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Serving the soldiers of LSA Anaconda and Sustainer Army Airfield

Golf tournament, 5k run highlight Christmas activities



Maj. Gus Patterson, 171st Area Support Group, tees off during the LSA Anaconda Classic.

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To help broaden the Christmas spirit, Logistical Support Area Anaconda played host to a couple of events to cheer up soldiers on Christmas Eve.

The LSA Anaconda Classic, a 3-man best-shot golf tournament, took place as well as a 5k run sponsored by the 12th Aviation Brigade.

A three par gold course was built near the airfield on LSA Anaconda to accommodate the tournament.

"The people had a great time. They really enjoyed doing something they'd do in the States," said Lt. Col. Michael Brouillette, the officer in charge of the Classic.

"The whole point was to give the soldiers a break during this down time of year," he said.

The run took place on the airfield and included about 300 troops.



Sgt. Maj. Lyle Wold, 82nd Rear Operations Center, concentrates on his putt during the LSA Anaconda Classic.



Maj. Rita McClellan, 3rd Corps Support Command, swings for her team's last shot during the 3-man best shot tournament.



photo by Sgt. 1st Class Carolanne Diggs, 3rd COSCOM PAO
Many soldiers from Logistical Support Area Anaconda participated in the 12th Aviation Brigade's 5k Christmas run, Dec. 24.

Musharraf survives assassination attempt

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (CNN) — Would-be assassins launched a two-pronged suicide attack against a convoy carrying Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf on Thursday, the second attempt to kill him in the last 12 days.

Musharraf escaped unharmed, the Pakistani Information Ministry said. Police said 15 people died in the attack and at least 46 were wounded. It was not immediately known how many of the casualties were attackers and how many were in the convoy.

Islamic militants have been blamed for previous attempts on Musharraf's life. Three such militants were convicted of an attempt last year that was similar to Thursday's attack.

In this attack, Musharraf was traveling from Islamabad to his home in Rawalpindi, just outside the capital, when two vans tried to enter the convoy — one at the front, the other at the rear. Both vans exploded, police said.

"When we reached the bridge where there was a bomb explosion a few days back, there was a vehicle that approached me, my car," Musharraf said after Thursday's attack. "A policeman stopped it, it exploded."

His convoy speeded up, he said, and there was another

explosion. "We went through the debris, we stopped safe and secure."

But others were killed, including some who worked at a nearby gas station. The dead included civilians and a policeman.

Labelling his attackers cowards, Musharraf said his resolve to fight terrorism has only grown stronger following the assassination bids.

A senior U.S. State Department official said, "Musharraf has made some pretty bold and controversial decisions, and he is in a dangerous neighborhood."

The United States has not been asked to help provide Musharraf with additional security in the wake of the attack, the official said. "If he needs something, obviously we will try to accommodate."

It was not immediately known if any U.S. officials would insist in investigating the attack. The United States provided assistance after one previous attempt on Musharraf's life.

Asked about his security, Musharraf said he takes many security precautions, but "total security against suicide bombers really cannot be guaranteed by any force."

Calif. mudslides trap campers

LOS ANGELES, California (CNN) — Authorities searched early Friday for at least 10 campers who were still missing after mudslides triggered by heavy rain washed through a church camping facility.

San Bernardino County Fire Marshal Peter Briery said 14 people had been rescued from the St. Sophia Camp.

Survivors told rescuers that the wave of liquid earth "hit so fast that everyone had to scramble," said Tracey Martinez, a public information officer for the San Bernardino County Fire Department.

In some places, the muck was 6 to 12 feet deep. Occupants of one vehicle found safety by running into a nearby home, but it was not clear what fate others had met. "It's unknown if folks are buried in that area," she said.



TMC CLOSURE

The troop medical clinic will be closed on the following days except for emergency - life, limb or eyesight - situations: New Year's - Thursday, Jan. 1.

For more information contact Maj. Douglas Olney at 318-528-1413.

PLUMBING WORK

In the near future buildings 4114-4169, 4247 and 4248 will be receiving fixtures and toilets in preparation for running water. The tenants of these buildings are encouraged to clear all bathrooms of garbage and excess storage as well as cease all plumbing being done by contracted Iraqis.

RESERVE ID CARDS

Due to units being extended, many Reservists' ID cards are set to expire. Units confronting this issue should contact Staff Sgt. Jonathon Trussell, 90th Personnel Support Battalion, to set up an appointment to renew their ID cards. Trussell can be reached at 551-9903. Amendment orders are needed for new IDs.

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The holidays shift bowl season into top gear

December 16, 2003 New Orleans Bowl Memphis 27 North Texas 17	Insight Bowl Virginia Tech California
December 18, 2003 GMAC Bowl Miami, Oh (15) 49 Louisville 28	December 27, 2003 Continental Tire Bowl Pittsburgh Virginia
December 22, 2003 Tangerine Bowl N.C. State 56 Kansas 26	December 29, 2003 Alamo Bowl Michigan St. Nebraska (21)
December 23, 2003 Fort Worth Bowl Boise State (16) 34 TCU (19) 31	December 30, 2003 Houston Bowl Navy Texas Tech
December 24, 2003 Las Vegas Bowl Oregon St. 55 New Mexico 14	Silcon Valley Classic UCLA Fresno St. Holiday Bowl Texas (5) Washington St. (14)
December 25, 2003 Hawaii Bowl (3 OT) Hawaii 54 Houston 48	December 31, 2003 Music City Bowl Wisconsin Auburn
December 26, 2003 Motor City Bowl Northwestern Bowling Green	Liberty Bowl Utah (25) Southern Miss



Hawaii needed three overtimes to defeat Houston in the Hawaii Bowl.

San Francisco Bowl	Georgia (11)	Fiesta Bowl
Boston College	Purdue (13)	Kansas St. (10)
Colorado St.	FedEx Orange Bowl	Ohio St. (6)
Sun Bowl	Miami (9)	Peach Bowl
Oregon	Florida St. (8)	Tennessee (7)
Minnesota (20)	Gator Bowl	Clemson
Independence Bowl	Maryland (24)	
Missouri	West Virginia (23)	January 3, 2004
Arkansas	Rose Bowl	Humanitarian Bowl
	Michigan (4)	Georgia Tech
January 1, 2004	USC (1)	Tulsa
Outback Bowl	January 2, 2003	January 4, 2004
Iowa (12)	Cotton Bowl	Sugar Bowl
Florida (17)	Oklahoma St (22).	Oklahoma (3)
Capital One Bowl	Ole Miss (18)	LSU (2)

NBA Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE		WESTERN CONFERENCE	
ATLANTIC		MIDWEST	
Nets	--	Spurs	--
76ers	0.5	T-wolves	0.5
Celtics	1	Nuggets	2
Heat	3.5	Mavericks	3
Knicks	5	Rockets	3
Wizards	5.5	Grizzlies	4
Magic	7.5	Jazz	4
CENTRAL		PACIFIC	
Pacers	--	Lakers	--
Hornets	3	Kings	--
Pistons	4.5	Blazers	6.5
Raptors	6	Warriors	6.5
Bucks	6.5	Sonics	6.5
Cavs	12	Clippers	7.5
Bulls	13	Suns	11
Hawks	13.5		

National Hockey League

EASTERN		WESTERN	
ATLANTIC		CENTRAL	
Flyers	47	Red Wings	48
Devils	44	Blues	44
Rangers	33	Predators	36
Islanders	33	Black Hawks	26
Penguins	23	Blue Jackets	23
NORTHEAST		NORTHWEST	
Maple Leafs	49	Canucks	44
Bruins	39	Flames	41
Senators	39	Avalanche	39
Canadiens	37	Wild	35
Sabres	28	Oilers	30
SOUTHEAST		PACIFIC	
Thrashers	40	Kings	39
Lightning	34	Sharks	37
Panthers	31	Stars	34
Hurricanes	30	Coyotes	
Capitals	26		

NFL Standings

NFC		AFC	
East		East	
Eagles	11-4	Patriots	13-2
Cowboys	10-5	Dolphins	9-6
Redskins	5-10	Bills	6-9
Giants	4-11	Jets	6-9
West		West	
Rams	12-3	Chiefs	12-3
Seahawks	9-6	Broncos	10-5
49ers	7-8	Raiders	4-11
Cardinals	3-12	Chargers	3-12
North		North	
Vikings	9-6	Ravens	9-6
Packers	9-6	Bengals	8-7
Bears	7-8	Steelers	6-9
Lions	4-11	Browns	4-11
South		South	
Panthers	10-5	Colts	11-4
Saints	7-8	Titans	11-4
Buccaneers	7-8	Texans	5-10
Falcons	4-11	Jaguars	5-10