manual is a concise how-to book for the aerospace warrior. To ensure that all military personnel at Los Angeles AFB have the skills and knowledge required to support the Expeditionary Aerospace Force mission, our 61st Mission Support Squadron developed a curriculum for hands-on training of essential military skills based on the new *Airman's Manual*. The first military training sessions were conducted in late November. Lt. Gen. Tattini and Gen. Babbitt, Commander of Air Force Materiel Command, were among the 250 military members who attended one or more field demonstrations conducted by our base civil engineering and clinic personnel. The program got great reviews from everyone! In addition, our communication squadron filmed the demonstrations so we now have a classroom training option for those who could not attend. Based on the program's initial success, our mission support squadron has developed a comprehensive training plan that will cover the entire *Airman's Manual* end-to-end in CY 2000.

As you can tell from my update, Los Angeles AFB has achieved some great successes, but we also face challenges as well. I want to thank you all for making the successes possible and enlist your support to conquer the challenges. Keeping Los Angeles AFB a great place to live and work is a team effort. I encourage each of you to join the team!

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## News Briefs

### Services Division begins evaluation Feb. 2

The 61st Services Division competes for the Maj. Gen. Eugene Eubank Award for the best Air Force Services program in Air Force Materiel Command Wednesday to Friday. The inspection team from Headquarters AFMC Services visits Los Angeles AFB to evaluate the Services programs here.

Since 1990, Air Force Services, in conjunction with the Order of the Daedalians, has established a competition that ultimately recognizes the best. This award recognizes the Air Force Services Squadron that has the best programs each year. The Daedalians present a traveling trophy and engraved plaque to the winning team at the Air Force Services worldwide conference.

It's the spirited competition and community support that furthers Air Force Services programs around the world. Customers play an active role in both the MAJCOM nomination and the Air Force level competition through customer feedback of local services provided. Besides a number of program evaluations, the five-person AFMC/SV Eubank team looks at local command support, facilities, equipment, customer service, training, and readiness and may be talking to you, our customer, during the three-day inspection.

### Legal office begins 1040EZ Days for the 1999 tax year

The legal office will assist military members, retirees, and family members with filing 1040EZ forms Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Eligible beneficiaries should bring their tax forms, W-2, 1099s, social security card and a canceled check. The legal office is in Building 120, Room 1236.

The requirements to file a form 1040EZ are:

- the filing status must be single or married filing jointly
- may not claim any dependant children
- the taxable income must be less than \$50,000
- the taxable interest must not be over \$400
- may not have any adjustments, such as an IRA deduction
- may not have any tax credits, except for the Earned Income Credit.

It is advisable to use the 1040EZ when itemized deductions do not exceed \$4300 for single members and \$7200 for married members.

If you are familiar with the form 1040EZ and wish to complete the form yourself, you may simply drop the form off at the legal office and it will be electronically filed. For more information, call Capt. Karri Garrett or Carolyn Adams at 363-0916.

### Prior-service skills list

The Air Force hopes to attract at least 300 former airmen to return to active duty in fiscal 2000 through the enlisted prior-service skills program.

For information on qualifying Air Force specialties, contact your local Air Force recruiter, call 1-800-423-USAF, or visit <http://www.airforce.com>. (Courtesy of Air Force Recruiting Service Public Affairs)

## Under construction...



Photo by John Rossino

F-22 Raptors 4000 & 4004 undergo final assembly at Lockheed Martin Aeronautical Systems. Both aircraft will join the F-22 test program next year. Raptor 4000 will support ground test activities in Marietta Ga., while Raptor 4004 will join the flight test fleet at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., to test and validate the Raptor's integrated avionics software suite. The F-22 Raptor is being put through the most extensive and sophisticated testing of any combat aircraft ever developed.

# Challenges mandate balanced programs says AF Secretary

**Capt. Jodi Unsinger**  
Public Affairs

Today, the U.S. Air Force is without a doubt, the most capable aerospace force the world has ever seen, said Secretary of the Air Force Whit Peters during a speech he made at the South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce's installation banquet in Torrance Jan. 20.

Secretary Peters joined Congressman Jerry Lewis (R-CA), Congressman Steve Kuykendahl (R-CA), senior SMC officials and aerospace company executives for the event.

"We cannot assume that the success we enjoy today, much of it demonstrated during last year's air operations over Kosovo, assures equal success tomorrow... that there are challenges that we as a service must overcome in the future," said the secretary.

According to Peters, among the biggest challenges the Air Force faces today is attracting and retaining the necessary scientific and engineering brainpower necessary to assure our success in the future. The service projects that about 30 percent of its scientists and engineers will retire over the next five years. Another challenge is the aging nature of the Air Force's weapon systems.

In light of these and other challenges, the Air Force is proposing what senior leadership terms a balanced program in fiscal year 2001. "We are moving away from the

vernacular of pitting fighters against bombers, space versus air, science and technology versus everything else," said Peters. "The truth is we need these capabilities in an integrated program, and given the budget constraints, we need to carefully time-phase improvements to ensure balance."

According to the Secretary, the Air Force will have a balanced modernization program in FY 01, with 36 percent of modernization dollars going to attack platforms, 31 percent going to space, and 26 percent going to airlift, with the remainder in weapons and theater missile defense.

Peters also noted that this balanced approach doesn't work without quality people and explained that the Air Force's and DoD's efforts to retain quality personnel is partially demonstrated in January's 4.8 percent pay raise and restoration of retirement benefits. "In FY 01, we will do more," he said. "As

Secretary (William) Cohen recently announced, we plan major efforts this year to improve military housing allowances and military healthcare."

Secretary Peters closed by stating that America needs to know that the Air Force is a fast-paced, tough, rewarding and fun environment. "It's about teamwork, technology, patriotic service, and belonging to a world-class organization ready to respond anywhere in the world in a matter of hours. It is about defending freedom, and it's a truly noble mission," Peters concluded.



# Infrared Systems Cause Missile Test to Fail

**Jim Garamone**  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Preliminary data indicates two infrared sensors aboard the exoatmospheric kill vehicle, an experimental DoD missile, caused the failure of a National Missile Defense test Jan. 18.

Other guidance systems — both on the ground and aboard the rocket — worked well, said a senior military official.

The official compared the test to finding a house. “You start off with the satellite sensors telling you the state, the early warning radar telling you the ZIP code, while the [radars aboard the rocket] get you to the street address,” said the official. “What we failed to do is ring the doorbell.”

The official said the infrared sensors guide the kill vehicle in the final seconds of flight. The test — called integrated flight test 4 — pitted the experimental national missile defense system against a simulated warhead launched aboard a Minuteman missile from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. The kill vehicle launched from Kwajalein Missile Range in the Pacific.

The previous test vaporized the target with a direct hit. The kill vehicle is the bullet of the weapon system. It destroys a target using the kinetic energy of the force of impact; there are no explosives involved. Had the test worked, the kill vehicle and the target would have hit at about 15,000 miles an hour.

Officials said that initially everything appeared to go

well. One objective of the test was to evaluate the kill vehicle’s deployment and orientation. The vehicle launched, deployed and, using visual sensors, oriented it correctly, officials said. “It was in ‘the basket,’” said the official.

Another goal was to demonstrate the ability of the space-based sensors and ground-based radars to detect and acquire a simulated threat, track the threat and discriminate using the prototype ground-based x-band radar at Kwajalein. This, too, worked well.

Finally, the test demonstrated the Battle Management Command and Control and Communication system. This is the nerve center of the system. It receives the information it gathers from the space-based sensors and from radars and then processes it. “Then it sets up the engagement and provides real-time data communications directed to the weapon,” said the official. The system’s performance was “nominal” — space talk for it worked well.

The test seemed to be a success until the last six seconds. “It appears that there was an anomaly or an issue with the infrared sensor packages,” the official said. “This seeker has two infrared sensors and one visual light. We have to go figure out what happened to the IR sensors.

“As we’re sitting there at 29 minutes, 49 seconds after the target lifted off, there was not the bright flash that we saw on the [previous test, indicating a hit].”

The prime contractor for the system is Boeing. Raytheon built the exoatmospheric vehicle, and TRW built the Battle Management Missile Command and Control and Communication system. The test cost about \$100

million. Ballistic Missile Defense Organization officials along with the contractors will examine the data from the test and make corrections as needed. The official said DoD can “absolutely” overcome the technical challenges of the program.

The next test is set for spring.

## Chapel Schedule

### Roman Catholic

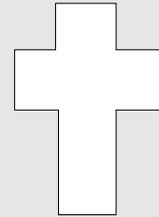
Saturday: Sacrament of Reconciliation at 3:45 p.m., Mass at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: Mass at 9 a.m., CCD in Building 37 at 10:30 a.m.

### Protestant

Sunday: Sunday School at 9 a.m., Building 37; General Protestant worship at 10:30 a.m.

All the above services are at the Fort MacArthur Chapel. Call the Chaplain Service division office at 363-1956 or visit <http://www.laafb.af.mil/abg/hc/chaplain.htm> for more information.



## Leading L.A.

### Staff Sergeant Tila Barrino



is a personnel systems technician for the 61st Mission Support Squadron Military Personnel Flight. She is the database administrator for PC-III where she monitors system performance.

In addition, she's a system administrator for base level military personnel systems where she serves as a troubleshooter and analyst. She also writes, updates and schedules direct English statement information retrievals.

"By doing my job, I support the personnel community by maintaining database integrity and security at all times," said Barrino.

The eight-year Air Force veteran is currently enrolled in the Community College of the Air Force where she will get her associate's degree in May. She is also pursuing her bachelor's degree in information technology through Chapman University.

"Education is important for me. Obtaining a bachelor's degree will make me more marketable in the civilian sector," said the Sacramento native.

When not busy, she enjoys volunteering for local community programs.

"I recently participated in AIDS Walk 99 and the Camp Ronald MacDonald Run."

In her free time, she attends outdoor festivities, enjoys aerobics and fitness, and spending time with family and friends.

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countdown on launch day."

Harlan praised the team's performance.

"The professional MSLS team is motivated, with mission success as our number one priority. The spirit of cooperation between Lockheed Martin, TRW and SMC is probably unmatched in the industry."

"We've called midnight meetings and many of our industry partners didn't get a Christmas or New Year's break to ensure

we met our customer's launch date with zero defects," Harlan said.

According to Dansro, the team's hard work paid off—they performed "wonderfully" during this launch.

"We provided a nominal target for the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization and will support their next requirements," he said.

As for Capt. Harlan, he's ready for next time. "When our vehicle is on the pad, our customer can rest assured we're taking his payload right where he needs it. Six for six says it all."

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## Congratulations

### Enlisted promotions

The following enlisted members will be promoted in February; master sergeant: **Mario Campa** and **Nidia Contreras**, technical sergeant: **Syed Sadiq**, **Maria Steele**, **Leon Thomas**, staff sergeant: **Barbara Baker**, **Randall Powers**, **Richard Rodriguez**, **Samantha Swink**, senior airman: **Melina Reichenbach**, **Adam Scheuer**, airman first class: **Mohamed Ali**.

### Officer promotions

The following officers will be promoted in February; colonel: **Mark Wisniewski**, major: **John Garrett**, **Kristine Kijek**, **Steven Kravchin**, **Russell Swart**, first lieutenant: **Kevin Mattern**.

### SBIRS Annual Awards

Space Based Infrared Systems program office announced their 1999 annual award winners; senior company grade officer; **Captain Daniel McCutcheon**, junior company grade officer; **2nd Lt. Tanya Parrotta**, airman; **Senior Airman Renee Scott**, mid-level civilian; **Edwin Perez**, and admin support civilian; **Chire Tolbert**.

### Civilian awards

The SMC Senior Civilian Advisory Group's fourth quarter awards winners are: Administrative Support Level: **Remona McNelton** of Advanced Systems, **Jeraline Louis** of the Space Based Infrared Systems program office, **Harriet Colter** of Development Planning, and **Kandie Morgan** of the 61st Medical Squadron. Junior Level: **Beverly Charles** of Advanced Systems, **Carolyn Adams** of the Legal office, **Karen Duong** of the Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle systems program office, **Janice McFarland** of the Space Based Infrared Systems program office, **David Toler** of

Development Planning, and **Cathy Howard** of the 61st Air Base Group. Mid-Level: **Arthur Welton** of Advanced Systems, **Mary Pizel** of the Defense Meteorological Satellite Program systems program office, **Ching Shelton** of Launch Programs, **Sherman Brown** of Satellite and Launch Control Systems, **Elizabeth Reyna** of MILSATCOM joint program office, **Renee Berry** of the SBIRS program office, **Patricia Boatman** of the EELV program office, **Virginia Callanan** of Development Planning, **Cheryl Clayton** of the 61st ABG, and **Chayra Beasley** of the 61st MSS.

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# African American Heritage: In the beginning

**Staff Sgt. Alonzo Jones**  
61st Medical Squadron

*Editor's note: The following article was written in celebration of African American Heritage during the month of February.*

African American history began on the plains of Africa as the birthplace of mankind. Large numbers of prosperous civilizations sprang up in Africa, such as the Kushites and Egyptians whose ancestors revised mathematics, architecture, science, medicine, astronomy, agriculture and philosophy.

The technological genius of Africa's past is seen today in many "primitive" African tribes. One example is the Dogons of Mali who possess an unusual knowledge of astronomy including awareness of the rings of Saturn, the moons of Jupiter and the interaction of an invisible white dwarf star with the star Sirius.

Indeed, African American history includes much more than the act of enslaving men, but the story of human oppression is a necessary addition because of the rustic stain it places on American history. The beginning of African American History in the United States screams "liberty" as the conquest of man, both black and white, over injustice. This portrait of United States history reminds us that regardless of vastly overwhelming odds, there is unbeatable strength in diversity.

Civil rights for African Americans began with the freedom fighting efforts of abolitionists who asked 'am I not a man and a brother?' Whites and blacks threatened with death manned the underground railroad. So widespread was this collaborative interracial attack against slavery, politicians made rescuing slaves a felony. Some Americans were hung, others were shot, some of their families were butchered and sometimes they lost

all their property. However, they would not give up the fight to free their brothers and sisters. They approached the slave master's porches with the hymn, "Let My People Go," for they believed, regardless of color, "We are all God's children."

A fugitive slave once escaped to Oberlin, Ohio, in 1858. The slave, John Price, was seized on the outskirts of the town. When the town heard about this, there seemed to be a plot stirring. Hundreds of Oberlin's inhabitants followed the slave and his jailers to a town nearby called Wellington shouting "Let our brother go."

Knowing the slave was held in a hotel, they stormed the hotel and freed Price from his captors and assisted him to Canada.

Many people, like John Brown and his family, gave their lives willingly, to free what they passionately termed their black brothers and sisters.

The scene was Harper's Ferry, Virginia, Oct. 16, 1860. Antislavery forces of whites and blacks led by Brown seized the government's arsenal to secure sufficient ammunition to carry out a large-scale operation against the Virginia slaveholders. Brown hoped to attack slave owners and liberate their slaves. Brown put up a gallant fight, but in the end, with less than fifty men, he was captured and hanged for treason. Ralph Waldo Emerson said that Brown's death would "make the gallows as glorious as the cross."

After this crusader against slavery was hanged, it seemed the fight for freedom grew to new heights ... something miraculous had happened. The martyring of Brown caused thousands who were ambivalent to slavery to rise up and take a stand. There was no stopping this multi-racial union. So-called fugitive slaves would hide in rich Southern peoples' homes, called safe houses. White families hiding slaves could be punished by death. No punishment, re-

gardless how cruel or inhumane, could stop this new momentum. Soon the civil war was at hand. The reasons for the war were many, but none could doubt that ending slavery would become the war's end result. Many of the union soldiers sang "John Brown's body lies a smoldering in the grave, but his truth goes marching on..."

Before the war in 1861, abolitionists felt that freedom of slaves fell on shaky ground when a new President was elected.

They seemed to think the President-elect was unsure about freeing slaves. This new president would not even authorize the war department to allow the enlistment of Negro soldiers in the Union army. President Abraham Lincoln hoped to keep the Union strong by gradually emancipating slaves. Strategically, he thought this would keep the Union together, ensuring slavery's end.

In the hopes of inspiring the President, many military generals made their own proclamations against slavery.

General David Hunter issued an order declaring that all slaves be freed in South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. General William T. Sherman offered a statement about why he would not return fugitive slaves. Hunter sent out a call in May 1862 for blacks to serve in the army from South Carolina. In the autumn of 1862, General B. F. Butler mustered a whole regiment of freed blacks in Louisiana to assist the Union. Colonel Oliver T. Beard of the 48th New York infantry wrote from Beaufort, S.C. Nov. 10, 1862:

"The colored men fought with astonishing coolness and bravery, for alacrity in effective landing, for determination and for bush fighting. They behaved bravely, gloriously and deserved all praise...as soon as we took a slave from his claimant and placed a musket in his hand, he began to fight for the freedom of others."

Finally, Abraham Lincoln issued the

human rights document, the Emancipation Proclamation Jan. 1, 1863, which forever freed slaves. To that announcement, whites and blacks kicked their heels up in the street and shouted, "Free at last..."

Official enlistment of African Americans occurred after the September 1862 issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Many white soldiers and officers believed that black men lacked the courage to fight and fight well. But the Negro soldiers silenced their critics in October 1862.

African-American soldiers of the 1st Kansas Colored Volunteers shocked the world by repulsing attacking Confederates at the battle of Island Mound, Missouri, and the battle of Port Hudson, Louisiana, May 27, 1863, and July 17, 1863, at Honey Springs, Indian Territory, now Oklahoma. Union troops under Gen. James Blunt ran into a strong Confederate force under Gen. Douglas Cooper. After a two-hour engagement, Cooper's soldiers retreated.

General Blunt wrote after the battle, "I never saw such fighting as was done by the Negro regiment.... The question that Negroes will fight is settled; besides, they make better soldiers in every respect than any troops I have ever had under my command."

The citizens of Washington, D.C., celebrated the abolition of slavery April 19, 1866. A procession of 4,000 people assembled at the White House where they were addressed by President Andrew Johnson.

Marching past 10,000 cheering spectators, the procession, led by two black regiments, proceeded up Pennsylvania Avenue to Franklin Square for religious services and speeches by prominent politicians. A sign on top of the speaker's platform read: "We have received our civil rights..." "We" was a bond that Black, Negro or colored was just another way of saying American.

# Census 2000: New map to America's future development

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Public Affairs

Imagine how hard it would be to plan a long trip using a map that is 10 years old. In 10 years, towns grow into cities, and roads turn into highways, so the old map is practically useless. For government agencies, as well as for businesses, the census is the road map that helps them make decisions such as where to put new roads and schools, and where to build supermarkets.

Census questionnaires will be mailed to residences in March with the actual polling beginning in April. The census will run throughout the year until it is complete.

The word census means survey or poll. In essence, the census not only counts the people in a specific area, but also gathers information about people in

a specific area. "The information is used to tell our leaders what we need," said John Spencer, local census office manager. "For example, where to put hospitals and clinics, schools and child care facilities. Funds for many programs for children, education, health care, transportation and housing are allocated based on census numbers, and the data is used to determine distribution of more than \$100 billion in federal funds and even more in state funds."

## Complete Confidentiality

Spencer notes that the Census Bureau has taken great measures to protect the information they receive. "By law, the Census Bureau cannot share answers with the IRS, FBI, Welfare, Immigration, or any other government agency. No court of law, not even the President can find out your answers," said Spencer. "Census workers must pass secu-

urity and employment reference checks. They cannot be working as tax collectors, assessors or law enforcement officials, and are sworn to secrecy. Electronic barriers, scrambling devices and dedicated lines are some of the measures taken to protect the information electronically. The answers are combined with others to produce the statistical summaries that are published, and no one

can connect one's answers with his or her name and address," said Spencer.

## Target - Reach All

Census 2000 must reach every person living in the United States whether they live in the metropolitan Los Angeles or a remote country in Alaska, whether or not they have a home and whether they are adults or children. "Children can be the center of our worlds, objects of hundreds of photographs and subject

of most conversations. Surprisingly, many adults forget the children when filling out the census forms. The 1990 census missed about 2 million persons under the age of 18 and many of these were under the age of 10. We'd like to remind people that the census counts on them to remember the children as well," Spencer said.

## Employment Opportunities

Census 2000 will provide thousands of jobs for temporary full- and part-time employees. The bureau plans to hire 285,000 temporary employees throughout the country. "The good news is that government employees may also apply because we received a waiver for dual employment. What that means is the federal employees will be allowed to receive two government paychecks," Spencer said. To apply for a census position, call (310) 253-9560.

## It's my ball...



Photo by Teri Mathis

John "Wiz" Whisenant, LA Storm, Los Angeles AFB Varsity Basketball team, forward, keeps the ball in play inches from the out-of-bound line during a basketball game against Travis AFB's basketball team Jan. 22. The Storm lost 82-80. They will play the Marine Recruit Depot Saturday and Sunday at the El Segundo Fitness Center.

# Good eating can lower blood cholesterol levels

High blood cholesterol is one of the major risk factors for heart disease, but it's also one of the easiest to control. Most people can lower their cholesterol just by eating properly and getting enough exercise. There are also a number of different medications that can help get a person's cholesterol under control.

The fastest and easiest way to lower blood cholesterol is to follow these guidelines for good eating:

- Avoid whole milk and whole-milk products such as butter, cream and ice cream, and choose lowfat or nonfat versions of these foods.

- Limit the intake of egg yolks to four per week.

- Avoid hard cheeses, such as cheddar, and limit servings of soft cheeses, such as cream cheese or cottage cheese to one ounce per day. Choose lowfat cheeses.

- Substitute fish for fatty cuts of meat a few times a week, or experiment with main dishes based on tofu or dried peas, beans or lentils.

- Select lean cuts of meat and eat poultry without the skin.

- Eat plenty of fruits, vegetables, grains

and beans, which are all naturally low in cholesterol.

- Whenever possible, cook without oil and when oils are necessary, choose oils high in polyunsaturated or monounsaturated fats, and use sparingly.

People who are overweight tend to have higher cholesterol levels than people who keep their weight under control. A person who is overweight can help lower cholesterol levels just by starting a healthy weight loss program.

Another factor in lowering cholesterol is a regular exercise program, which keeps a person fit and trim, improves cholesterol levels and conditions the heart, lungs and muscles.

Almost everyone can lower blood cholesterol through a combination of healthy eating, exercise and, in some cases, medication. If your cholesterol levels are too high, talk to your healthcare provider about a program of diet and exercise to lower your cholesterol. For more information on nutrition, call the Health and Wellness Center at 363-6261.

(Information courtesy of Parlay International)

## Sports Shorts

### Varsity basketball

The Los Angeles Air Force Men's Varsity Basketball team plays the Marine Recruit Depot varsity team Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. at the El Segundo Fitness Center. Admission is free. For more information, call the fitness center at 363-6815.

### Valentines co-ed 5K relay fun run

A Co-Ed 5K Fun Run is Feb. 11. It will take place at 8:30 a.m. on the Mini-Park behind Building 219. Prizes will be given out to all participants and extra for winners. For more information, call 363-6815.

### Racquetball tourney

A racquetball tournament will be held at the fitness center from Feb. 14 to 19. Categories are men's and women's novice and open divisions. The tournament is open to all military, family members, Aerospace employees, civilian employees and contractors. For more information, call Robert Morden at 363-6815.

### Army invitational bowling camp

An Air Force Form 303 for the Air Force Bowling Camp is due by Feb. 1. There is no trial camp and the Armed Forces Championship is at Fort Jackson, S.C., from April 5 to 11. For more information, call 363-6814 or 6815.

### Air Force Tae Kwon Do training camp

An Air Force Form 303 for the Air Force Tae Kwon Do Training Camp is due by Feb. 21. There is no trial camp and the Armed Forces Championship is at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa., from April 12 to 15. For more information, contact the El Segundo Fitness Center at 363-6814 or 6815.

### Cybox equipment

The El Segundo Fitness Center has new Cybox equipment. Certified trainers are available for a lesson on proper use of the equipment.

### Monthly cardio fitness challenge

The fitness center now conducts a monthly fitness challenge. The challenge will run from the first of the month until the last day of the month. February is the stationary

bike. The goal is to complete the most miles or distance on a different piece of equipment. Each month a different piece of cardio equipment will be used. All "points" may be logged in at either center, but must be logged in on the day the "points" were accomplished. This program is open to active duty, retirees and their families. The winner will receive an award. For more information, call 363-6815 or ask at the desk.

### Power walking

The El Segundo Fitness Center is forming a power walking class. The class will be during lunch time. For more information or to sign up, call 363-6815. Other times are being considered.

### Personal trainers

The fitness center offers free, one-on-one, individualized fitness training. Some services offered are fitness assessments, programs to lower cholesterol, strength training, cardiovascular training and proper lifting techniques. For more information, call the fitness center at 363-6814.

### Martial arts instructor needed

The fitness center is looking for a certified martial arts instructor interested in teaching martial arts classes on base. For more information, call 363-6814.

### Fitness center aerobic schedule

#### El Segundo

##### Mondays

6 a.m.-Cardio surprise, 11:30 a.m.-Step I, 4:30 p.m.-Step II

##### Tuesdays

6 a.m.-Yoga, 11:30 a.m.-Kick, 4:30 a.m.-Muscle

##### Wednesdays

6 a.m.-Step I, 11:30 a.m.-Step II, 4:30 p.m.-Multi Step

##### Thursdays

6 a.m.-Yoga, 11:30 a.m.-Kick, 4:30 p.m.-Hi/Lo

##### Fridays

6 a.m.-Mixed, 11:30 a.m.-Step I, 4:30 p.m.-Mixed

##### Saturdays

9:15 a.m. Saturday surprise

#### Fort MacArthur

##### Mondays through Fridays

4:30 p.m.

##### Saturdays

9:15 a.m.

# Information assurance activities ensure safety of Air Force data in new millennium

It's February again and excitement fills the air in anticipation of Air Force Information Assurance activities planned for the year 2000. By now there is no mystery to this year's theme, "Information Assurance in the New Millennium." In order for all of us to succeed in the Air Force's goal for information assurance, it falls to each of us to help ensure the safety and integrity of Air Force computer systems and data by participating in these activities:

## Watch a video

It's an easy and painless way to brush up your information assurance awareness. Call the Base Information Assurance Office at 363-0938 to check out a variety of informational videos, such as "Solutions For A Safer World," "Computer Security—You Are The Key" and "Cyberstrike."

## Use a strong password

Make sure your system password has at least eight characters. Combine upper and lower case letters, special characters, and numbers to make your password difficult to guess, such as, Jus@%\$12 or 96Sy@(58. Don't use your name, your social security number, or any ordinary dictionary words. Change your password every 90 days — just make sure you don't change your password on a Friday, since that almost guarantees that

you'll come in on Monday having forgotten it.

## Get to know your CSSO

Every organization at Los Angeles AFB has a computer systems security officer. Who is the CSSO in your organization? Do you know? Your CSSO is the person to call about:

- Changing your password
- Checking your system for viruses
- That "send this to everyone you know" e-mail that landed in your inbox
- Any information assurance questions

If you don't know who your CSSO is, or need more help, the BIAO staff members can answer your questions.

## Check your virus protection

Make sure you have the latest version of Network Associates/McAfee anti-virus software on your office computer. All computer systems at Los Angeles AFB should have their anti-virus software signature files updated whenever a new virus appears. Consult your CSSO if you have additional questions.

If you're in the habit of taking work home, remember to scan your diskettes for viruses when you bring them back to work. Be sure your home computer has virus protection, too. Air Force members and DoD civilians

are authorized to obtain either McAfee or Norton anti-virus software for their home computers free of charge from the new DOD-CERT world wide web site at <http://199.211.123.12/antivirus> or <ftp://199.211.123.12/pub/antivirus/>. Read the license agreement posted on the site before downloading the software, and note that the offer applies to military members and government civilians only, not to contractors. If you need assistance with anti-virus software, please contact the BIAO.

## Learn the correct way to operate your systems

Take advantage of all training opportunities available to you. Computer security seminars, CBTs and courses are offered through many sources, but any technical training courses that help you understand the systems you operate can help you be more effective and more secure.

## And most important of all, you can...

...be aware. Make a habit of protecting government information the same way you protect your money: "Fight to keep it." Use strong passwords and protect them. Educate yourself about viruses, Internet hoaxes, and other "bad guys" of the web. Treat information assurance as something important, because it is. Someday, you'll be glad you did... or sorry you didn't. Which one will it be?

*(Information provided by the Base Information Assurance Office)*

# Blotter: Month ends with arrests and medical emergencies

The following police activity is from Jan. 8 to 23. All information was provided by the 61st Security Forces Squadron resource protection section.

## Theft of money

An Air Force member reported the theft of unit morale funds totaling \$16.49 and a personal check for \$30 from a locked container in an open office. Security forces are investigating.

## Medical emergencies

■ A Services employee suffered from dehydration, exhaustion and possible shock at the base gym. Security forces transported the individual to the base clinic. The individual was treated for an injury sustained to the hand and for dehydration and released.

■ Los Angeles City Fire Department Paramedics responded to an individual experiencing chest pain at the base chapel. The paramedics treated and transported the individual to the San Pedro Peninsula Hospital for further treatment and observation.

■ An Air Force member's son dislocated his shoulder while playing football at Fort MacArthur. Security forces and Los Angeles City Fire Department Paramedics responded. The paramedics transported him to the San Pedro Peninsula Hospital for further treatment.

■ A Services employee reported a medical emergency at the Fort MacArthur Fitness Center. The victim was

suffering from severe abdominal pains and could not stand. Security forces and Los Angeles City Fire Department Paramedics responded. The victim was transported to the San Pedro Peninsula Hospital for further treatment.

## Shoplifting

The wife of a retired Army member was detained for allegedly shoplifting a pair of shorts and a multi-colored jacket valued at \$32.95 from the base exchange. Security forces and El Segundo Police responded. She was issued a suspension of base exchange and commissary privileges. El Segundo Police cited her for petty theft.

## Helping the local police

Security forces assisted the Los Angeles Police Department with an individual wanted for assault with a deadly weapon outside the Mesa Street Gate. After the incident, security forces assisted the LAPD in a search for the knife used by the individual in an attack. Security forces found and secured the knife inside the Mesa Street Gate.

## Air Force Member detained

The Tijuana City Police in Mexico detained an Air Force member assigned to Los Angeles AFB for disturbing the peace. He was released and reported directly to the U.S.

Navy Shore Patrol Station in San Ysidro, Calif. The member was released on his own recognizance.

## Communicating a threat, failure to register a firearm on base

An Air Force member allegedly called his wife at work and threatened to kill her and their two children. Security forces responded to the residence, verified the well being of the two children and apprehended the husband for communicating a threat and failure to register a privately owned firearm on base. The firearm and ammunition were confiscated and secured in the security forces armory.

## Fire response

Security forces discovered a wooden pallet on fire at the White Point Housing construction site. Los Angeles City Fire Department responded and put out the fire. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

## Domestic violence arrest

The Los Angeles City Police Department arrested an Air Force member at the Pacific Heights Housing area for domestic violence. The member's spouse suffered minor injuries to her lip and cheeks.

## Absent without leave

An Army member, residing at Fort MacArthur, reported his son, an AWOL private in the Army, at his residence. After verifying the son's AWOL status, security forces responded and took the son into custody.

## African American Heritage month lunch

A buffet-style luncheon to celebrate African American Heritage month is Feb. 11 in The Club at 11 a.m. Gen. Lester L. Lyles, Vice Chief of Staff, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington D.C., and former SMC commander is the guest speaker.

This year's theme is, "Heritage and Horizons: The African American Legacy and the Challenges of the 21st Century."

Ticket prices are \$11 for members and \$13 for non-members. The menu consists of fried chicken, collard greens, candied yams, blackeye peas and desert.

For tickets, call Ethel Simpson at 363-5308 or Scarlett Small at 363-3794.

## Clinic hours

The Fort MacArthur Clinic hours change Feb. 1.

Sick call will be by appointment only. Call 363-8291 or 8330 from 9 to 11 a.m.

### Pediatric hours

Mondays to Fridays 7 a.m to 4 p.m.  
Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon

### Adult Health Care

Mondays from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesdays to Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon

For more information, call Rosie Manning at 363-0261.

## Vehicle decal renewal

Vehicle decals with the year "99" attached expired Dec. 31, 99. A grace period has been extended to Jan. 30. The following information must be taken to Building 219, room 1061: base identification, current driver permit, current vehicle registration and proof of insurance before Jan. 28. For more information, call Donna Feick at 363-1204.

## MPF Saturday hours

The military personnel flight, customer service office is open the first Saturday of every month. Services include identification card issuance, personnel records reviews and updating emergency data forms, servicemen life insurance and family dental forms. For more information, call Janice Nicol at 363-1109.

## Civilian career broadening

Nominations for cross-functional training at the GS-12 level are due Feb. 10. The positions are located in financial

management, contracting, logistics and program management. The training is designed to provide sufficient on-the-job training and formal courses to qualify successful candidates for Level 1 APDP certification in the assigned functional area. Upon completion of a one-year assignment, participants will be reassigned back to their functional area. For more information, call Roy Sakamoto at 363-5600.

## TRICARE News

TRICARE Prime enrollees will experience an added benefit when scheduling appointments at Los Angeles AFB Clinics. Members assigned to Los Angeles who call to schedule an appointment will be assigned a provider according to their organization. All other active duty family members and retirees family members will be assigned a provider according to the last two digits of the sponsor's social security number. For more information, call Rosie Manning 363-0261.

The TRICARE support office moved to Building 201. The hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 363-5044.

If you are on active duty and you work and live in a remote area, you may

be eligible to enroll in the TRICARE Prime Remote Program. The DoD began a new health care program to help active-duty members get health care more easily when they are assigned to remote locations. The new program is called TRICARE Prime Remote. Under TRICARE Prime Remote, active-duty members who work and live more than 50 miles, based on zip codes, from a military treatment facility or clinic can receive most of their medical and dental care from local civilian doctors. If you are active duty and work and live in an identified zip code, you qualify for the program and must enroll. To find out if you qualify for TRICARE Prime Remote, to enroll or for more information, call (800) 242-6788 and press option 1, then 3.

## Office of Special Investigations

Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 110 provides mandatory terrorism awareness training on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 9 a.m. in Building 243. This training is required for all military and civilian personnel, and their family members PCSing or going TDY overseas. For more information or an appointment, which is mandatory, call 363-1608.

## It's gonna snow again...



Photo by Greg Heim

Children enjoy playing in the snow during last year's Fort MacArthur Snow Day. The Services Division will once again provide snow at the Fort MacArthur Community Center Feb. 4 from 4 to 9 p.m. This event is free and open to all military personnel and their family members. There will be two toboggan runs, other snow activities and a movie afterwards.

## Notes

Air Force Services has summer job opportunities for college students who are family members of active-duty Air Force members.

For the third consecutive year, Air Force Services, in conjunction with the University of Northern Iowa's Camp Adventure program, is recruiting college students to serve as summer camp counselors at Air Force installations around the world.

Individuals who have completed their freshman year in college and are willing to travel are eligible for this exciting program, which offers participants the opportunity to gain valuable experience serving children and youth.

This is an academic program with 12 undergraduate/graduate credits offered through the University of Northern Iowa's school of Health, Physical Education, and Leisure Services. Selected individuals will undergo a week of intensive camp counselor training near the end of May before being flown to their assigned base. Although the program does not offer participants a wage, the program does provide living expenses, including the cost of food and lodging. For the summer of 2000, 10 counselor positions have been set aside for Air Force family members.

To apply for this program, call Pat Brown at 363-8383 or Randy Jones at 210-625-4045 or DSN 487-4045.

For more detailed information, visit [www.campadventure.com](http://www.campadventure.com).

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## The Club 363-2230

The club hosts a Superbowl party Sunday in the Sports Lounge. The event is free and open to members and their guests. Pretzel dogs, chili and chips will be served. A grand prize of an official NFL football will be drawn at the end of the game along with giveaways during each quarter.

February member's only special is a pastrami with cheese sandwich for \$3.50.

The Club hosts a Valentine's Day luncheon in the ballroom Feb. 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$5.95 per person.

The bar is open Fridays at 4 p.m. Free snacks are available to club members. The disc jockey starts playing at 5 p.m.

## Barber Shop 363-1733

The shop's hours are Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Building 120.

## Vet Clinic 363-8269

The Vet is scheduled to be in Feb. 4 and 18. Call 363-8269 for an appointment. Messages may be left on the answering machine when the clinic is closed. Please state name, phone number, animal name and species as well as what kind of appointment is needed. The clinic will call you back with an appointment.

The Vet Clinic accepts VISA and MasterCard.

## Youth Services 363-8383

The third annual Teen Summit will be held at the Fort MacArthur Community Center Feb. 17. Three hundred teens from the San Pedro area will be attending. Craig Zablocki of "Positively Humor" will be serving as the conference facilitator.

The next give parents a break is Feb. 19 from 1 to 6 p.m. This activity is free for family members of active-duty personnel. Contact your first sergeant, commander or chaplain for the criteria to qualify for this program. Sign up deadline is Feb. 14.

A pre-teen dance for kids 5 years of age, in kindergarten, through 12 years of age, in grade school, is Feb. 18 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Fort Mac Hall. The cost is \$3 for members and \$4 for non-members.

The next parent's night out is a trip to Chuck E Cheese Feb. 25 from 7 to 10 p.m. The cost is \$7 for members and \$10 for non-members and includes two pieces of pizza, two drinks, and sixteen tokens. Kids may purchase more tokens. The bus departs the youth center. The trip is open to kids ages 5, in kindergar-

ten, to 12, in grade school. Permission slips and registration are required by Feb. 22.

A trip to Mulligan's Family Fun Center is Feb. 12. from 6 to 10 p.m. The cost is \$10 for members and \$12 for nonmembers. The price includes two pieces of pizza, a slice of cake, one soda, five tokens for the arcade and one round of miniature golf. Extra rounds of golf are \$5.50 per game. Permission slips and sign up is required by Feb. 9. Payment should be made the night of the event and in cash only.

A teen dance is Feb. 18 from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. The cost is \$3 for members and \$4 for nonmembers. Camp Pendleton's youth have been invited.

Youth activities is looking for instructors to teach ballet, tap, gymnastics and piano. For more information, call Rebecca Burns at 363-8381.

Youth activities are open to DoD civilian employee's family members. For more information, call 363-8564 or 8402.

Los Angeles AFB Performing Arts Troupe--Want to develop your artistic side? Whether you are or want to be an actor, dancer, singer, artist, seamstress, director, choreographer, carpenter, lighting technician, or stage mom/dad, sign up now.

Parents looking for a teen sitter can call the Teen Scene for the list of those that completed the "Teen for Tots" babysitting program.

## Child Development Center 363-8335

The El Segundo CDC has openings for ages 3 to 5 years old. Visit the CDC and pick up an application.

Each room at the El Segundo CDC will be doing a special craft Feb. 14 for Valentine's Day. Parents are invited to attend and help out with the projects.

The preschoolers are going to the new Barnes & Noble Feb. 18 from 10 to 11 a.m. for story hour. The center needs volunteers to help with the field trips. Parents or other adults are encouraged to come along.

Members of the dental clinic will visit the El Segundo CDC for Children's Dental Health Month Feb. 18 from 9 to 10 a.m.

The El Segundo CDC needs used compact discs. They will be used by the preschoolers to make sun catchers in the

spring. CDs may be turned into the front desk at the center.

A dentist will be at the Fort MacArthur CDC for Children's Dental Health Month Feb. 17 from 9 to 11 a.m.

The Fort MacArthur CDC celebrates Multicultural Week Feb. 7 to 11. A different cultural meal will be prepared each day of the week. Parents are invited to join us Feb. 11 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for Oriental Day. For more information, call 363-8335.

Rooms 2 and 4 take a trip to the San Pedro post office Feb. 4 from 9 to 11 a.m. Parent volunteers are needed. For more information, call 363-8335.

## Family Child Care 833-8334

The Family Child Care Program is looking for individuals who enjoy working with children, who want to work out of their home and earn money. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please call our office at 363-8335. All required training is provided.

## The Community Center 363-8225

The Family Member Flight will provide snow at the Fort MacArthur Community Center Feb. 4 from 4 to 9 p.m. There will be snow activities and other games to play.

The community center takes a trip to the new Staples Center to see the Los Angeles Lakers take on the Minnesota Timberwolves Feb. 9. The bus leaves the community center at 6:30 p.m. and returns after the game. The cost is \$27 per person and includes ticket and transportation. This trip is open to all military identification cardholders and their guests. Sign up deadline is Feb. 8. Payment is due at time of reservation.

The community center takes a trip to the Griffith Observatory Feb. 16. The cost is \$3 for transportation. The bus leaves the community center at 1:15 p.m. Sign up deadline is Feb. 15.

The community center hosts "Mommy and Me" Feb. 17 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This session is free. Moms, and Dads too, come out with their toddler for a morning of exercise and fun.

Game night is Feb. 1 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Fort Mac Hall. The night is free and open to all identification cardholders ages 18 and older and their guests. Several board games as well as cards will be available.

Harbor View Room Friday Night Mu-

sic Schedule:

Tonight: DJ plays contemporary, oldies and hip-hop from 8 p.m. to midnight

## Tickets & Information 363-2190

The tickets and information office has vouchers for lift tickets and skiing lessons for several ski and snowboard areas in California and Nevada.

Note: Some ski resort areas have options such as cross-country skiing, sledging, inner-tubing and even skateboarding areas. Equipment can be rented from the base equipment rental office or ski resorts.

Lift Tickets for Big Bear and Snow Summit are \$27.50 and \$31. The ski rental package is \$8 and includes skis, boots and poles.

February's special is a winter pack for \$12, which includes one sled, two saucers and a toboggan.

Services has tickets to the Long Beach Aquarium. Prices are \$11.50 for adults and \$6.00 for children.

Tickets are available for the San Diego Zoo. Prices for adults are \$17.70 and children are \$10.10.

## Outdoor Recreation

The base operates a family campground two miles south of Los Angeles AFB, in Lawndale on Aviation Boulevard between Marine Avenue and Rosecrans Boulevard. It has 14 hardstand units with hookups for water and electricity. It is open year round and advanced reservations are accepted. The fee is \$8 per day. For more information or reservations, call 363-2081.

Los Angeles AFB offers four recreational vehicle storage facilities. They are located next to Buildings 219 and 215 in Area B, next to the FamCamp in Lawndale and one at Fort MacArthur. Storage fees are \$30 per month for RVs over 23 feet and \$20 per month for RVs under 23 feet long.

The RV storage area located at Fort MacArthur is open to active duty military personnel residing in Los Angeles AFB military housing.

## Auto Skills Center 363-1705

The February monthly special is a front brake job, \$30 for cars and \$40 for trucks.

The auto skills center is open Tuesdays through Thursdays 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.