



2002 AIR FORCE ASSISTANCE FUND

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Base Briefs

BASE STARTS BEACH HOTLINE

For all information regarding beach status, call the Beach Hotline at 606-6804. As of March 1, all areas of Surf, Wall and Minuteman beaches are closed until further notice. Base officials are hiring people to enforce protection of the Western Snowy Plover's habitat. Target date for opening is April 5.

GRUDGE MATCH CHIEFS VS. EAGLES

Col. Robert M. Worley II, commander of the 30th Space Wing, issues a formal challenge to Team V's chief master sergeants to a softball rematch 3 p.m. March 22. "It's clear that the chief's victory last time was, as we say in space circles, an anomaly. Suffice it to say I see a 'whoopin' coming for the chiefs," Worley said.

ROLLER RINK, SKATEPARK OPEN

The grand openings for the new tennis courts, skatepark and roller rink are March 29 at 4 p.m. For more information, call the Services Center at 606-7976. In the meantime, base leadership asks for everyone's cooperation in staying out of the construction sites until work has been completed. Surfaces may look dry and ready for use, but they're actually still wet beneath the surface. Attempts to skate or walk on these surfaces will result in damages, resurfacing and opening delays. Team Vandenberg is encouraged to immediately report trespassers to base law enforcement officials at 606-3911.

BASE LAUNCHES ROCKET CONTEST

The 6th annual Model Launch Vehicle Competition is set for March 22 at 9 a.m. at the Vandenberg Parade Ground. Launch teams are welcome from all organizations. Call 1st Lt. Larry McGraw at 606-3516 for more information.

SM&T TO FEATURE AWARD WINNERS

The Space and Missile Times plans to feature all unit and individual command-level awards that Team Vandenberg has received for the 2001 awards program. Deadline for submission is March 29. For information, call 606-2040 or e-mail

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PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN ANNE MCCORMICK

After setting up an Exposure Protection Line and securing power to the facility, base firefighters (left to right) Charles Rosales, Gregory Leptich, and Thomas Sullivan leave the scene where a fuel tank fire occurred, supposedly struck by lightning.

Foggy Shores kicks off

By CAPT. TOM KNOWLES
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

The sirens were blaring and Team V was "on fire" during the year's first Foggy Shores exercise conducted here Monday through Thursday. The exercise tested the base's command/control capabilities and emergency response to a variety of simulated natural disasters and terrorist acts. The base conducts four Foggy Shores exercises per year.

"The primary purpose of this exercise was to test and evaluate our response to chemical/biological attack and severe weather scenarios, said Maj. Reg Williams, 30th Space Wing exercises and inspections chief.

Among the other scenarios played out were fires, power outages, deployments, aircraft accidents and loss of human life.

"This was a great opportunity to put our people to the test,"

said Ed Rambus, 30th Space Wing exercises and evaluations chief. "Foggy Shores are very important because they keep our response elements in top shape and prepared to respond to any scenario."

Wing inspectors evaluated how well the base responded to the scenarios and will present their findings Tuesday at 8 a.m. in the Western Range Operations Control Center auditorium.

AFSPC members speak out

By CAPT. ADRIANE CRAIG
AFSPC Public Affairs

■ PETERSON AFB, Colo. - Members of Air Force Space Command won kudos from command officials for racking up the highest response percentage rate of all major commands in the recent Chief of Staff of the Air Force Survey.

AFSPC finished with a participation rate of 73 percent, four points ahead of the Air Force Reserve Command and 23 points above the Air Force goal of 50 percent. The seven-week survey, which ended March 8, measures organizational climate.

Tina Carabajal, AFSPC command project officer for the CSAF survey, said this accomplishment is even more impressive when you

consider AFSPC registered only 47 percent participation in 1999, when the last CSAF survey was done.

"We had a lot of enthusiastic unit project officers, and a lot of support from the top down," Carabajal said.

The support paid off, even with the challenge of additional deployments due to Operation Noble Eagle and Operation Enduring Freedom. The survey was delayed from its original October timeframe because of the events of Sept. 11. Carabajal said the command used the delay to target the problem of reaching departing members.

"Some organizations set up laptops with the survey or made diskettes available," said Carabajal. "They really handled that aspect

very well."

Gen. Ed Eberhart, commander of AFSPC, was pleased with the high-level of feedback.

"I appreciate everyone's effort on this — surveys are only as good as the participation," he said.

That so many people from the command participated showed they are committed to making things better — in terms of mission accomplishment and quality of life, Eberhart continued.

Results are expected to be distributed to units in May. Results will be kept strictly confidential.

Commanders at all levels will be charged to review survey results and take appropriate actions to improve their organizational climate.

Lt. Gen. Hinson to assume No. 2 post

■ PETERSON AFB, Colo. - The deputy commander in chief of U.S. Strategic Command at Offutt AFB, Neb., is slated for the vice commander job at Air Force Space Command.

The president has nominated Lt. Gen. Robert Hinson to the Senate for the post.

The general began his Air Force career as an enlisted administrative specialist in 1970. After graduation from Officer Training School in 1971, Hinson began training as a bomber pilot. A former B-52, FB-111 and B-1B pilot, Hinson is a command pilot with more than 3,000 flight hours.

Although much of his career has been spent in bomber units, since 1995 Hinson has held command positions in the space and missile world. In 1995, after commanding the 28th Bomb Wing

at Ellsworth AFB, S.D., he became the commander of the 45th Space Wing and director of the Eastern Range at Patrick AFB, Fla.

In 1997, he was the director of operations at HQ AFSPC here. He then became the commander of 14th Air Force and component commander, U.S. Air Force Space Operations, U.S. Space Command.

He has been in his current position as deputy CINC of U.S. Strategic Command since June 2000. U.S. Strategic Command is responsible for all U.S. Air Force and Navy strategic nuclear forces.

Before assuming his new position, the general's nomination must be confirmed by a Senate vote.



Lt. Gen. Robert Hinson

14th AF vice commander retires

By 2nd LT. MICHELLE MAYO
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

After a distinguished career as a command pilot, instructor and commander, the 14th Air Force vice commander retires here today.

What began with a little curiosity and a desire to fly turned into a 28-year career of military service.

"I was a college bum," said Col. Dale Elliott. "I was one of those people who didn't know where I should go, what I should do."

"I was walking down the street one day and saw a recruiter's office. I went in and said, 'Hey, I'd like to see what it would be like to fly airplanes.'"

Elliott scored well on the pilot's test that the recruiter gave him, so he signed his name on the dotted line and joined the Air Force to be a pilot.

The year was 1973 and he went to Officer Training School that fall.

Elliott served his first year in the Air Force as an intelligence officer in Thailand, before he went to pilot training at Webb AFB, Texas, in 1975.

As a pilot, Elliott flew the F-4E and A-10 logging 3000 flying hours, 159 of those in combat.

"What I enjoyed the most

IFT-8 set to launch today

By MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Team Vandenberg is scheduled to launch a modified Minuteman II missile today between 6 and 10 p.m.

The launch is an integral part of the Missile Defense Agency's developmental flight test program of the Ground-based Midcourse Defense system.

The long-range missile at Vandenberg carries a mock warhead and three balloon decoys — targets during the test.

About 20 minutes after the target missile is launched, another missile will streak skyward from the Ronald Reagan Missile Test site at Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands about 4,800 miles away.

Aboard the Kwajalein launch vehicle, a prototype exoat-

mospheric kill vehicle interceptor will employ on-board sensors to acquire the Vandenberg target.

About 10 minutes after the Kwajalein launch, the EKV should intercept the mock warhead at an altitude of about 140 miles above the central Pacific Ocean during the midcourse phase of the target warhead's flight.

Since the first test of the hit-to-kill technology in 1999, the GMD program has had three successful intercepts. Two launches in 2000 did not have successful intercepts. This is the sixth intercept test of the GMD system.

To watch the launch, people with base access can go to the Del Punta viewing site on North Vandenberg. The Vandenberg Network will carry a live feed of the test beginning at 5 p.m.

Demo team eyes Central Coast

By MASTER SGT. RICHARD CZAP
30th Operations Support Squadron

■ Snowy Plovers move over. Usually, Vandenberg isn't in the migration pattern for a flock of non-native Snowbirds. But two of them touched down here recently.

A four-person contingent of the world-renowned Canadian Forces Snowbirds Air Demonstration Squadron jet team visited here in preparation for their upcoming practice airshow demonstration during Guardian Challenge 2002.

The entire traveling team, comprised of 11 aircraft and about 25 people, is scheduled to arrive May 7. Their May 8 performance is open to the entire base population and select members of the local community, but not to the general public.

According to Canadian Forces Capt. Andy Cook, Snowbirds team coordinator, the team's recent visit and upcoming practice show primary purpose was to evaluate the feasibility of a future deployment to Vandenberg.

If Vandenberg meets the criteria for Snowbird airshow training, the team would bed down here for two

weeks every two years beginning next year, Cook said. The practice sessions are vital training sessions for the entire team.

When they learned their Vandenberg visit just happened to coincide with Air Force Space Command's premier competition, the Central Coast visit took on a new meaning.

"The Snowbirds are proud to have the opportunity to perform for the members of Team Vandenberg," Cook said. "Canada and the United States have a long and distinguished history of shared defense and we will be proud to represent our armed forces here at Vandenberg."

"This is a great opportunity for Team Vandenberg to host one of the world's premier jet demonstration teams and for the space and missile community to experience up close and personal precision aerobatic flying," added Lt. Col. Dave Christensen, 30th Operations Support Squadron commander.

"The Snowbirds are here during GC this year to pay tribute to

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PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN APRIL MUNIZ

Col. Dale Elliott retires today in front of the P-40 display.

about being in the Air Force was flying. That was why I joined the Air Force."

"Even if I won \$191 million in the California lottery, you know what I'd want to do," he asked.

"I'd still want to fly jets for the United States Air Force."

In addition to flying, his career has included being a deputy chief for attack operations branch in Rheindahlen, Germany, an operations officer for two different detachments for the 81st Tactical Fighter Wing.

"I've had a lot of different duty assignments, and I've never felt like I had a bad one," Elliott said. "A lot of the opportunities available in the Air Force depend

on our perspective and our opinion of them. If you go into a new situation looking at it as something new and different and great as opposed to something that someone else is making you do. You will do better at it. It's human nature."

One of the opportunities he encouraged airmen to take advantage of is travelling.

"The opportunity is still there to join the Air Force and see the world," he said. "I get a little frustrated with people now who talk about wanting to get stationed close to home. For some people, that's an important

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The 30th Contracting Squadron signed a multi-million dollar contract with a local company.

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Learn about the Team V warriors who endured the 26.2-mile marathon in L.A. last week.

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Weekend forecast
Partly cloudy with gusty winds expected for most of the weekend.



Low/High
35/60

For a full VAFB weather report visit www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather/index.html

Wing takes stance on care, safety of Team V's youngsters

BY CAPT. JOEL BARCLAY
Family Advocacy Officer

The safety and welfare of Team Vandenberg's children is a responsibility their parents share with the rest of the command. It's a responsibility Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30th Space Wing commander, takes seriously.

He tasked experts on child development and safety from several base agencies with creating the base's child supervision guidelines. They are posted on the base intranet, at the Child Development Center and at the Family Support Center.

These rules apply to sponsors and their family members both on and off base. Security forces and family advocacy will use these guidelines when responding to suspected cases of child neglect. As an official communication, the commander's guidelines offer a common-sense approach to child supervision.

GO FOR HELP

When considering whether or not to leave their children unsupervised, parents must fully examine what type of help the child has available in the event of a minor or major emergency.

This is particularly true when the parent won't be home or near the child's location.

These cases require a specific person for the child to contact in the parent's absence. This person must know and agree to be the emergency contact for the child. Finally, the child must understand that he can go to this person for assistance.

SUPERVISION

Personality traits, environmental factors, developmental

"Even school-age children need to learn the constraints of safety and be involved in the rule-making process."

Dr. (Maj.) Dawn Peredo
30th Medical Group pediatrician

progress and the child's level of maturity are all factors parents should use when deciding what level of supervision their children need. This is particularly important for younger children. Advanced language development doesn't always equate with advanced logical reasoning. Children with physical, medical, developmental, educational or other special needs shouldn't be left to care for themselves for any length of time.

SAFETY

While it's usually automatic to supervise infants, Dr. (Maj.) Dawn Peredo, Team Vandenberg's pediatrician, said supervision doesn't end when they're out of diapers.

"Even school-age children need to learn the constraints of safety and be involved in the rule-making process," she said. "Accidents are a major cause of injury during childhood."

Emphasizing children's need to grow up in a safe environment, Peredo outlined several considerations for parents: federally approved child-care restraint systems, smoke detectors, window and stairway safeguards. Hot water heaters should also be

set to lower temperatures.

HOME ALONE

"It is especially dangerous to leave a sleeping child unattended," according to Julie Ramsey, family advocacy treatment manager. In one scenario, the child could wake up, wonder where the parents are then wander down the street to find them. The child supervision guideline limits the ages that children can be left unattended.

BABYSITTERS

Overnight babysitters should be at least 16 years old. Parents must provide emergency contact information and a suitable plan of action in case of a medical emergency. The plan must include someone who can consent to medical treatment for the child in the parent's absence.

Daytime babysitters must be at least 12 years old and complete the Red Cross Babysitting training or an equivalent course. According to Becky Heath, health and safety specialist at the Red Cross office in Santa Maria, classes are offered on an as-needed basis for youth ages 11 through 15. For more information about the course, call (805) 928-0778.

GOOD NEIGHBORS

Ultimately, a child's well being is the parent's responsibility. Neighbors play a vital role too. It's important to look out for each other. If a lack of parental supervision could endanger a child, good neighbors speak up.

When airing concerns and offering assistance fail to remedy the situation, the 30th Security Forces Squadron is ready to ensure the child's safety. For more information or a copy of the guidelines, call family advocacy at 606-5338.

Commander's Action line



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

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 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 in case more information is needed.

Action line 606-7850 or e-mail your message to actionline@vandenberg.af.mil

EMERGENCY.....	911
Command Post	606-9961
Poison control.....	800-876-4766
Clinic appointments.....	606-2273
Information.....	411
After-hours urgent care.....	888-252-3299
TRICARE services.....	800-242-6788
Health Care Information Line.....	800-611-2883
Pharmacy Assistance	606-7440
Pharmacy Refill (recording)	605-0200
Law enforcement.....	606-3911
Housing maintenance.....	734-5586
Child Development Center.....	606-1555
Youth Center	606-2152
MPF customer service.....	606-7756
Visitor control center.....	606-7662
Military Pay.....	606-4606
Civilian Pay	606-1851
Airman's Attic.....	605-5484
Golf Course	606-6262
Fitness Center	606-3832
Health and Wellness Center.....	606-2221
Dry Cleaners	606-5111
Pacific Coast Club	734-4375
Air Force Aid Society	605-8551
Arts and Crafts Center	606-6438
Retiree Activities Office	606-5474
Chaplain	606-5773



Fire officials offer tips for callers

The firefighters at Vandenberg's Fire Department are ready to respond to any emergency here.

But to make sure their response is quick and efficient, base fire officials offer Team V these tips:

- Know the emergency numbers on Vandenberg. When calling in an emergency by landline on base, call 9-1-1 regardless of the type of emergency.

However, when using a cellular phone to call in an emergency, always use 734-4117. Callers who dial 9-1-1 on their cell phones will get the Santa Barbara County dispatcher. They can patch the call through to the base fire department, but this could cause an unnecessary delay in response.

- Keep all emergency numbers posted on or near every phone in the house. Ask the

neighbors to do the same. In case of a fire in the home, residents can get out and quickly call the fire department from a neighbor's house.

- When calling, give the dispatcher key information. This includes the complete address, closest cross street and any identifying landmarks. Give as much information about the emergency as possible and don't hang up until directed to by the dispatcher. Send someone outside to direct the responding emergency vehicles to the proper location.

By making calls quickly, to the right number and with the right information, Team Vandenberg's Fire Department can help callers save lives and their property.

For more information, call the Vandenberg Fire Department at 606-4680.

Team V pockets \$172K in AFAS benefits in 2001, coming up short during current AFAP campaign

BY 2ND LT. AMY GARRETT
Assistant Installation Project Officer

Last year, Team V airmen received more than \$172,000 in emergency loans, grants, educational scholarships and community enhancement programs.

Where did the money come from? It came from the Air Force Aid Society. That \$172,000 stacks up pretty high against the \$22,168 Vandenberg raised for AFAS during the 2001 Air Force

Assistance Fund drive.

The AFAP is all about airmen helping airmen.

This week marks the half-way point for the 2002 AFAP drive.

As of March 8, Team V's AFAP keyworkers have contacted 69 percent of their people. They'll meet their goal of 100 percent contact.

With only \$17,042 in donations to AFAP's four charitable organizations, The Air Force Aid Society, The Air Force Village,

The Air Force Enlisted Foundation, and the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation, Team V is falling short of the mark.

Remember, this is about airmen helping airmen – the most important thing to keep in mind is that we are all airmen.

For more information about the Air Force Assistance Fund and the different organizations it supports, call Capt. Ann Igl, Installation Project Officer at 606-5601 or 2nd Lt. Amy Garrett 605-4850.



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Ray Noriega (left) and Scott Kennedy, both fuels distribution mechanics for United Paradyne Corp., inspect a self-contained atmospheric pressure ensemble suit for flaws. Under the new contract, the company also manages precision instrument calibration here.

UPC contract saves VAFB \$8.6 million

By 2nd Lt. Michelle Mayo
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Vandenberg recently signed a \$50 million contract with a local company that will save the base an estimated \$8.6 million dollars over the next seven years.

This contract, known as the Aerospace Support Services Contract, officially goes into effect April 1, although parts of the contract have been phasing in since the beginning of this month.

"The contract provides mission essential support so that we can service transiting aircraft, calibrate various mission equipment items, and distribute the unconventional fuels which propel our payloads into space," said Lt. Col. Corby Clark, 30th Logistics Group deputy

commander

The new contract, which was awarded to United Paradyne Corporation of Santa Maria, puts the management of three key logistical functions under the control of one program manager.

Those three functions are unconventional propellant handling, Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory management, and transient aircraft maintenance and aerospace ground equipment management.

Unconventional propellants are used to send rockets and satellites into space. The Santa Maria company will handle and dispose of the highly toxic material.

"This contractor will handle the most volatile explosives in the

world," said Dee Perry, a contracting specialist for the 30th Contracting Squadron.

The second function of the contract that UPC has agreed to take on is management of the Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory. The PMEL is where instruments are calibrated and certified to very exacting standards. These instruments are used to run diagnostic tests and support launch equipment and aircraft.

The third function of the contract puts the responsibility for the maintenance and care of all the aircraft that come to Vandenberg in UPC's hands, said Perry. Looking to the future, this contractor will also support the Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle program.

Vandenberg anti-drug campaign stops drug users in their tracks

By Capt. Patrick Dyson
30th Space Wing Judge Advocate

Operation Night Hawk, like the recently implemented Rave Order, is a weapon that Vandenberg has armed itself with to combat drug abuse among military members.

Under the direction of Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30th Space Wing commander, the anti-drug use program has swung into high gear.

Some people have already participated in Operation Night Hawk sweeps over the last eight months.

During these stops, security forces randomly select vehicles at base entry points. Military members in the vehicles are ordered to report to a central processing location and provide a urine sample.

The dates and times of the operation vary. In order to maintain the element of surprise and discourage DOD military people from using illegal drugs, the criteria for random vehicle selection changes too.

The anti-drug use campaign is a large undertaking led by the Demand Drug Reduction Program Managers. It requires the concerted efforts of the legal office, 30th Security Forces Squadron, Air Force Office of Special Investigation and other trusted agents. The planning is conducted on a "need-to-know" basis only.

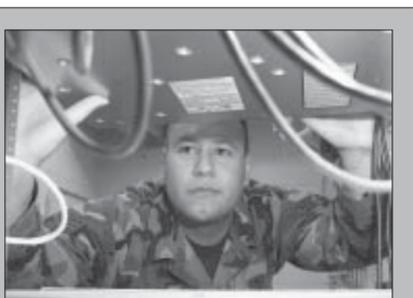


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Team V Spotlight

Name: Senior Airman Joseph Aceves
Assignment: 532nd Training Squadron computer support section
Hometown: San Bernardino, Calif.
Time on station: 2 years, 3 months
Time in Air Force: 9 years, 2 months
Why he loves his job: "I love my job because it allows me to get out of the office."
Supervisor's Comments: "He puts forth 100 percent on any task and gets it done ahead of schedule," said Tech. Sgt. Russ Sheats, 532nd TRS logistics support NCO in charge.

Team V docs need people to donate old eyeglasses

By Staff Sgt. Rebecca Bonilla
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

To see or not to see, that is the question. It'll take more than 1,000 pairs of donated used eyeglasses to answer the question for Vandenberg's optometry clinic as they embark on a humanitarian mission to Belize.

In May, 13 base doctors and technicians will pack up their stethoscopes and medications and travel to Central America to perform free medical examinations in the Caribbean seashore town of Dangriga.

Dr. (Lt. Col.) Steven DeAnda, base optometrist, expects to see between 500 and 1,000 patients during his 10-day visit. The eye doctor needs to bring plenty of extra pairs of glasses with him so he'll be able to properly outfit each new patient.

"When people get new glasses, they take old glasses and stick them in a drawer," DeAnda said. "Once they get to their third or fourth or fifth or sixth pair of glasses that they've had for years and years and years, then it's time to part with them. We think other people will be able to use them."

DeAnda hopes to reach his goal of collecting 1,000 pairs of used glasses by mid-April because each pair has to be cleaned, processed and shipped

DROP-OFF POINTS FOR DONATIONS

To make a donation, people may take their old eyeglasses to one of several drop points on base or in local communities.

Vandenberg: Optometry Clinic, Base Library and Crestview Elementary School

Santa Maria: Any Mid State Bank, Hacienda Bank near Mervyn's, Save-on Drugs on North Broadway, Costco and Walmart

Lompoc: Union Bank and Moody's Insurance Agency

to Belize ahead of the team.

All types of glasses are needed regardless of their condition, especially magnifying glasses.

To widen his search for used glasses, DeAnda enlisted the help of the Santa Maria and Lompoc Lions Clubs. Both organizations have drop boxes located throughout Santa Maria and Lompoc. Base units and schools are also taking up the cause.

"The biggest satisfaction is in helping people who don't have

regular access to adequate medical care," said Dr. (Maj.) Markham Brown, chief of Family Practice.

Brown is the team chief for the medical readiness training mission to Belize. He said glasses are in high demand for this mission because the cost of having them made is so high. Every year, the Department of Defense budgets for about 30 of these missions in Central and South America.

"These serve a dual purpose," Brown said, "not only to train the military medical folks but also to help meet a humanitarian need that exists in these countries." The doctor said people often go without eyewear even after having an exam and getting a prescription because they simply can't afford them.

The team from Vandenberg includes a pediatrician, family practice doctors, a dentist, and internist, an optometrist and several technicians.

"These missions are often eye openers for those who are able to participate," Brown said. "They allow them to understand other cultures and appreciate the global mission that the military has."

While the team is gone, Brown said care for patients here will continue seamlessly. Reservists will fill positions here while the base's regular team of doctors is in Central America.

AT/FP course equips 51 graduates to battle terrorism

By Master Sgt. Lloyd Conley
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Complacency is an ally of terrorism. It's an enemy that makes the difference between successfully thwarting terrorist operations or falling prey to the rippling affects of such violent acts.

Three instructors from the 99th Ground Combat Training Squadron at Nellis AFB, Nev., recently taught a Level II Anti-Terrorism Force Protection class here earlier this month. Their 51 students, military and civilians, came from as far away as Alaska and Colorado.

They left AT/FP experts.

"The purpose of the Level II AT/FP training and instruction was to provide students with an inventory of basic tools needed to execute and maintain an effective anti-terrorism program in their respective units," said Tech. Sgt. Rudy Martinez, one of the three AT/FP instructors. The class gives AT/FP program managers a better understanding of terrorism.

The five-day course addressed anti-terrorism roles and responsibilities and included an introduction to personal protective measures, hostage survival, physical security and, threat and vulnerability assessments. It also involved an explosive recognition segment as well as case studies in the bombings of Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia and the U. S. Embassy in Kenya.

Col. Mitchell Slate, 30th Logistics Group commander, opened the training by reminding students that they faced a difficult challenge – helping their respective units maintain consistent AT/FP alertness against the dulling influence of time.

He encouraged them to get the most out of their training and work together afterward to build an

aggressive training program of exercises and evaluations to keep their entire base populations constantly alert and aware of terrorism threats.

"This class builds on Level I training," Martinez said. "That training encourages people to be aware of their surroundings and take basic protective measures to prevent themselves and their families from becoming victims of terrorism."

Course graduates can share what they've learned by teaching it to others during Level I AT/FP classes, he added. They are also qualified to assist local AFOSI in conducting Level II AT/FP training.

"Class participation was really good," said Tech. Sgt. Dave Bartley, AT/FP instructor. "It created an environment that allowed teacher and students to discuss and apply principles relevant to their particular installations."

"This course was a real eye opener," said Christina Strehlo, 30th Communication Squadron secretary. "The instructors were knowledgeable and the interaction made the material even more interesting."

In his closing remarks, Col. Steven Robinson, 30th Support Group commander, said that before Sept. 11 there weren't many people who believed terrorists could reduce the New York World Trade Center buildings to rubble.

"People used to believe that the use of weapons of mass destruction would never happen, but now all that has changed."

This year, instructors from the 99th GCTS are conducting more than 20 Level II AT/FP seminars across the nation to students from various federal agencies.

Taking a breather



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN ANNE MCCORMICK

It's mile 43 of the Solvang Century bike race and the riders are feeling the heat. Prior to exiting Vandenberg at the Titan gate, (left to right) John Faraone, Lane Ochi, and Brett Delawter remove their arm and leg warmers in preparation for the remaining 59 miles to the finish line.

ELLIOTT: Retires after 28 years

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consideration for a good reason."

But for everyone else, he said, the Air Force way of life provides ample opportunity to see other countries and experience other cultures.

Elliott estimates the Air Force sent him to more than 20 countries in his 28 years. Eight of those years he spent in Germany.

Germany suited him well and he was able to put his degree in Germanic language and literature at the University of Kansas to good use. He speaks fluent

German, although it's been 10 years since he spoke it last, so his language skills may be a little rusty, he added.

He said two things kept him going in the Air Force so long.

"First, I enjoyed what I was doing," he said. "I didn't think that I could find something similar that I would enjoy as much outside of the Air Force."

"The other thing was that it seemed important to me at those times (when I was thinking about my options) that somebody still needed to do the Air Force mission. If everyone got

out, where would we be?"

And so he stayed for nearly three decades.

The colonel is retiring to San Angelo, Texas. All four of his children live in Texas and he looks forward to being near his family.

But before he "settles," he plans to take his wife on a cruise to the Caribbean.

The colonel's retirement is today at 10 a.m. in front of the P-40 display adjacent to the headquarters building.

A reception follows immediately at the Pacific Coast Club.

BIRDS: Canadian Snowbirds strut stuff at VAFB

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Air Force Space Command on their 20th Anniversary and to the entire space and missile community for their continued contributions to the security of North America and to the defense of freedom throughout the world," Cook said.

The Snowbirds represent the teamwork of the Canadian Forces.

"We are very excited to have the opportunity to show the folks at

Vandenberg just how well the Canadian Forces can do their job," Cook said.

The Canadian Snowbirds, commanded by Maj. Steve Will, have a long, distinguished history.

Formed as the 431st Bomber Squadron, they flew out of Burn, England, for the duration of World War II. After the war, the squadron moved to Nova Scotia. They were disbanded in September 1945.

The Royal Canadian Air Force

stood the squadron back up in January 1954 to fly the F-86 Sabre jet fighter during airshows. That stint ended the same year.

The 431st Air Demonstration Squadron was activated April 1, 1978. Flying modified Canadair CT-114 Tutors, they became known as the Snowbirds.

Now in their 32nd season, the Snowbirds will perform 62 shows in 36 locations across North America in 2002.

BRIEFS: OSI looks for recruits, DCG pager recall

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space & missile times @ vandenberg.af.mil.

FOCUS GROUP MEETS

Vandenberg commissary staff holds a focus group Monday at 1 p.m. The purpose of the focus group is to gain first-hand knowledge of how well the commissary meets customers' needs. To join the group, call 734-3354, Ext. 225.

OSI SEEKS NEW RECRUITS

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations seeks

enlisted, officer and civilian applicants for special agent positions. AFOSI conducts criminal, fraud, and counterintelligence investigations in support of Air Force resources and personnel. For more information, call AFOSI, Detachment 804, at 606-1852.

LEGAL OFFICE CHANGE HOURS

Effective April 3, the 30th Space Wing Legal Office changes legal assistance hours on Wednesdays. The new hours are from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Attorneys are available for a range of legal issues. Notary services for

Powers of Attorney, affidavits, etc. are available. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Yvonne Prince at 605-6220.

SPRING GOODIE BAGS FOR DORM RESIDENTS

The Vandenberg Spouses' Club is putting together Spring Goodie Bags for Team V's dorm residents. VSC is accepting donations of candies. The club assembles the goodie bags March 25 at 1 p.m. The VSC is also looking for volunteers to help put the goodie bags together and to deliver them. For information, call Michelle Morey at 734-0983.

Team V members move up the ranks

Promotions in the military signify that one has demonstrated the ability to do the job right, is ready for increased responsibility, up to the challenge of leading others, or all of the above.

Airman

Matthew Bolduc	532nd Training Squadron
Courtney Carroll	Det. 1, 345th TRS
Jennifer Celaya	30th Communications Squadron
Ben Crandell	532nd TRS
Walter Dubois	Det. 1, 345th TRS
Kwane Harris	Det. 1, 345th TRS
Zachary Hodges	Det. 1, 345th TRS
Donald Hoffman	532nd TRS
Patrick Klein	392nd TRS
Christopher Melton	Det. 1, 345th TRS
Timothy Murray	Det. 1, 345th TRS
Marty Trembl	Det. 1, 345th TRS
Gabriel Vargas	Det. 1, 345th TRS

Airman First Class

Allan Holland	30th Security Forces Squadron
Kail Kaiser	30th SFS
Astrid Ospina	533rd TRS
Sarah Pushchak	Det. 1, 345th TRS
Nicole Roger	30th Medical Operations Squadron
Jacob Schrecongost	392nd TRS
Terentia Schwartz	532nd TRS
Jeannie Wallace	532nd TRS
Javier Zaragoza	30th Transportation Squadron

Senior Airman

James Callahan	576th Flight Test Squadron
Hope Chaney	30th Mission Support Squadron
Christopher Doyle	30th SFS
Sean Green	576th FLTS
Aljeron Johnson	30th TRNS
Ryan Kelly	30th SFS
Ebony Locklear	Det. 1, 345th TRS
Latoshia Long	30th SFS
Lorena Lopez	30th MSS
Kevin McCormick	30th Civil Engineer Squadron
Jason Mendiola	30th SFS
Manuel Painter	30th CES
Jonathan Pomeroy	30th CS
Phillip Rogers	30th SFS
Eduardo Rojas	30th SFS
Amanda Walker	30th SFS
Ryan Wells	392nd TRS
Mercedes Zamora	381st Training Support Squadron

Staff Sergeant

Daniel Albert	30th SFS
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Victoria Ambrose	30th SFS
Frank Beeler III	30th SFS
Jesus Flores	30th CS
Jeffery Holmes	533rd TRS
James Johnson	30th CES
Scott Jones	30th CS
Tonya Jones	30th TRNS
Justin Moffatt	30th CES
Tony Potter	30th SFS
Kristofor Saunders	30th CS

Technical Sergeants

Aaron Chase	532nd TRS
Angela Fernandez	381st Training Group
Timothy Frietag	Det. 1, 345th TRS
Craig Kopel	30th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron
Keith Miller	576th FLTS
Anh Pham	30th Space Wing
Lorrie Sampson	30th TRNS
Joel Senical	Det. 1, 345th TRS
Shane Sutherland	576th FLTS
Brian Temple	Det. 1, 345th TRS
Timothy White	Det. 9, Space and Missile Systems Center

Lawrence Wittkowski

Master Sergeant

Brian Davis	30th CES
Kim Mosley	14th Air Force
Terrence Mosley	30th Supply Flight
Raul Torres	Det. 1, 345th TRS

Senior Master Sergeant

Douglas Fischer	30th CS
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First Lieutenant

Catherine Braxton	30th MSS
Cami Johnson	30th MSS

GS-05

Kimberly Valentine	30th MSS
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GS-06

Beverlyn Villegas	30th Services Squadron
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GS-12

Donald Summerfield	533rd TRS
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GS-13

Janice Geer	30th Logistics Group
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WG-09

Roberto Bazan	30th CES
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WG-10

Anton Andersen	Ogden Air Logistics Center
Randy Burnette	Ogden ALC
Robert Downing	Ogden ALC
Leonard Price	30th CES

Center fights computer terrorism

By MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Team V has a new weapon to combat computer terrorism and threats against network security.

Tuesday afternoon base officials open the Network Learning Center in Bldg. 6510, a state-of-the-art facility, to Team V's information warriors.

Information and workgroup managers will use 18 new computers in the center to learn the ins and outs of network security, said Senior Master Sgt.

Doug Fischer, functional manager for Team V's information managers. A contract instructor will teach the courses.

According to Fischer, the need for the \$180,000 project began two years ago when high-level Air Force leaders deemed Air Force computer systems as Priority A, now Protection Level One, weapon systems – the same designation given to the nation's nuclear arsenal.

"With today's emphasis on E-commerce and the importance of

network security, it's important to provide our community with the best possible training facility," he said.

"I have seen other (NLCs) in space command and we have the best," Fischer added.

The center's official ribbon cutting is Tuesday at 12:20 p.m. in room 117 of Bldg. 6510.

For more information about taking a course at the new NLC, call Tech. Sgt. Debra Wheeler at 606-5016 or Senior Master Sgt. Doug Fischer at 606-9054.



Heard a rumor? Get the facts.

During crises or emergencies, call the Vandenberg rumor control line at 606-1857.



Around the Air Force

New badge detects harmful chemical components

BY LT. COL. GUY C. THOMPSON
Air Force Research Lab Public Affairs

■ **HANSCOM AFB, Mass.** – The space vehicles directorate here has developed a hazardous chemical detection badge that is expressly tailored for the warfighter.

People can wear the badge to detect exposure to hazardous chemicals and document total dosage.

"The badge can detect six different types of contaminants from nerve gases to toxic industrial chemicals," said Dr. Edmond Murad, technical adviser for the Space Weather Center of Excellence and project lead.

The idea for the badge came to Charles Pike in 1995, when he was the chief of the spacecraft interactions branch for the advanced weapons directorate. He held a brainstorming session to discuss ways to detect the chemical components of rocket fuels and their signatures resulting from space-environment interaction.

"We had a very intense space flight program then, having conducted experiments on 25 space shuttle missions," said Pike, now the branch chief of the space vehicles' technology outreach branch.

Pike recognized that the same detection methods used to detect rocket fuel, which is a toxic chemical, in space missions could be applied on a somewhat smaller level, such as a badge.

"Each badge has an array of sensors, which are about the size of a postage stamp," he said. "A badge can be modified depending on the components you want to detect, so sensors can be changed out for different missions."

The project received the attention and endorsement of the Department of Defense after the Japan sarin gas incident, Murad said. The badges are currently being field tested by civil engineers. (Courtesy Air Force Print News)

Enlisted quarterly assignment listing available soon

■ **RANDOLPH AFB, Texas** — The Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing for people returning from overseas May through July will be available March 18.

People need to work with their military personnel flights to update their preferences since the update process is not yet totally automated, said officials at the Air Force Personnel Center here.

The deadline for updating assignment preferences is March 28. Airmen will be notified of their selection by April 5, officials said. EQUAL advertises upcoming assignment requirements by Air Force Specialty Code and rank.

Airmen are instructed to review, prioritize and list specifically their assignment preferences based on the EQUAL list. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

AAFES recalls 'Monsters in the Closet' children's books

■ **DALLAS** – The Army and Air Force Exchange Service, in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and Random House Inc., is voluntarily recalling copies of "Monsters In The Closet" children's books.

The snap that secures the book could detach, posing a choking hazard to young children, CPSC officials said.

AAFES sold these books October through January. CPSC and Random House have not received any reports of injuries involving this book. This recall is being conducted to prevent the possibility of injuries.

The board books are constructed of heavy cardboard with "Monsters Inc." characters on each page. The title "Monsters in the Closet" is printed with orange letters highlighted in yellow on the front cover of the books. The books have a hole at the top of the back cover to allow them to hang on a door knob. The books have been printed in English and Spanish. "Made in China" is printed on the back of the book.

Consumers should cut off the snap from these books immediately and mail the snap to Tri-State, c/o Marie Corsello, 325 Rabro Drive, Hauppauge, NY 11788, to receive a free replacement book valued at about \$9. (Courtesy Air Force Print News)

Some run to clear their minds, others to keep in shape. Regardless of reason, these Team V runners can go the distance. They are

Marathoners

BY MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

More than 2,500 years after Pheidippides ran 22 miles from the Plains of

Marathon to Athens to announce the defeat of the Persian army, millions of men and women lace up their running shoes and pay tribute to his feat – or his feet.

Few among us accept the challenge of running today's 26.2-mile marathon.

But recently, eight of Team V runners met that challenge and achieved personal victories when they joined nearly 23,000 other runners for the 2002 Los Angeles Marathon.

MASTER SGT. RAMIE NAKASHIMA
30th MISSION SUPPORT SQUADRON
TIME: 3 HOURS, 25 MINUTES, 32 SECONDS

Three years ago, Nakashima quit smoking. He decided it was time to get into shape. So, he started running.

"In the beginning it was hard just to run a mile," the Monterey, Calif., native said. Discipline carried him forward, logging mile after mile.

Last year's L.A. Marathon was his first.

"After I prepared myself for the first marathon, my body was in shape. Now, I can run very long distances with no problem." He turned in a 3:11:20 time for the Las Vegas Marathon – his personal best.

With eight marathons behind him, he's still running toward his goal of a marathon a month.

"I will reach No. 12 when I run the Air Force Marathon Sept. 29," the 39-year-old said. He would have run last year's Air Force Marathon, but it was cancelled after the Sept. 11 attacks.

CAPT. TOM KNOWLES
30th SPACE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS
TIME: 3:25:53

At 32 years old, Knowles has been a runner for more than half of his life. He runs for many reasons.

Running, he said, is great for relieving stress, staying fit, gaining focus and perspective on life and having fun.

Whether it's a 20-minute speed run or a three-hour distance run, Knowles prefers to run alone or with his golden retriever, Riley.

"For me, running is about 'getting lost,' relaxing and leaving the troubles behind" the Manhattan, Kan., native said. "Having someone along is a distraction for me."

For Knowles, marathons are about personally challenging



PHOTOS BY SENIOR AIRMAN ANNE MCCORMICK

Team V runners (left to right) Staff Sgt. Michael Hayes, Capt. Brian Simonis, Capt. Tom Knowles and Maj. Ernie Albritton demonstrate their L.A. Marathon-finishing form.

himself.

"I've always been a sucker for a good challenge, and a marathon is definitely challenging," he said. "That's why I ran my first – to see if I could do it." His L.A. Marathon time was his personal best.

"Now the goal is to see if I can do it faster," the two-time marathoner said. "It's a crazy cycle."

STAFF SGT. MICHAEL HAYES
30th SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON
TIME: 4:07:55

A runner since the sixth grade, the L.A. Marathon checked off one of Hayes' lifetime goals.

"I have always wanted to run (a marathon) since I was in high school, but I was intimidated by the distance," the 27 year old said. When he heard of Nakashima running eight marathons in the last year, Hayes decided to give it a try.

During his 35- to 45-mile training weeks, the Robert Lee, Texas, native found running relaxing and a great stress buster. But, like Knowles, he likes to train alone.

"It's my 'me time,'" Hayes said. He clears his head and focuses on the time he wants to run. In L.A., he was focused on a 3:30 finish when his left knee began to bother him.

"It started bothering me at the six-mile marker in the race," he said. "But the people of L.A. kept me going when I wanted to stop."

Although he's disappointed with his first-time performance, Hayes is looking forward to shattering his record in his next outing, hopefully at the upcoming San Diego Marathon.

CAPT. BRIAN SIMONIS
392nd TRAINING SQUADRON
TIME: 5:12:15

Like Hayes, 32-year-old Simonis battled knee pain during his first marathon.

He attributes his knee

problems to his 6-foot-6-inch height.

"My knees started hurting at the 10-mile point," he said. "After that, I tried running a mile and then walking a mile. Toward the end of the race, it was more like run for 100 yards and walk until the next mile point."

While his first marathon may well prove to be his last, the McFarland, Wis., native is proud he completed what he considers "the ultimate running race."

"This has been on my lifelong things-to-do list for quite some time," Simonis said. "I'm thankful that I had the opportunity to run the race and that I finished."

CAPT. STACY HUSER
534th TRS
TIME: 4:16:29

This Goshen, Ind., native took up running 16.5 years ago.

"I started running in middle school when I was 13 because it was the only thing I was good at," she said. "I'm not very coordinated, so my attempts at playing sports like basketball, soccer, tennis, etc., always ended in failure – so I ran."

As a runner in college, she found the ability to relax and strive for personal goals.

She uses goals to keep herself focused during marathons, too.

"I determine how fast I'm running and try to figure out what my final time will be," the 29 year old said. "If I think I'll be close to a certain goal, I'll really strive to pick it up. It's a challenge against myself to see if I can do better than I've done before."

A four-time marathon runner, Huser doesn't train alone.

CAPT. KEN MIERZ
534th TRS
TIME: 4:49:53

Mierz has trained with Huser for the last five years.

"I train with (her) because our running styles compliment each

Master Sgt. Ramie Nakashima finished 525th out of about 23,000 runners.



other's," he said. The pair runs 30 to 40 miles a week in Lompoc and on base.

Mierz ran the 1999 Air Force Marathon with Huser and finished with a 3:55:21.

The Woodhaven, Mich., native's running halted when he had knee surgery in early 2000.

"This marathon is the result of my recovery," the 35-year-old runner said. Next up for Mierz is the Detroit Marathon in October 2002.

CAPT. JASON KENT
2nd SPACE LAUNCH SQUADRON
TIME: 4:03:32

Kent ran for his high school cross country and track teams. His closest competition was his twin brother.

This year, he plans to run two marathons and two half marathons.

"A marathon is one of the ultimate running goals," Kent said. "It provides a focus and puts that carrot out there to motivate you to go farther and faster."

In training, he wracks up 30 to 45 miles a week.

With a 3:34:39 personal best, Kent's ran four of the 26.2 milers.

Now, the Mechanicsburg, Ohio, is looking forward to next year's San Diego marathon and hopes to qualify for the 2003 Boston Marathon.

"Completing one gives you a feeling of accomplishment that is unmatched," he said.

This is the first time Kent has trained with a partner.

"It's a lot easier to get out of bed and run 22 miles on Saturday when you know someone is down the street waiting for you," he said.

MAJ. ERNIE ALBRITTON
2nd SLS
TIME: 4:04:46

Albritton, Kent's training partner, is a five-time marathoner.

In 1997, he took up running and ran four marathons that year.

After pushing out a 3:20 marathon in 1997, he wasn't happy with his time in L.A.

"It is a lot easier to stay with it than to build back up after taking a long time off – like I did over the past three years," the 43-year-old Grifton, N.C., native said.

Running is a lifestyle the major identifies himself.

"It is part of who I am," he said. "I hope my kids will be inspired to take the challenge and that I can experience it with them."

After all, he said, "If you can run a marathon, what can't you do?"

Community Calendar

EVENTS

The Guardian Programs Office needs officers, second lieutenant through major, to serve as **escorts for distinguished visitors** during Guardian Challenge 2002. Volunteers must be available for duty May 5 through 10. Call 1st Lt. Erick Fonseca or 2nd Lt. Joe Mannino at 606-2959 or 606-6035 to volunteer.

16 SAT **Vandenberg's Cub Scout Pack 102** sponsors a Cubmobile Race Saturday on Pine Canyon Road (Near the Lompoc Gate). The races start at 8:30 a.m. and run through 4 p.m. For more information, call Capt. Jeffrey Zornes at 734-2249.

The **Allan Hancock College Concert Band** continues its popular public concert series Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church on Santa Maria Way in Santa Maria. For ticket information, call 922-6966 or toll free 1-866-342-5242, Ext. 3252.

17 SUN The **Chapel Community Night** is every Sunday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Religious Education Bldg. classrooms. For more information, call Jill Hembroff at 734-1360, Sharon Egan at 734-4102, or Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Husfelt at 606-5773.

The **Protestant parish** sponsors a weekly event for the whole family Sunday. A time for praise, worship and fellowship begins at 5:30 p.m. Sunday. Classes for the whole family begin at 6 p.m. Opportunities include practical teaching for dealing with life's challenges will be offered for adults, BIG meeting at Youth Center for teens, children's classes on learning to worship God through song. For more information, call Jill Hembroff at 734-1360, Sharon Egan at 734-4102, or Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Husfelt at 606-5773.

26 TUES The Services Center holds a **Town Hall**

meeting March 26 at 4 p.m. at the Fitness Center. Attendees can learn more about the rules for the new skatepark, hockey rink and tennis courts.

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29 FRI The **Vandenberg Spouses' Club** offers scholarships to college-bound students demonstrating exceptional commitment to academic excellence, extracurricular activity and community involvement. Graduating seniors in the class of 2002 who are dependents of active duty, retired, or deceased military members are eligible to apply. This also includes California-based home schooled seniors and spouses of active duty or retired military members. Anyone interested in applying for these scholarships should contact their high school counselor or Terri Hatten at 734-0282. Applications must be received by March 29.

APRIL 10 WED Registration for **Crestview Elementary School kindergarten** for the upcoming school year is April 10 from 8:15 to 11 a.m. for students whose last names begin with A through M and from 1 to 2:30 p.m. for students whose last names begin with N through Z. For more information, call the Lompoc Unified School District at 736-2371, Ext. 301.

APRIL 15 MON Registration for **Los Padres Elementary School kindergarten** is April 15 from 8:30 to 10 a.m. for students whose last names begin with A through L and 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for students whose last names begin

Red, white & blue affair



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN ANNE MCCORMICK

30th Space Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Mike Morey shows off a print as it's auctioned off at the Vandenberg Spouses' Club's annual fundraiser. About 100 people attended this year's "Swingin' at the USO" event. The annual auction is the VSC's largest fundraiser. Monies raised support the club's academic and sports scholarship programs as well as other charitable ventures.

with M through Z. For more information, call the Lompoc Unified School District at 736-2371, Ext. 301.

CLASSES

16 SAT **Hula and social dances** for kids meet every Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. at Everybody Can Dance, 135 E. Clark in Orcutt. For more information, call (805) 348-3314.

18 MON A **Financial Planning Workshop** is scheduled for Monday at 11 a.m. at the Family Support Center. Contact Jimmy Camacho at 606-4491 for registration or details.

20 WED There is a **resume writing workshop** Wednesday at 9 a.m. in the Family Support

Center. Call Tinisha Agramonte at 605-8557 for more information.

The **Manage Your Move workshop** is Wednesday at 9 a.m. at the Family Support Center. There will be briefings from Housing, TMO, Finance, Legal, Personal Financial Management, and Tricare. Contact the Relocation Assistance Program at 606-0801 for details and registration.

MEETINGS

21 THUR The **Vandenberg Top Three Association** meets at noon every third Thursday of the month in the Services Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Cary Rosson at 606-6232.

26 TUES Vandenberg's **Single Parents' Support Group** meets for lunch every second and

fourth Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Pacific Coast Club. The group is open to Vandenberg's military and civilian single parents.

SPORTS

20 WED The **Guardian Challenge/Vandenberg Competition Association 2002 Golf Tournament** begins at noon Wednesday. The cost is \$7 for E-1 through E-6 and \$10 for E-7 and above and civilians. For information or to sign-up, call 2nd Lt. Dwayne Florence at 605-1909 or 605-4465.

The **Vandenberg Women's Soccer Team** needs players. The team plays in the Central Coast Women's Soccer Association League and is open to all women over the age of 18 years. Interested players should call Capt. Ann Curtis at 606-2382 for further details.

AT THE MOVIES

Today

Slackers

Starring Devon Sawa, Jason Schwartzman. Dave, Sam and Jeff are about to graduate from college with honors in lying, cheating and scheming. Their four years of scamming is about to be exposed by an unlikely person in school. Rated R.

Saturday

A Beautiful Mind

Starring Russell Crowe, Ed Harris, Jennifer Connelly.

A mathematical genius, John Forbes Nash Jr., made an astonishing discovery early in life and stood on the brink of international acclaim. But his prodigious career was sidetracked by problems that would have broken many men. Never losing sight of his dream, Nash fought back. After many years of struggle, he triumphed over tragedy and literally changed the world. Rated PG-13.

Sunday

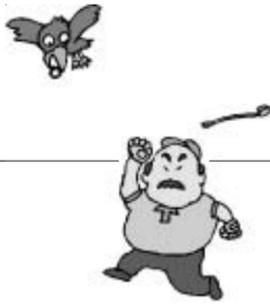
The Mothman Prophecies

Starring Richard Gere, Laura Linney.

John Klein is a Washington Post reporter whose wife dies shortly after a bizarre, seemingly unexplainable car accident. He later finds pictures she drew of a strange winged creature during her final days. Rated PG-13.

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

S^{30th} Services



NEWS

FITNESS CENTER

Basketball ★

All-Stars

GAME

Today!

6 p.m.
at the
Fitness Center

FUN!

Come on out for a great game!

For more information, call Brian at 606-3834.

**Join the fun at the PACIFIC COAST CLUB*

for Membership
Appreciation Night
Today!



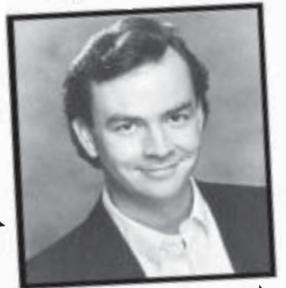
BLAKE CLARK



DANNY VILLALPANDO



BIL DWYER



JOHN BAZARRE

5 to 6:30 p.m.

Members' Social Hour in the Ballroom
7 to 8:30 p.m. - Showtime

In appreciation for all your support during our membership drive the show will be **FREE** to club members.

Bonafide guests and spouses, **\$10** - Eligible non-members, **\$20** (at the door)

**Recommend age 17 and above - potential adult material.*

V.I.T.T.
Vandenberg Leisure Tours

Monterey for a day

April 13
\$35 transportation only

Some things to do...

- Aquarium
- Fisherman's Wharf
- Cannery Discount Mall

or just enjoy the ambience!

Call Tickets and Travel for more information at 606-7976.

BOWLING

SATURDAY & SUNDAY - The Bowling Center is hosting the 46th Annual Northern Santa Barbara County Bowling Association Tournament, and March 23 and 24. Entries for Teams and Doubles and Singles are available at the Bowling Center.

FITNESS

SATURDAY - Box Aerobics, 9 to 10 a.m., Services Center

MONDAY - AM Abs, 7:05 to 7:20 a.m., Fitness Center Basketball Court

TUESDAY - Intro to the Freeweight Room, 9 a.m., Fitness Center

WEDNESDAY - Advanced Weight Training, 9 to 10 a.m., Fitness Center

THURSDAY - Pilates, 6 to 7 p.m., Services Center

For more information, call 606-3834.

SWIMMING POOL

SWIM TEAM
The Central Coast Marlins is a competitive year-round swim team for children ages 5 through 18. If you can swim 25 meters nonstop, then we need you! Fees vary depending on swimming abilities. Come try out, the first week is free.

WATER AEROBICS - Have a great workout and have fun at the same time without the impact of land-based exercise programs. Cost: \$3 per class or \$20 a month. For more information, call Jennifer at 606-3581.

YOUTH CENTER

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION
Registration for the Youth Center's School Age Program Summer Camp begins April 1. Registration is open for all children who will have completed Kindergarten by June 6. Priority is given to those currently enrolled. Camp runs June 6 through mid-August. For more information, call the Youth Center at 606-2152.

Keep a lookout for future 4-H events at the Youth Center!
Call the Youth Center for more information on the 4-H rabbit group at 606-2152.

The Youth Sports Advisory Council will be holding their next meeting Thursday at the Youth Center Annex (Bldg. 16156, next to the Youth Center). The meeting will begin promptly at 6 p.m. Come on out and help make a difference in the youth sports programs on Vandenberg AFB!

O U T D O O R R E C R E A T I O N



Sailing at Santa Barbara with Steve Renz

Sailing Trip

March 23, noon to 4 p.m.

\$45 per person

- 10 a.m.** Depart Outdoor Recreation
- 11:30 a.m.** Briefing with Steve on safety/rules
- Noon** Boat leaves harbor
- 3:30 to 4 p.m.** Return to harbor
- 4:30 p.m.** Depart for Vandenberg; arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Call Curtis at Outdoor Rec, 606-5908 for more information or to make a reservation.

Natural Knead to be kneaded

Massage Therapy
Will be closed today through April 1.

To book appointments or purchase gift certificates while we are closed, call 605-4748.

GOLF

SATURDAY - Men's Club Tournament

SUNDAY - Scotch Foursome Tournament, 10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY - Missile Competition Shotgun Tournament, 7:30 a.m., shotgun, 12:30, open play

It's Time to Fish!
Bait for Sale!

Equipment Checkout is open and has bait available for all types of fishing.
Bldg. 11238. Open Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Sundays and holidays. Call 606-5908 for more information.



Guess What's Coming to the Youth Center???

(The Annual Easter Egg Hunt! Watch for details.)