

Phantom mishap



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A jet attached to the runway made a gear-up landing, resulting in a terminal shortly after the incident and no fire. The runway was closed for almost three hours. The incident was the first mishap involving the Phantom, which joined the guard's Fresno-based 144th Fighter-

Interceptor Wing in October. Guard spokesman Lt. Col. James A. Arthur said that for reasons not yet known, the jet was unable to lower its landing gear and was forced to land on its belly. Neither

of the two men aboard the plane was injured, Arthur said. He identified the two as the pilot, 1st Lt. Sean P. Bautista, and the weapons system officer, Capt. William L. Garwood, both of Fresno.