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CFC COMMITTEE HOLDS CHARITY EXPO

The Vandenberg Combined Federal Campaign committee is holding a charity expo Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Pacific Coast Club. This is an opportunity for the public to learn more about local charities that they may contribute to through CFC. The club is giving \$1 off lunch to the first 100 people who listen to two agency's presentations at the charity expo.

SOUTH BASE CLOSED THIS WEEKEND DUE TO OPERATIONS

Due to 30th Space Wing operations, South Vandenberg will be closed to all outdoor recreational activities today through Monday. Call the 30th Security Forces Squadron Fish and Wildlife section at 606-6804 for information.

TITAN IV ROCKET SET TO LAUNCH MONDAY

A Titan IV rocket is scheduled to launch Monday at noon from Space Launch Complex 4 East on South Vandenberg. People with base access can view the launch from the Rod and Gun Club.

COMMISSARY CLOSURES FOR COLUMBUS DAY

The commissary will be closed Oct. 8 in observance of Columbus Day. It will also be closed Oct. 9, but the mini commissary will be open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

MEDICAL GROUP CLOSURES FOR FUNCTION

The 30th Medical Group will close Oct. 5 at 10:45 a.m. for an official function. The medical group will be open Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for pharmaceutical needs and previously scheduled appointments. They will also be closed Oct. 8 in observance of Columbus Day. If a need for urgent or emergency care arises, go to the nearest emergency room and call the toll-free number, (888) 252-3299, on the back of the TRICARE card for assistance.

OFFICIALS BAN UNIFORMS ON COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS

Air Force people are no longer authorized to wear their uniforms when traveling aboard commercial aircraft. The uniform prohibition, approved by Gen. John Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, Sept. 21, is directly related to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on New York and the Pentagon. The policy ends the June 2000 recommendation that colonels and above, and chief master sergeants, wear their uniforms when traveling on official orders within the United States.

NEW AIR FORCE WEB SITE COVERS TRAGEDY

Air Force officials have set up a new website link called "Responding to Tragedy" at www.af.mil/news/tragedy. The site has the latest Air Force-related news about the Sept. 11 tragedy, as well as links to frequently asked questions about Air Force people assigned to the Pentagon, hero stories, letters, photos and base news.

MSS RECOMMENDS UPDATING SGLI, EMERGENCY DATA CARDS

All base members are requested to verify their emergency data cards and Servicemembers Group Life Insurance information is accurate. For information, call the military personnel flight at 606-7756.

MILITARY CLOTHING STORES RAISE PRICES MONDAY

Beginning Oct. 1, Army and Air Force Exchange Service military clothing sales stores will undergo price changes. In order to take advantage of this year's prices, soldiers and airmen should visit their local military clothing sales store by Sept. 29.

LAB CHANGES CUSTOMER SERVICE HOURS MONDAY

Beginning Monday, the 30th Medical Group lab

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30th Weather Squadron's weekend forecast

Vandenberg will have fog in the morning and mostly sunny afternoons.



Low/High
50/74

Visit the 30th Weather Squadron's website at www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather/index.html to get a five-day forecast.

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PHOTOS BY AIRMAN 1st CLASS JONATHAN POMEROY

During a simulated firefight and capture, 30th Security Forces members Senior Airman Mohammad Hamoud (left) and Staff Sgt. Derek Greene (right) capture prisoner of war

Staff Sgt. Micheal Hayes (middle) during the POW/MIA ceremony Sept. 21 here. Senior Airman Rebecca Faalzadeh lies fatally wounded after being shot during the attack.

POW/MIA: Remembering our nation's true heroes

Team V, AFSA pay tribute to lost comrades

BY MASTER SGT. LLOYD CONLEY
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

More than 100 members of Team Vandenberg, including former American prisoners of war and veterans, attended a somber POW/MIA ceremony here Sept. 21.

"The annual ceremony is held to remember the members of our armed forces who have not yet come home," said Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30th Space Wing Commander.

The observance also honors members of the American military who have endured imprisonment and hardships at the hands of the nation's enemies and those who have paid the ultimate price of freedom with their lives.

Bob Hatch, president of the Santa Maria Chamber of Commerce and a highly decorated veteran of the Vietnam War, was the

guest speaker for the event. He said that up until Sept. 11, his POW/MIA speech was going to be about the previous years of unprecedented peace and prosperity the United States and the world has enjoyed. He said that almost a generation has passed since the U. S. was involved in a major protracted conflict.

But current events compelled him to change his message, he said.

"The terror inflicted on our country reminds us how precious our security and freedom are," he said, adding it's important to understand it is still a dangerous world and some sacrifices are still necessary to secure and maintain freedom and security.

During the ceremony, 30th Security Forces Squadron members re-enacted a firefight and captured an American serviceman.

During the re-enactment, the sound of "blank" M-16 and M-60 rounds broke the solemnity of the occasion. Purple smoke grenades and ground burst simulators also added a touch of realism to the exhibition. A UH-1N from the 76th Helicopter Flight flew over the scene as the battle raged.



A couple watches the POW/MIA capture demonstration.

Subsequently, Vandenberg's honor guard placed a wreath of yellow roses on the base of the POW/MIA memorial as the names of POWs and MIAs from the local community were read. The closing remarks were also presented by Senior Master Sgt. John Gunther, Chapter 1356 Air Force Sergeant Association legislative officer.

Former Navy Seal, William Smith a Vietnam veteran said "It was a really uplifting ceremony."

"Title 10 permits the president to suspend any provision of law relating to promotions, retirements and separations during any period when members of any reserve component are on active duty under involuntary mobilization authorities," she said.

Middleton said that the Air Force will employ a "total force approach" to capitalize on the unique composition of each force element, including active duty members, Guard and Reserve.

Capt. Amy Anderson, chief of retirement and separation policy for the Air Force, said the key will be to ensure the service retains the critical skills needed for mission requirements. At least for the short-term future, the policy will affect all bluesuiters.

"The initial Stop-Loss period for all Air Force specialties will be for at least 30 days," she said. "All retirement, separation or component transfer actions will be suspended until termination of Stop-Loss, unless an exemption is applicable or waiver is granted."

This (Air Force Specialty Code) list will be revised and made available to the public as requirements are validated.

For more information, call the military personnel flight at 606-4948. (Air Force Print News contributed to this article)



ILLUSTRATION BY MASTER SGT. JIM GREELY

MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Nearly 100 Team Vandenberg members are affected by the secretary of defense's decision to authorize the use of Stop-Loss measures in support of the nation's campaign against terrorism.

The decision, which gives service departments the authority to retain members beyond established dates of separation or retirement, was made by Donald H. Rumsfeld Sept. 19, said Lt. Col. Jan Middleton, chief of promotion, evaluation and separation policy for the Air Force.

"We have 98 people that Stop-Loss affects over the next six months," said Staff Sgt. Tami Iverson, 30th Mission Support Squadron NCOIC of retirements and separations.

"These are people who already have an approved retirement or separation date on file," she said.

Air Force officials enacted Stop-Loss in order to meet mission requirements in support of Operation Noble Eagle and any follow-on operations regarding the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the nation, Middleton said.

According to Senior Airman Kathryn Brady, 30th MSS retirements

and separations, her office has fielded about 70 calls pertaining to Stop-Loss since the attacks.

Those attacks, in which hijackers flew airliners into New York's World Trade Centers, and the Pen-

tagon, killed thousands of Americans and sent shockwaves throughout the world.

In a Sept. 20 address to Congress, President Bush responded to the attacks by essentially declaring war on the world's network of terrorism.

As a result, as many as 50,000 reservists — including people in each branch of service — have been called to active duty in recent days.

Title 10 of U.S. Code permits the president to enact Stop-Loss measures when such a call-up takes place, Middleton said.

STOP-LOSS EXEMPTIONS

This is a list of some of the Stop-Loss exemptions:

- Administrative discharges.
- Involuntary separation of commissioned officers.
- Discharges in lieu of trial by court martial.
- Discharges and retirements for extreme personal hardship.
- Disability actions; physical evaluation for retention, retirement and separation.

Team Vandenberg members deploy

BY STAFF SGT. ANDREW LEONHARD

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Team Vandenberg members are on their way to help fight the war against terrorism.

More than 20 people from public affairs, military personnel flight, medical group, communications squadron and transportation squadron deployed this week with the blessing of their commander in chief.

"I've called the armed forces to alert, and there is a reason," said President George Bush during a speech before a joint session of Congress Sept. 20. "The hour is coming when America will act, and you will make us proud."

The next day, airmen and NCOs from the 30th Medical Group outprocessed to make sure they'd be set to go when the actual order is given.

Their emotions ran the gamut from fear to excitement. They were ready to fight for freedom and democracy.

"Right now I'm pretty calm," said Senior Airman Dennis Leon, 30th Aeromedical-Dental Operations Squadron dental technician, who was preparing for his first deployment.

"I was pleased about what the president said. He is handling this with calmness and firmness," Leon said after hearing the words from President Bush.

Staff Sgt. Marilyn Griffiths, a medical technician, echoed Leon's sentiments about the president's speech.

"I'm glad this (attack on America) is not going to go unnoticed," she added.

According to 2nd Lt. Karalyne Lowery, 30th Mission Support Squadron's officer in charge of personnel deployment function, security forces will likely be deploying people.

"The list changes almost daily," she said.

One of the most important parts of Lowery's job in assisting these deployments is to brief people on their emergency data cards.

"We have to brief them that (emergency data cards) should be updated in case of injury, illness or death. It's what we will use to contact their next of kin," Lowery said.

Last Friday, the emergency data card briefing was difficult for Lowery to complete.

"It's easy to say during an exercise, but I'll admit I couldn't look them in the eye and say it. It was too emotional," she said. "I left out the death part and concentrated on the injury and illness."

"It was also hard to see them off," she said. "I have two younger brothers, a sister-in-law and a husband who are eligible to deploy, and I kept thinking about what I would say to them if they were going through my line. It's very sobering."

Senior Airman Fitzroy Munroe, 30th ADOS dental technician, was also thinking about his family. He was married the same day he outprocessed.

"We had a date in November, but after finding out I was deploying, we decided to move it up," he said. So Munroe and his fiancé, Tameika, went to a judge and said their vows before he took off for his first deployment.

The president said the terrorist threat facing America is unlike any conflict the country has fought.

"Our nation — this generation — will lift a dark threat of violence from our people and our future. We will rally the world to this cause by our efforts, by our courage," Bush said.

"We will not tire, we will not falter, and we will not fail."

Taurus failure



PHOTO BY BILL HARTENSTEIN

A Taurus rocket carrying two satellites, failed to reach orbit Sept. 21. After a normal countdown and lift-off, the rocket experienced an anomaly, which prevented the satellites from achieving their proper orbits. The cause of the failure is unknown at this time.

Leadership is action—not position

By Lt. Col. David Cannon
30th Services Squadron commander

There are numerous volumes, books, articles, tapes and tips on effective leadership. While this article won't add any new research on the topic, hopefully it will give us an easy way to remember the traits that help us lead effective organizations. Acronyms are pretty popular in the military, so we'll use the word leadership itself to make this tool easy to remember.

L=Loyalty. Seems fairly obvious. We all know we owe loyalty up the chain of command, the Air Force and our great nation. But good leaders are also loyal to their peers and, perhaps most important, to those they lead. Loyalty to those we lead means that we ensure they have the proper training and equipment to perform their jobs. It means we watch out for their interests and work to make them successful.

E=Enthusiasm. Nobody wants to follow a doom-and-gloom leader or a "woe is me" person. Effective leaders are enthusiastic. They're upbeat and positive. That attitude tends to rally others. President George W. Bush is a great example. After the terrorist attack, his enthusiasm focused on the recovery effort and it's heroes – it's infectious and rallied a nation of patriots. Like the president, your enthusiasm can transform your organization.

A=Action. Leaders are action and results oriented. They don't sit around and wait to be told to move out. They're proactive. They try and get out in front of issues and work them. In short, leaders move organizations forward.

D=Dedication. This echoes one of our core values: Service Before Self. Dedication to our nation and the ideals it stands for, to the world's greatest Air Force, to your mission, to taking

care of your people and moving them and your organization forward.

E=Empathy. Most everything a leader does effects somebody. For every action, there is a reaction. Empathy means you are aware of that and factor in the cause and effect relationship in decision making.

R=Recognition. People get the mission done. Recognize them and their efforts. Reward them for a job well done. Highlight their successes. Visit them in their work areas and let them know how important they are to the mission.

S=Spirituality. Spend time in quiet solitude and reflect. Spend time on bended knee asking for guidance, courage and patience. This helps to re-energize your emotional spirit and gets you ready to face another day.

H=Honesty. This is a reflection of the core value of Integrity. Do the right thing. Be honest with everyone. Don't lie. Don't spin. Tell the truth. Always.

I=Inspiration. Inspire others. Strive to be the type of person that others want to be. Also, who inspires you? Why? Emulate them in order to inspire others to reach new heights and help take the organization forward.

P=Physical. What we do is often hard work and takes long hours. Look at our security forces troops – 14-hour shifts. Look at those who're preparing for upcoming launches.

We all work long and hard. But we need to stay in top physical shape. It helps us do our jobs. And if you as a leader are out keeping in shape, you show the way for others to do the same. Take care of yourself and make sure others are taking care of themselves.

None of this is new, but it never hurts to review what it takes to be an effective leader. See you at the top!



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

Commander's Action line

Mission success is our top priority, and the talented men and women of Team Vandenberg get it done with excellence. Key to the effectiveness of any great team is good communication. The 30th

Space Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct communication link to me. It provides an avenue for you to voice your concerns, share constructive ideas, or give your Vandenberg teammates a pat on the back. I appreciate your input, and I am personally involved in every response.

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

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

Call or e-mail at 606-7850 or actionline@vandenberg.af.mil

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Members have desire to serve, ability to perform, courage to act

By Lt. Col. Theresa Carter
355th Civil Engineer Squadron
Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

I developed the idea for this commentary while attending the Department of Defense fire conference a few weeks ago.

"The desire to serve, the ability to perform, the courage to act," is the motto of Air Force firefighters. Before I could put the finishing touches on the article, the terrorist attacks in New York City and at the Pentagon forever changed the world as we know it. After watching those events, it was clear to me that the motto has a much broader application.

The desire to serve.

Each of us wearing a military uniform decided to serve our country for a variety of reasons. Perhaps it was patriotism, a desire to travel, or a chance to acquire new skills and an education.

Regardless of the reason, we all belong to an organization, and to a way of life, that is bigger than we are. We are a team of more than a million dedicated soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines.

As the nation watched in horror the events following the Sept. 11 attacks, nothing brought us closer to tears than the image of firefighters and police officers rushing to provide assistance while everyone else was fleeing the crumbling World Trade Center. Hundreds of emergency responders lost their lives as a result of their desire to serve and placing service before self.

The ability to perform.

One of the most basic responsibilities of supervisors and leaders is to ensure the people entrusted to their care are ready to perform their duties when called upon.

In the military, these duties are performed across the full spectrum of conflict, from daily peacetime activities to armed conflicts against our nation's en-

emies. The training we do every day ensures we are prepared for any situation, any time.

In addition, each of us has a personal responsibility to ensure we are physically and mentally prepared to answer the call. We achieve excellence in all we do through the collective efforts of individuals and supervisors.

In the coming weeks, our military may be asked to respond to the barbaric act of terrorism inflicted on us. I'm confident in our ability to perform.

The courage to act.

Not only physical, but courage as well. Our military history is filled with stories of incredible physical courage, from the beaches of Normandy to the sands of Iraq and Kuwait. We have also heard stories of great moral courage — individuals who had the integrity to do the right thing, regardless of the personal consequences.

People like Sen. John McCain, who refused early release as a prisoner of war in Hanoi because he feared the North Vietnamese would use it for propaganda purposes. Those in the fire service, both military and civilian, demonstrate the courage to act every day, whether they are responding to a structural fire, an in-flight emergency on a military aircraft, or to the unspeakable horror that we saw Sept. 11.

My thoughts and prayers are with the families of those who lost their lives in an attempt to save others in New York, and with all of the victims and their families in this tragic and cowardly act of terrorism.

My faith, however, in our nation's resolve and in the ability of our military to successfully respond to these attacks remains unshakable.

May God bless the land of the free and the home of the brave. (Courtesy Air Force Print News)

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Team Vandenberg congratulates new promotees

■ Team Vandenberg will recognize its newest promotees at 9:30 a.m. Oct. 5 in the Pacific Coast Club. Fifty enlisted members, ranging from airman basic to chief master sergeant, will tack on their new stripe next month. Two 1st lieutenants will trade in their silver bar for captain bars. All promotions are effective in October unless otherwise noted.

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PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JONATHAN POMEROY

Retired Chief Master Sgt. James Gough shares his experiences as a prisoner during the Vietnam War

with the men and women of the 381st Training Group during a retreat ceremony Sept. 21.

381st Training Group pays tribute to POW/MIAs

By STAFF SGT. ANDREW LEONHARD

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ More than 200 people gathered to honor and pay respect to Old Glory and our nation's POW/MIAs during a retreat ceremony at the 381st Training Group flagpole Sept. 21.

This inaugural event by the men and women of the 381st paid tribute to American servicemembers from World War I, World War II, Korea and the Vietnam War.

Retired Chief Master Sgt. James Gough, keynote speaker, spoke to 120 training group members and more than 80 guests in the audience about what his time as a Vietnam-era prisoner of war was like.

Gough enlisted into the Air Force Feb. 14, 1952. Early in his career he worked as both a missile launch crewmember and performed duties as a maintenance technician on the Atlas Missile System.

In 1969, he applied for and was accepted into flight crew training as a gunner in B-52s.

While flying as a gunner in a B-52 supporting the Arc Light bombing campaign over Hanoi, North Vietnam, in December

1972, Gough's aircraft was hit by a surface-to-air missile. He was forced to bail out. The two pilots, radar navigator and Gough made it out and spent the next three months in captivity.

"The navigator was killed by the missile and the electronic warfare officer made it out, we think, but never knew for sure," he said. The navigator's remains were returned Sept. 30, 1977, and the electronic warfare officers remains were returned Dec. 4, 1985.

Gough flew 80 combat missions over Vietnam before being shot down. He retired in February 1979.

After Gough spoke about his mission and release, airmen from the 381st performed the retreat ceremony for the POW/MIA and U.S. flags.

"We need to continue to educate students on the importance of the POW/MIA ceremony," said Paulette Taylor, 381st protocol officer. "We can never forget them and what they endured for us, and also remind them that there are still service members and civilians that are unaccounted for today."

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hours of operation will be from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The lab will be closed Saturdays. For information, call 1st Lt. Pat Kennedy at 606-8475 or 606-0374.

HOUSING STAFF CLEARS UP BIN PLACEMENT

According to the Vandenberg housing office staff, residents should not place containers out for pick-up before 6 p.m. the day before the scheduled pick-up. Containers should be placed curbside between the sidewalk and

street. Containers must be removed from the curb and put away by 6 p.m. the day of pick-up. Bulk items must be placed curbside and not in the street. Pick-up dates remain unchanged.

MED GROUP HAS NEW GYN NURSE PRACTITIONER

The 30th Medical Group has a new OB-GYN Nurse Practitioner. She will perform routine GYN appointments, PAP's Smears, contraceptive counseling, etc. All military beneficiaries including active duty may schedule appointments through their primary care team by calling the 606-CARE phone number.

Call to duty



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JONATHAN POMEROY

Staff Sgt. Stacy Gunderson, 30th Medical Group, receives a hug from his son Joshua, 5, and wife Shannon

before he and a number of his coworkers deploy. The medical group members left Wednesday.

Delinquent travel cardholders face automatic payroll deductions

By Staff Sgt. Andrew Leonhard
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Beginning in October, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service will begin automatic payroll deductions for almost 8,000 Air Force people who are more than 120 days delinquent on their government travel charge card accounts.

The changes were brought about largely due to the increasing number of delinquent accounts across the Department of Defense, said 1st Lt. Carmelita Chadwick, 30th Comptroller Squadron base agency program coordinator.

"Bank of America and Department of Defense officials are extremely concerned about the increasing delinquency rate among DoD members and want to provide collection relief to Bank of America to ensure continuation of the travel contract," Chadwick said.

Right now about 4 people here are more than 120 days delinquent on their government travel charge card accounts each month, Chadwick said.

Overall, Vandenberg averages about 40 delinquencies, between \$15,000 to \$30,000 dollars, each month, she said. Last month alone, Bank of America wrote off \$161,000 from delinquent Air Force cardholders.

The deductions, up to 15 percent of a person's disposable income, will help Bank of America recoup the millions of dollars that cardholders owe on their

past-due accounts, said Michael Weber, Air Force Travel Card Program manager at the Pentagon. Before any payroll deduction begins, Bank of America will send out salary offset notifications to members once they reach 90 days past due. The cardholder will also receive notifications from their unit agency program coordinator at the 30- and 60-day points.

"The key to minimizing government travel card delinquencies is unit commanders' involvement."

Lt. Col. Delane Aguilar
30th Comptroller Squadron
commander

commanders' involvement."

Chadwick added members can help themselves by ensuring their bill is paid on time.

"Members are required to file their voucher within five days of returning from official travel," she said.

"When completing the travel voucher, it is highly recommended that the member choose the split disbursement payment option to ensure prompt payment of their bill to Bank of America," Chadwick said.

Any member who has a question concerning the Government Travel Card Program should contact their unit agency program coordinator or orderly room.

Thrift savings plan opens to military members

By 2nd Lt. Michelle Mayo

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Retirement options for active duty personnel are about to change in a big way next month.

Beginning in October, military members will be able to enroll in the Thrift Savings Plan, a retirement and investment savings plan, previously only available to federal civilian employees.

Active duty members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and members of the Ready Reserve or National Guard may contribute to the new plan. Military retirees may not contribute to TSP.

Participation in TSP is optional and not automatic.

The first open enrollment season is from Oct. 9 to Jan. 31, 2002. Contributions to the TSP, based on the sign-up, will be deducted from paychecks during the first week of January 2002. Two open seasons per year will be available after that. The open seasons are currently from May 15 through July 31 and Nov.

15 through Jan. 31.

TSP allows participants to save a pre-tax portion of their pay in a special retirement account that earns interest, similar to a 401(k).

"It will be a good supplement to military retirement pay—especially for young people," said Jimmy Camacho, a personal financial counselor at the family support center.

"TSP will provide the military with a retirement vehicle not available before," Camacho added.

One of the benefits of TSP is service members do not have to serve 20 years to receive retirement benefits, said 2nd Lt. Steven Swiderski, a financial services officer at the 30th Comptroller Squadron.

The amount contributed to TSP belongs to the member and is theirs to keep even after they leave the service.

Initially, all contributions will be invested into the Government Securities Investment Fund. However, after the account is set up, the member is free to transfer money between four other types of invest-

ment funds. "Because everything can be done online, once you open an account, you have complete control of the fund," Camacho said. "The Air Force is not involved."

In 2002, military members can contribute up to 7 percent of their basic pay each month. This percentage will increase by 1 percent every year until 2005, when military members will be allowed to contribute up to 10 percent of their income. In 2006, there will be no cap on contributions.

Incentive pay, special pay and bonuses may also be contributed to the TSP, as long as the total amount contributed each year does not exceed the Internal Revenue Code's elective deferral limit of \$10,500.

Matching contributions, a feature of civilian TSP, will not be offered as part of the military plan.

However, the Department of Defense has given each service the option of matching contributions for those military members who enlist for six years in specialties designated as critical by their service.

While the information will be distributed by Ser-

vices, it is still unclear whether the Finance Office or Military Personnel Flight will be handling sign up for TSP, according to Swiderski.

Because the funds are to be used for retirement only, when the participant leaves the military, that money is not withdrawn from the account. Instead, the funds can be transferred into an Individual Retirement Account or other eligible retirement plan when the service member separates. There is also the option of leaving the money in TSP.

Another feature of TSP is the loan program, which allows participants to borrow against their accounts. Members can borrow from \$1,000 to \$50,000. The loan repayment, including interest, goes back into TSP account. While TSP has been available to civilian employees of the Federal Government since 1987, participation wasn't extended to military personnel until last October when President Clinton signed the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act.

For more information, visit the TSP website at www.tsp.gov.

Community Calendar

EVENTS

28 FRI Pacific Coast Performing Arts Theaterfest presents **"The 1940's Radio Hour,"** a live studio broadcast of a 1942 radio show and its characters at the Solvang Festival Theater now through Monday at 8 p.m. For information, call the box office at (805) 922-8313.

PCPA Theaterfest presents Alfred Hitchcock's play **"The Rope"** now through Sunday in the Marian Theater on the Santa Maria Allan Hancock Campus. For tickets and show times, call PCPA's box office at (805) 922-8313.

PCPA Theaterfest presents the comedy-drama **"On Golden Pond,"** now through Oct. 7 at the Solvang Festival Theater. For tickets and show times, call the PCPA box office at (805) 922-8313.

A **Kids on the Move** workshop will be held today at 3 p.m. in the family support center. The class provides discussion and activities for children ages 6 to 11 who've recently arrived or will be departing in the near future. Call the relocation assistance program at 606-0801 for registration.

The **Harvest Festival and Parade** in Arroyo Grande will be held today and Saturday. The event will feature a parade, arts and crafts, games and agricultural exhibits. For more information, call (805) 489-1488.

29 SAT Lompoc's annual **Olde Town Fair** is scheduled for Saturday. The event will feature bed races, a barbecue, ice cream social, arts and crafts and entertainment including a musical performance by the Renaissance Minstrels. For more information, call Gene Stevens at (805) 735-4567.

Members of the **Quilters Etc. Quilt Guild** of Lompoc and Santa Ynez Valley are sponsoring a quilt show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday in the Lompoc Veteran's Memorial Building at the end of South H Street. General admission is \$5. No strollers will be allowed in the area because of limited space. For information, call Judy Stevens at (805) 733-2636.

The Circle Bar B Dinner Theater in Santa Barbara presents the Neil Simon play **"Rumors"** Saturday through Nov. 11. Show times on Fridays and Saturdays are at 8:15 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Call (805) 965-9652 for information.

The **California Avocado Festival** will be held from 4 to 9 p.m. Saturday to Monday in Carpinteria on Linden Avenue. For more information, call (805) 684-0038.

30 SUN There will be a **Hot Rod and Classic Car Show** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at Chase Palm Park in Santa Barbara. Call (805) 967-8778 for more information.

OCT 1 MON The Santa Barbara Public Library's **Walk Through the Farmer's Market** ends Monday. The event is an art exhibit presented by the Los Padres Watercolor Society. Today the exhibit will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. This weekend the display will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in the library. For more information, call (805) 966-6414.

The fitness center has a **new women's varsity basketball coach.** Practice will be held Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. in the fitness center. Call Rod Paronto at 606-3238 for more information.

3 WED **Free tours of Vandenberg** take place every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The tour includes a visit to the Heritage Center, which contains Cold War artifacts dating back to Vandenberg's beginnings. Reservations should be made at least three weeks in advance. For more information or to make reservations, call the public affairs office at 606-3595.

5 FRI The **San Francisco Mime Troupe** will perform a look at urban redevelopment at 8 p.m. Oct. 5 in the UCSB's Campbell Hall. For more information, call (805) 893-3535.

A **Vaquero Show and Sale** will be held in Solvang Oct. 5 to 7. The show will present old California tack to include silver bits, spurs, saddles and braided rawhide. It will also feature artisans and cowboy artists. A cowboy concert and barbecue will be held Oct. 6. For more information, call (805) 218-0881.

7 SUN The Allan Hancock College Concert Band will perform its **Autumn Pops Concert** at 3 p.m. Oct. 7 in the Performing Arts Center's Marian Theatre in Santa Maria. Admission is \$8. For more information, call (805) 922-6966 or toll free 1-866-3245, Ext. 3252.

Opening night of the **Santa Barbara Symphony** will be held at 8 p.m. Oct. 7 and at 3 p.m. Oct. 8 in

Pet the doggy



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JONATHAN POMEROY

A mother and her daughter pet the Lompoc Fire Department's dalmations at the LFD and Vandenberg firefighter's barbecue held Sept. 22 in Lompoc. The barbecue, in conjunction with the fire department's annual "Fill the Boot"

fundraiser, raised more than \$45,000 to benefit the New York Firefighter's 9-1-1 Fund. During the fundraising campaign, Santa Barbara County fire service departments have raised nearly a half million dollars.

Arlington Theater, 1317 State Street. The concerts will feature works of Berstein, Cohen and Beethoven. For more information, call (805) 963-4408 or visit the website at www.thesymphony.org.

10 WED The 12th annual Allan Hancock College **Ruth Malvarose Memorial Chili-Cookoff** is scheduled for Oct. 10 from noon to 1 p.m. behind the music building on the Santa Maria Campus. The event is a fund-raiser for the college's United Way campaign. For more information, call (805) 922-6966 or (888) 342-5242, Ext. 3652.

A 12 dancer company will perform works by renowned and emerging choreographers in **Ailey II** at 8 p.m. Oct. 10 and 11 in the University of California at Santa Barbara Campbell Hall. For more information, call (805) 893-3535.

13 SAT The **Guadalupe Beach Festival and Indigenous People Celebration** is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 13 and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 14 at Guadalupe Beach and Jack O'Connell Park on West Main Street. The event will include live music, cultural activities, a surfing, fishing, a photo contest, a fun run and nature hikes. For information, call Ed Griggs at (805) 343-2052.

14 SUN A **wine and food tasting festival** celebrating the harvest of Santa Barbara with live music, demonstrations, exhibits and silent auction is scheduled from noon to 3 p.m. Oct. 14 at Rancho Sisquoc Winery. For tickets and information, call (800) 218-0881 or visit the website at www.sbcountywines.com.

The **Harvest Moon Wine Auction**, a black-tie dinner and live auction benefiting Direct Relief International, will be held Oct. 14 at the Bacara Resort and Spa. For advance ticket orders, call (800) 218-0881.

Coastal Quilters Guild presents **Harvest of Colors** Oct. 14 and 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Earl Warren Showgrounds in Santa Barbara. The event will feature more than 125 traditional and contemporary quilts. Admission is \$5. For more information, call (805) 682-0166.

17 WED **"The Sound of Ecstasy, the Nectar of Enlightenment"** will be performed by Korean Buddhist monks in the ancient ceremony of Yong San at 8 p.m. Oct. 17 on the University of California Santa Barbara campus in Campbell Hall. Call (805) 893-3535 for more information.

20 SAT A **Day in the Country** is an old-fashioned celebration in the community of Los Olivos Oct. 20. For more information, call (805) 688-1222.

21 SUN The annual **Bike Tour and Fest** benefit for the Multiple Sclerosis Society will be held Oct. 21. The event will feature entertainment, a bike expo, beach bash and a ride along Santa

Barbara's scenic coast and hills. Call (805) 682-8783 for more information.

The **Goleta Lemon Festival** will celebrate the community's lemon industry heritage Oct. 21 and 22 in the Stow House on 304 N. Los Carneros Road. The event will feature live entertainment, food and exhibits. Call (805) 967-4618.

26 FRI The **Jerusalem Trio**, winners of the 1999 Osaka Chamber Music competition, will be performing in the UCSB Campbell Hall at 8 p.m. Oct. 26. For more information, call (805) 893-3535.

Participants at a children's **October Craft Workshop** Oct. 26 will be able to decorate several Halloween-themed items. For information, call (805) 736-6565.

28 SUN The 29th anniversary **German-American Club Dance** will be held Oct. 28 in Santa Barbara. Call (805) 897-3108 for more information. People can enjoy the challenge of a 25-, 50- or 100-mile bike ride during the **Prelude Bike Ride** in Solvang Nov. 3. For more information, call (562) 690-9693.

NOV 4 SUN The Santa Barbara News-Press is sponsoring a **half-marathon and 5k run** on Nov. 4. The event will benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of Santa Barbara County and the Santa Barbara Athletic Association. The race begins at 8 a.m. at Leadbetter Beach. For more information, call (805) 892-2250.

The **Santa Barbara Symphony** will be performing works by Ravel, Paul Hindemith and Beethoven Nov. 4 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 5 at 3 p.m. at the Arlington Theatre. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (805) 963-4408.

5 MON The **All Saints' Festival Concert and Evensong**, featuring the Santa Barbara Boys Choir, will perform Nov. 5 at the Trinity Episcopal Church, 1500 State Street. For information, call (805) 965-7419.

CLASSES

28 FRI An **Individual Retirement Accounts** workshop will be held at 11 a.m. today in the family support center. Participants can learn the differences between the traditional and Roth IRA's, and how to determine the best choice for them and their family. Call Jimmy Camacho at 606-4491 for registration.

OCT 11 SUN A **U.S. Citizenship Preparation Class** will be held at 1:30 p.m. Oct. 11 in the family support center. The workshop is designed for non-U.S. citizens who wish to take the U.S. Citizenship Examinations. People can learn the application procedures, use sample questionnaires and find out about the intricacies involved in becoming a U.S. citizen. Call Sunny Park at 605-0134 to register.



Today

AMERICAN OUTLAWS

Starring Colin Farrell and Scott Cann.

When a Midwest town learns that a corrupt railroad baron has captured the deeds to their homesteads without their knowledge, a group of young ranchers join forces to take back what is rightfully theirs. In the course of their vendetta, they will become the object of the biggest manhunt in the history of the Old West and, as their fame grows, so will the legend of their leader, a young outlaw by the name of Jesse James. Rated PG-13 for western violence.

Saturday

AMERICAN PIE II

Starring Jason Biggs and Shannon Elizabeth.

After their first year at college, the guys reunite for another summer of fun. Jim continues his quest for sexual independence by seeking the help of his old prom date, Michele, after an unexpected call from Nadia who plans to visit Jim. Meanwhile, Kev and Vicky find themselves in an awkward situation after having broken up for a year. Oz must deal with a long distance relationship when Heather heads off to France to study abroad. Old feuds die hard as the ever-so-horny Stifler harbors his hatred toward Finch, who is practicing the Japanese art of Tantra. Rated R for strong sexual content, crude humor, language and alcohol consumption.

Sunday, 3 p.m.

PRINCESS DIARIES

Starring Julie Andrews and Anne Hathaway.

A socially awkward but very bright 15-year-old girl being raised by a single mom discovers that she is the princess of a small European country because of the recent death of her long-absent father, who, unknown to her, was the crown prince of Genovia. She must make a choice between continuing the life of a San Francisco teen or stepping up to the throne. While Mia makes up her mind, she's pressed into taking princess lessons from her grandmother. Rated G for all audiences.

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

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GAME SCHEDULE

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| Monday <u>San Francisco</u> vs. <u>NY Jets</u> | Nov. 19 <u>NY Giants</u> vs. <u>Minnesota</u> |
| Oct. 8 <u>St. Louis</u> vs. <u>Detroit</u> | Nov. 26 <u>Tampa Bay</u> vs. <u>St. Louis</u> |
| Oct. 15 <u>Washington</u> vs. <u>Dallas</u> | Dec. 3 <u>Green Bay</u> vs. <u>Jacksonville</u> |
| Oct. 22 <u>Philadelphia</u> vs. <u>NY Giants</u> | Dec. 10 <u>Indianapolis</u> vs. <u>Miami</u> |
| Oct. 29 <u>Tennessee</u> vs. <u>Pittsburgh</u> | Dec. 17 <u>St. Louis</u> vs. <u>New Orleans</u> |
| Nov. 5 <u>Denver</u> vs. <u>Oakland</u> | Dec. 22 <u>Tennessee</u> vs. <u>Oakland</u> |
| Nov. 12 <u>Baltimore</u> vs. <u>Tennessee</u> | Dec. 29 <u>Baltimore</u> vs. <u>Tampa Bay</u> |

Call the Pacific Coast Club at 606-3330 for more information.

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YOUTH SPORTS

VAFB YOUTH BASKETBALL SIGN UPS - Grades: K and 1-2 Coed, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9 Boys league, Girls league: 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Sign up: Saturday, and Oct. 6, 13 and 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Youth Soccer Field snack bar. Cost: \$40 (\$35 with youth center discount) Skills Day: info at sign ups. Opening day: Dec. 1. Volunteer: Coaches, scorekeepers, officials are needed. For Information, call 606-9373.



FITNESS CENTER

AEROBIC PROGRAM SPECIALTY WORKSHOPS - Saturday - Outdoor Walking Group

RUN/WALK ACROSS AMERICA - Free incentive program starts Monday at the Fitness Center.

BMX/Mountain Bike Race - Oct. 6, at noon on the ORV course. For more information, call the Fitness Center at 606-3833.

GOLF

CMSGT's SHOTGUN TOURNAMENT - Friday, 12:30 p.m. Open Play Shotgun, 7:30 a.m.

SCOTCH FOURSOME - Sunday

LADIES PRIORITY - Wednesday, 8:32 to 9:04 a.m.

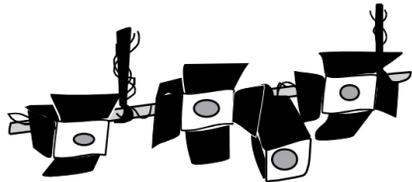
BOWLING

SATURDAY - the Bowling Center will be hosting a 9-Pin No Tap Tournament. Check in 5:30 p.m., bowl at 6 p.m. Cost: \$10 per person with a '300' game pot.

The BOWLING CENTER is open on Sunday following the end of summer. Hours are 12 noon until 7 p.m. Cost to bowl is just \$1.50 per game. Come join in the fun and get in a little practice.

LIBRARY

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME - Ages 2-5, every Thursday at 10 a.m. for the next three weeks. Theme will be Hispanic Heritage Month. Please sign up prior to Thursday storytime by stopping at the Library or call 606-6414.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Services Center is looking for volunteers to help with the

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Team V Spotlight



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Name: Senior Airman Frankie Page
Assignment: 30th Civil Engineer Squadron, electrical power production apprentice.
Hometown: San Diego, Calif.
Time on Vandenberg: Three months
Time in Military: Three years in Army, six months with the Air Force.

Proudest accomplishment: The receiving in the Army Commendation Medal.

Supervisor's comments:

"Senior Airman Page epitomizes the airman of the new millennium," said Staff Sgt. William Ziemann. "He is consistently striving to make things happen. Page is a role model Airman who represents the best the Air Force has to offer. He brings a different aspect to the Air Force being a prior Army enlistee."



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Breaking away

Cary Belmear (No. 9), playing for the 381st Training Group charges downfield against a 30th Operations Group player during a soccer game Wednesday at the base soccer field. Belmear and the 381st beat the OG 4-2. In other soccer action, the 30th Security Forces Squadron team beat the 30th Communication Squadron team 3-1.

Little golfer is big competition

By SENIOR AIRMAN CHUCK WALKER
 1st Communication Squadron

■ **LANGLEY AFB, Va.** — Move over, Tiger Woods. A boy here is poised to give Woods all the competition he can take. Not yet, though — he is only 8 years old.

"I want to beat all of Tiger Woods' records and Jack Nicklaus' records," said Trey Valentine, a young golf prodigy. "When I watch a golf tournament, I watch Tiger's game and his swing and try to learn from him."

Trey started playing at the age of 2, and played his first round of golf when he was 3 years old.

He has already had a lot of success in the game as well. He has won six of the 12 tournaments he has played this year.

"When Trey was young he just

took to golf," said Staff Sgt. Fletcher Valentine, his father and the NCO in charge of war reserve material for the 1st Medical Group here. "When he was (3 years old), I got him a cut-down set of clubs and he played his first round. It's just something he loves to do."

Trey was 5 years old when he finished second out of 58 golfers in his first tournament.

Valentine wants to emphasize that this is not his passion or his love, but his son's.

"He really enjoys playing and working on his game," Valentine said. "I don't push him, I just allow him to pursue what he wants. He says he wants to be the best in the world. He wants to beat everybody."

Trey accomplished one feat this

summer that may have all weekend golfers green with envy. He broke 80, scoring a winning 79 in the Norfolk, Va., Junior Amateur Golf Tournament.

"I always try to shoot lower than I ever have before," Trey said. "I work on my balance, my swing and my short game."

Trey works under the tutelage of Hugh Hamilton, a golf pro at the base's Eaglewood Golf Course.

"He really mentors Trey and helps him out a lot," Valentine said. "Hugh teaches him how to hit different shots and teaches him how to hit the more difficult shots."

Trey's early start leads to inevitable comparisons to Tiger Woods; however, Trey wants his own identity.

"He also wants to be his own

man," Valentine said. "He looks at Tiger as potential competition."

Valentine said he is no competition for his son. His son consistently beats him, with Valentine only able to stay with him for about six holes.

With all the things Trey has accomplished at such a young age, it is no wonder that Valentine feels his son's future is bright.

"I am so proud of him," he said. "When I look at him, I just see the talent and the potential that's there."

"It's just fun," Trey said. "It's hard to get the ball in the hole. I see this as something I want to do for the rest of my life. I want to be a good golfer. I want to be the best."

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