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AFA CHAPTER WELCOMES WASHINGTON OFFICIALS

The Goddard Chapter of the Air Force Association joins 14th Air Force Commander Gen. William Looney III in welcoming Congresswoman Lois Capps and Congressman Ike Skelton for an evening with Team Vandenberg Monday in the Pacific Coast Club. The social hour begins at 6 p.m. with dinner following at 7 p.m. Attire for the occasion is service dress for military and business attire for civilians. The event is open to all of Team Vandenberg. Tickets cost \$20. For more information or to R.S.V.P. call Melanie Habener at 606-2538.

OFFICIALS OFFER GOVERNMENT TRAVEL CARD ADVICE

Government Travel Card unit agency program coordinators are available to answer travel card questions regarding the options for GTC payment and card use. For more information or a list of coordinators, customers can call their unit orderly room or the base agency program coordinator at 606-9767.

AFPC OFFICIAL HOLDS BRIEFING FOR 13SXX OFFICERS

Maj. Jerry Brumfield, Air Force Personnel Center space and missile assignments branch, will conduct two assignment briefings Wednesday in the 381st Training Group Auditorium. The briefings will begin at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. One-on-one assignment counseling will be available following each session. For more information, call Capt. Trevor Flint at 605-7469.

TOP THREE HOLDS MONTHLY MEETING THURSDAY

The Vandenberg Top Three will hold its monthly membership meeting at noon Thursday in the services center. All master sergeant selects through chief master sergeants who are permanently assigned here may attend. For more information, call Master Sgt. Ty Foster at 606-3595.

ALS CLASS 01-F HOLDS GRADUATION BANQUET

The graduation banquet for Airman Leadership School class 01-F will be held Thursday in the Pacific Coast Club. The social hour begins at 6 p.m. with dinner following at 7 p.m. Attire for the event is semi-formal or mess dress. For more information, call the ALS staff at 606-5595.

FSC HOLDS FAMILY LIAISON OFFICER TRAINING

The family support center will hold Family Liaison Officer training at 2 p.m. Aug. 17 in the Pacific Coast Club. The training is for all assigned FLOs and is recommended for commanders, first sergeants and family members. The session will last about two and a half hours. For more information or to reserve a training slot, call 606-3653 or 606-3023.

Mission, people come first says Jumper

By MASTER SGT. RICK BURNHAM
Air Force Print News

■ WASHINGTON — The mission comes first. It's a central theme to military service, played over and over from the first day of basic training until retirement.

But most commanders will say that because it takes good people to accomplish the mission, people are as important as the mission itself.

Gen. John Jumper spent significant time addressing people issues during his senate confirmation hearing Aug. 1.

Jumper, currently commander of Air Combat Command, was confirmed Aug. 3 to become the next Air Force chief of staff, succeeding Gen. Michael Ryan, who will retire in September.

"Our young men and women in uniform today — (active-duty), Reserve and Guard — are no less committed than any generation of Americans has ever been," he said. "They look for leadership, and when you give them that leadership, they perform with all the patriotism and commitment of any generation."

A number of initiatives designed to reward that commitment have been instituted in past years, in-

cluding expanded re-enlistment bonus incentives and enhanced commissioning opportunities, Jumper said.

More, such as educational incentives for family members, are on the way, he said. One proposal is to transfer all or part of unused Montgomery GI Bill entitlements to family members has significant merit.

"I have always been a firm believer in the theory that we recruit the individual, but retain the family," he said. "We'll work to package the transfer of these benefits in the manner that best meets the needs of our airmen."

Similar proposals to assist Air Force men and women were discussed during a recent summit attended by representatives of each major command, along with the Air Force Personnel Center and the Air National Guard, Jumper said.

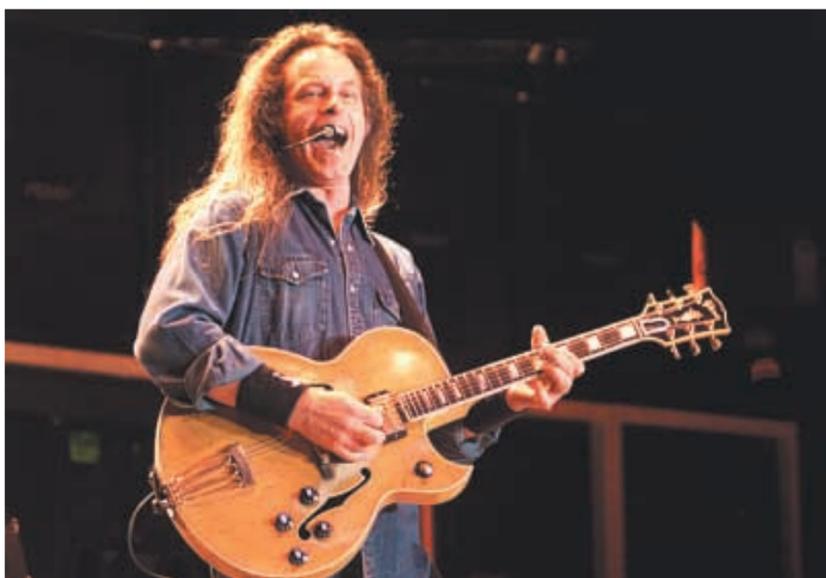
"We approved 19 initiatives, including career assistance advisors, patient advocates, an enhanced spousal employment program and subsidized in-home childcare," he said.

It is all about improving the lives of bluesuiters and their families around the globe, Jumper said. Doing that will allow them to better focus on the task at hand—defending the nation.



TECH. SGT. JIM VAREGGI

"Our young men and women in uniform today — (active-duty), Reserve and Guard — are no less committed than any generation of Americans has ever been," Gen. John Jumper said to the Senate Armed Services Committee at his Air Force chief of staff confirmation hearing Aug. 1. Jumper was confirmed by the committee Aug. 3.



AIRMAN 1st CLASS JONATHAN POMEROY

Motor City Madman, Ted Nugent, entertains the crowd at the Mid-state Fair in Paso Robles, Calif. Tech. Sgt. Matthew Bounds, 532nd Training Squadron, re-enlisted for his final hitch with Nugent as his witness.

After performing the ceremony, Bounds commander, Lt. Col. John Anderson, presented Nugent with the squadron's patch, coin and named him as an honorary commander.

Motor City madman rocks NCO's final re-enlistment

MASTER SGT. LLOYD CONLEY
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Re-enlistment is a dignified ceremony honored by unit commanders according to the wishes, within reason, of the re-enlistee.

Some have re-enlisted at Jalama Beach with the California Mountains and the Pacific Ocean in the backdrop and others opt for a low-key ceremony in their commander's office.

However, in the case of Tech. Sgt. Matthew Bounds, a computer support technician with the 532nd Training Squadron, the Mid-State Fair in Paso Robles, Calif., provided a perfect opportunity for him to make his reenlistment ceremony special.

Prolific rocker, Ted Nugent, witnessed Bounds's re-enlistment ceremony.

According to the Shortsville, N.Y., native, this is the last time he'll reenlist so he wanted to do something different.

Bounds, who has been a Ted Nugent fan for as long as he can remember, said his wife, Diane, jokingly suggested he re-up at the concert. "I told my commander, Lt. Col. John Anderson, about it,

he liked the idea and arranged everything," Bounds said.

Anderson said his love for music had a part in honoring Bounds reenlistment wishes. He e-mailed fair officials with a request of what he wanted. After a few more message exchanges they approved it.

But Bounds said he thinks the real motive behind Anderson's actions is that he's people oriented and likes to take care of his troops.

Anderson said he's re-enlisted eight to 10 people in the 532nd since his arrival here in June of last year, but never anything like this.

"That's what made this re-enlistment so exciting and so very special," Anderson said. "We are not only promoting the Air Force, but also promoting the 532nd TRS."

"The original idea was to re-enlist Bounds on the concert stage before the start of Ted Nugent's show," said Anderson. "But, as we later found out, that wasn't going to happen so we did the ceremony backstage and enjoyed the show afterward."

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Second lieutenant commissions wife

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

When Kristisa Robinson looked into 2nd Lt. Robert Estep III's eyes and swore to love and cherish him forever during their wedding May 26, it just wasn't enough.

As enjoyable as it was, swimming with dolphins during their Bahaman honeymoon didn't fill the bill either.

But when Kristisa Estep raised her right hand and her nervous husband swore her in as a commissioned officer, the world was right.

"We've been working at this together for a couple of years, so I couldn't imagine anyone else besides him doing this," the 25-year-old second lieutenant said. "It's more special this way."

About 30 people from the 30th Medical Group gathered to witness Robert, the commander of the 30th Medical Support Squadron medical logistics flight,

issue his first commissioning oath to the love of his life.

"I was honored, beyond ecstatic," he said. "It was an overall heart, soul, mind experience."

For each of them, their journey to becoming officers began as airman basics in 1994.

"My dad was in the military, so I already had that sense of family with the Air Force," Kristisa said. "It was the only life I knew."

Like Kristisa, Robert's father had also served in the Air Force. But his reason for enlisting was the Air Force benefits.

Then 18, he figured that in the Air Force he'd have a regular paycheck to live off of while he went to school and have the benefit of tuition assistance and the Montgomery GI Bill.

It wasn't until he met Kristisa in January 1997

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AIRMAN 1st CLASS JONATHAN POMEROY

Fore!

Allen Lacey tees off at Marshallia Ranch. The 30th Weather Squadron predicts perfect weather for this weekend's 2001 Air Force Golf Championships held at Marshallia Ranch Golf Course. In the mornings, fog and low clouds will burn off revealing clear skies and perfect 65-degree days for spectators to view the competition today and Saturday. Final round play begins at 8 a.m. Saturday.

U. S. attorney indicts July 14 trespassers

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

■ The United States Attorney's office in Los Angeles issued grand jury indictments against the 17 Greenpeace members who attempted to prevent the July 14 Minuteman II launch.

"They were indicted (Aug. 3) by a federal grand jury here in L.A.," said Thom Mrozek, public affairs officer for the U.S. Attorney Central District of California. "There were three charges in the indictment." The defendants were arraigned in Los Angeles Monday.

In the first charge, all 17 defendants were indicted for conspiracy. Fourteen of them were named in the second charge, violating the launch safety zone. In the third charge, trespassing on Vandenberg, 16 people were charged.

The first two charges are felonies carrying maximum penalties of five and six years in prison respectively. The trespassing charge is a misdemeanor and carries a maximum penalty of six months in jail. The defendants could face \$250,000 in fines.



AIRMAN 1st CLASS JONATHAN POMEROY

AAFES service station gas pumps opened for business Tuesday afternoon after more than a two month hiatus in service.

AAFES gas pumps reopen

MASTER SGT. LLOYD CONLEY
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Members of Team Vandenberg again have the convenience of gas pumps at the Army Air Force Exchange Service Station.

As of Tuesday, AAFES customers can now "fill 'er up" at the base service station.

"We started pumping gas at 1 p.m., as soon as we got the word from the management," said Tina Lafferty, AAFES branch manager.

I'm glad the pumps are open again," said Ed Griffin, a retired Air Force and Civil Service employee. "The prices are a little less than others in the area and they're at a convenient location, so I'm glad I can gas-up here."

The pumps closed June 7 because the fuel system needed hardware improvements.

The construction project that required replacing the underground piping, among other things, and costing more than \$170,000 was completed last week, said Kim Harding, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron environmental specialist.

Harding said the Air Pollution Control District was satisfied with the work and that the Certification Unified Program Agency inspector approved the maintenance and monitoring plan.

The AAFES gas pumps hours are 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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.

Handy phone numbers

EMERGENCY.....	911
Informaion.....	411
Poison control.....	800-876-4766
Clinic appointments.....	606-4077
Healthwise line.....	888-252-3299
TRICARE services.....	800-242-6788
Law enforcement.....	606-3300
Housing maintenance.....	734-5586
Child Development Center.....	606-1555
MPF customer service.....	606-7756
Visitor control center.....	606-7662
Fitness center.....	606-3832
Chaplain (after hours).....	606-9961
Red Cross (duty hours).....	606-1855
Red Cross (after hours).....	800-660-4272
EOD (duty hours).....	605-1375
EOD (after hours).....	606-9961
Pest Control.....	606-1936
Base operator.....	606-1110

Action line

606-7850

or e-mail your message to
actionline@vandenberg.af.mil

PESKY CRITTERS CONCERN RESIDENT

Q There is a problem in base housing with wild animals, namely raccoons. We recently found a sick raccoon in our garage and called the Fish and Game Wildlife Office to come and take it away. No one showed up for six hours, so I called the office back, only to be told that the Fish and Game person was not answering his beeper. When someone did finally come by, he chased the raccoon out of the garage and into the neighborhood. This is a serious health hazard because the animal could possibly bite someone and spread a disease such as rabies.

A Housing Maintenance has a contract with an outside agency to handle animal problems within the housing area. To date, there have been no reported incidents of rabies with any of the base's wildlife.

Wildlife enforcement officers were on duty at the time of the incident and should have been contacted via radio and not pager. Why they were not will be addressed at the squadron level. Base biologists, the Fish & Game Wildlife Office and housing maintenance are formulating a plan to deal with raccoons on Vandenberg. In the meantime, residents should take the following measures to prevent the animals from

coming around: ensure trash can lids are completely closed and free from trash around it, close garage doors and bring pet food dishes inside at night.

CALLER OFFERS ADVICE ON TREES PLACEMENT

Q My concern is the magnolia trees in front of the Airman Leadership School. I think they're beautiful and a great addition. The problem is that they have planted two magnolia trees directly underneath the power lines. One of them looks like it is within four feet of one of the lines. You're going to be cutting the tops off of those trees in no time and within a year or two they will need to be cut down or moved. Why don't they go ahead and move them now to a better location before the roots actually have time to establish themselves.

A The newly planted trees at the four corners of California and Utah are Samuel Sommer

Magnolia trees, which will slowly grow to 30-foot tall. The 'Samuel Sommer' is a compact variety of the Magnolia that is very popular as a street tree in local cities like Santa Maria. Our project manager took great pains to adjust the placement of trees to avoid underground and overhead utility lines as much as possible and still maintain equal tree spacing to have a

colonnade look. We also tried to keep the distance to the curb equal on both sides of each street so it is like driving through a gateway.

There are three sets of overhead cables directly above two trees next to the ALS. The lowest line is an abandoned support line that was used for hanging a communication cable that has since been removed. Therefore, the support line can be removed too. Next there is a low-voltage cable that is about 25 feet above the ground that serves a single street light that presents no problem for the trees' growth. The highest lines are three high-voltage power lines approximately 38 to 40 feet above the ground, which are higher than the mature height of the Magnolia trees and will not be a problem. However, we are looking at putting the overhead lines underground and removing several wooden poles to improve the appearance of the corners. Also, across Utah Avenue there are Cable TV wires 20 feet above Utah Ave that were coordinated with Americable for clearance requirements. The trees are planted on either side of the cables and can be pruned around the cable without butchering the trees.

Several people have observed and expressed this same concern and we appreciate this opportunity to explain our project.

WATER WASTE LEAVES RESIDENT WONDERING

Q I'm concerned about the waste of water resources I see on base every day. The base runs sprinklers during the hottest part of the day, which is wasteful because most of the water is lost in run-off. On many occasions, I've driven through large puddles in the street caused by run-off from public sprinklers. Why are residents required to conserve water when the base apparently doesn't have to do so?

A The landscaping contractor is very much concerned with water conservation. Many

factors come into play when operating irrigation systems over an area as large as Vandenberg—equipment failure, power surges affecting timers/controllers, fertilizing schedules, etc. Occasionally, there are oversights too. We want to conserve resources and at the same time maintain Vandenberg's role as the showcase of Air Force Space Command. We encourage all of Team Vandenberg to actively participate in these same goals by contacting the 30th Civil Engineer Squadron service contracts office at 606-2330 or 606-1856 after duty hours whenever an irrigation problem is observed. Thank you for your interest.

Current will relieves family of probate burden

BY CAPT. DUANE BIRD

Are you ready to die? A good question, but maybe a better one would be "Is your family prepared for your death?"

I learned the answer to these questions when my father was killed in a vehicle accident driving home from work 18 months ago.

After the funeral, my family met with an attorney who told us Dad's will was outdated for three reasons. First, it was created five years before my youngest brother was born. Second, it contained a guardianship clause stating that my brother and I, if under 18 at the time of our parents' death, were to be raised by a couple who, over the years, had grown apart from my parents. Third, the language lawyers were using in the 1970s was outdated.

Nevertheless, he did have a will even though it was outdated.

Many people don't realize what their family might go through if they die without a will especially if minor children are involved.

If you die without a will, the state would decide how your estate will be divided. Also, because there's no will at the time of death, the guardianship of your children may not be compatible with your desires.

According to Capt. Michael Christy, chief of civil law at Vandenberg's base legal office, each

state has different rules regarding probate.

Probate is the process by which a court oversees the distribution of the decedent's property according to the instructions in his will.

This process can be costly and time consuming.

The fee is either a percentage of assets being probated, or it's based on the time it takes the state's attorney to settle the estate. Generally, the more assets probated, the more fees the heirs pay. And those assets could be tied up in court for months if a person dies before remedying the matter. This process can prevent heirs from using the assets in the meantime.

Despite the financial and time consuming inconveniences of the probate process, it serves as the legal means to transfer property from one person to another in an orderly manner. It also ensures titles are clear and claims against the estate are settled.

Consequently, experts at the base legal office have taken steps to simplify the process of creating a will.

People can pick up a will worksheet on their way to lunch or home. They can fill in the form at their convenience. They can discuss the more difficult issues with their family and return the worksheet to the legal office during legal assistance hours. An attorney will draw up the documents for their state of residence and make an

appointment to sign the papers.

The legal office will be the only place most people need to visit. If your particular situation is complex, you may need to consider hiring a civilian lawyer to draw up documents necessary to achieve your goals. Most attorneys offer a free 30-minute consultation. To make the best use of that time, consider sending a letter that details your situation to the attorney about a week before the appointment.

The staff can explain how estate and inheritance taxes are assessed. They can also draw up healthcare directives like a Living Will or a Medical Power of Attorney. Both can work hand-in-hand with your will. At the very least people can stop by and pick up a pamphlet entitled "Death Benefits." There you will find a scenario detailing what happens in the event of your death.

The pamphlet describes the initial notification of the spouse, discusses the roles of the Summary Court Officer and the Mortuary Officer and explains death benefits the military offers. It provides a solid framework that allows you and your family to discuss plans necessary to see that your wishes are carried out in case of your death.

The base legal office offers assistance Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Base names quarterly award winners

■ This list of Vandenberg's quarterly winners is not all inclusive. The remainder of the winners will be published Aug 17.

Airman:

Airman 1st Class Brian Kaiser, 576th Flight Test Squadron, was the Associate Unit and Team Vandenberg winner.

Senior Airman Skye Terrell, 30th Medical Group, won the 30th Space Wing title.

NCO:

Staff Sgt. Ruth Moore, 14th Air Force, was the Associate Unit and Team Vandenberg winner.

Tech. Sgt. Kevin Schnicker, 2nd Space Launch Squadron, took home the 30th Space Wing title.

SNCO:

Master Sgt. Paul McGinnis, 30th Transportation Squadron, was the 30th SW and Team Vandenberg winner.

Master Sgt. Benjamin Caro Jr., 533rd Training Squadron, won the Associate Unit title.

CGO:

Capt. Robert Schmoltdt, 30th Security Forces Squadron, won the 30th SW and Team Vandenberg titles.

Capt. Paul Tombarge, 614th Space Operations Squadron, won the Associate Unit award.



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Cops update control center

By MASTER SGT. CHARLES GRAYSON
30th Security Forces Squadron

To most passers by, it's a nondescript brick building behind the commissary. It's not much to look at, after all it's 20 years old. But when dispatchers from the 30th Security Forces Squadron Control Center reported for duty Aug. 1, they walked into a state-of-the-art facility. Before the six-month renovation and modernization began, much of the facility was in dire need of replacement, said Staff Sgt. James Collins, 30th SFS Control Center NCOIC. Floors were deteriorated, ventilation systems were tired and the outdated equipment fell short of meeting the security needs of a modern installation. "Many of the security systems around Vandenberg are very advanced and highly effective," Collins said. "Unfortunately, the way the SFCC was originally configured, we weren't always able to capitalize on the technology."

Now, he said, the control center is representative of 21st century operations. Collins said the renovation allows dispatchers and alarm monitors to instantaneously view most areas on base that are alarmed via a closed circuit television system. Before the renovation, the CCT capability was only available at the remote alarm room.

The upgraded system allows alarm monitors at either location to be able to assess alarms instantly and significantly reduces the chances of human error, Collins said.

A noticeable improvement to the center is the lack of large base maps mounted on the walls. Replacing the maps is a 21- by 37-inch plasma screen monitor that is operated with Arc View, a computer based mapping and plotting system that's complete with roads, vegetation and buildings, the SFCC NCOIC said.

"Again, here is a great resource that has existed at Vandenberg for some time that we are now just fully able to take advantage of," Collins said. The program will also enhance the security forces ability to mirror Fire Department dispatchers emergency responses.

To monitor the safety of installation entry controllers at the main gate, a camera system has been installed, he said. This will allow the SFCC to continuously monitor the safety of the gate guards and view in real time any situation that occurs at the base entry points.

Among the other improvements are the relocation of the Intoxilyzer 5000 to allow prompt assessment of the blood alcohol level of suspected drunken drivers and a new digital telephone system to improve SFCC communication capabilities.

The new SFCC is located at building 13730 on Colorado Avenue near the 30th SFS headquarters. Customers or complainants who require face-to-face service with law enforcement desk dispatchers should report to the new facility. The phone number for the SFCC remains unchanged at 606-3911 or 606-0592.

Singing airmen honor nation's anthem Patriot Voices

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

In our country, it's a tradition that "The Star-Spangled Banner" kicks off every professional sporting event, official ceremony and retirement from service to our country.

Vandenberg's Patriot Voices has kept that tradition alive on the Central Coast for two years.

"At most events, people only hear the music, they don't always think about the words," said Staff Sgt. Tim VanProoyen, an interactive courseware programmer with the 381st Training Group. "We sing the national anthem a cappella, that way they focus on the words—that's what gives the song its power."

He described Patriot Voices as a vocal honor guard, of sorts, for the anthem.

"I think the anthem is like the flag," he said. "We try to represent the national anthem in a traditional way, adding a little flavor to it each time."

The group began two years ago as the Vandenberg Airman Leadership School Quartet, said VanProoyen, who sings baritone and tenor. Three of his fellow ALS classmates signed up for the detail to perform the national anthem at the graduation banquet for Class 99-E.

Eventually, he said, the group had to rethink their name because temporary duty assignments, moves and separations from the Air Force took their toll on the original quartet.

They adopted the name Patriot Voices because it reflects their patriotic attitude and the spirit of their vocals, VanProoyen said.

He said in the beginning, the quartet never intended to continue. Now, 49 performances later, VanProoyen and the rest of the group understand just how important those 81 words are to people.

"When I was a civilian, the national anthem was just a song that was sung before any official event, both in school and on TV," said lead singer Senior Airman Denise DeJesus, 30th Security Forces Squadron investigator. "Now, as a military member, it reminds me of what our country is truly about and what we are fighting for. I get a chill each and every time I sing the national anthem—even at practice."

During their weekly practice sessions at VanProoyen's home, the seven vocalists on the active roster practice the anthem for a variety of



*Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed
at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars,
through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched,
were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare,
the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night
that our flag was still there.
O say, does that star-spangled banner
yet wave
O'er the land of the free
and the home of the brave?*

Senior Airman Denise DeJesus, 30th Security Forces Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Steve Williams, 148th Space Operations Squadron, are two of Vandenberg's seven "Vocal Ambassadors to the Central Coast." The group welcomes newcomers who have the ability, desire and time to serve Team Vandenberg.

PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JONATHAN POMEROY

deliveries. Now, their performances range from multiple solo acts to a septet with four-part harmony, VanProoyen said.

During Fourth of July celebrations, the group's performances wow thousands each year.

"The Solvang event coordinators have expressed, 'Patriot Voices is truly an inspirational group of young folks who spread pride in the armed forces in each and every one of their performances,'" said Jack Hokanson, 30th Space Wing Public Affairs chief of community relations.

This year, the crowd at Pismo Beach's Independence Day celebration topped 35,000 people, VanProoyen said.

"When we perform the national anthem in front of a crowd like at Pismo Beach ... the feeling can't really be described," said lead and tenor singer Staff Sgt. Chad Smith, a

ballistic missile early warning site instructor with the 533rd Training Squadron.

But, for Patriot Voices, it doesn't matter how many people are gathered for an event.

"We've done a number of small retirement ceremonies where there were about 25 people in attendance," VanProoyen said.

Those intimate occasions are special for the group's soprano.

"Singing the national anthem during retirements is my way of thanking that person for serving their country," said Staff Sgt. Eryn McConnell, 30th Medical Group drug and alcohol counselor.

Emphasizing the importance Patriot Voices play in the wing's community relations program, Hokanson said, "As the base's vocal ambassadors, they maintain Vandenberg's presence in all Central

Coast communities."

"We welcome any enlisted people to join us," he said. "All you have to do is like to sing and serve."

While they gladly serve, each performance comes with a sacrifice the members bear.

The all-volunteer group foots their own bills for travel and meals, VanProoyen said. To offset costs, they've recorded a CD that they sell for \$5 each. Their group is too small to mount a larger fundraising campaign.

As the group's only remaining charter member, VanProoyen is always looking for new members and someone to take the reins as the group's primary leader.

For more information about booking Patriot Voices for a performance or joining the group, call VanProoyen at 606-8483 or call the public affairs office at 606-3595.

9-1-1 Illegal calls threaten lives of those in need

By JIM McLEAN
Vandenberg Fire Inspector

The on-duty operator answers the call, "Nine-one-one, what is the location or nature of your emergency?"

At Vandenberg, every time someone dials those three life-saving numbers, the base fire department's communication center operators respond to the need.

Simultaneously, a law enforcement desk operator picks up the line.

The 911 system is designed for fire, police and medical emergencies.

When 911 operators receive prank calls, people's lives are jeopardized.

By tying up the emergency line with a prank call, the caller could prevent someone with a valid emergency from getting the attention they need immediately. Ultimately, this thoughtless act could lead to loss of life, serious injury and damage to property.

Prank calls aren't just dangerous they're illegal. When possible, legal action will be

taken against people who make a prank 911 call. If the prankster is a military family member, action can be taken against the individual making the call and his sponsor.

The system has a computer that identifies the address the 911 call originates from.

This feature serves two purposes. The primary purpose is that it allows the fire department operator to dispatch assistance even when the caller can't speak. The secondary purpose is that it enables security forces to be dispatched to the caller's location and confront prank callers.

Parents are key players in the success of the 911 system. Children should be taught how and when to call 911. Once a two-year-old saved her mother's life by calling 911.

Equally important, children must be taught that abuse of the 911 system brings serious repercussions, not only to them but to the parents as well.

Remember, dial 911 to save a life—someday it could be yours.

Community Calendar

LOMPOC UNIFIED DISTRICT SCHOOLS OPEN AUG. 22.

Registration for middle school through 12th grade for the upcoming academic year is as follows:

Registration for new students at **Lompoc Valley Middle School** is from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Aug. 20.

Returning eighth-grade students can pick up their schedules in the gymnasium from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday.

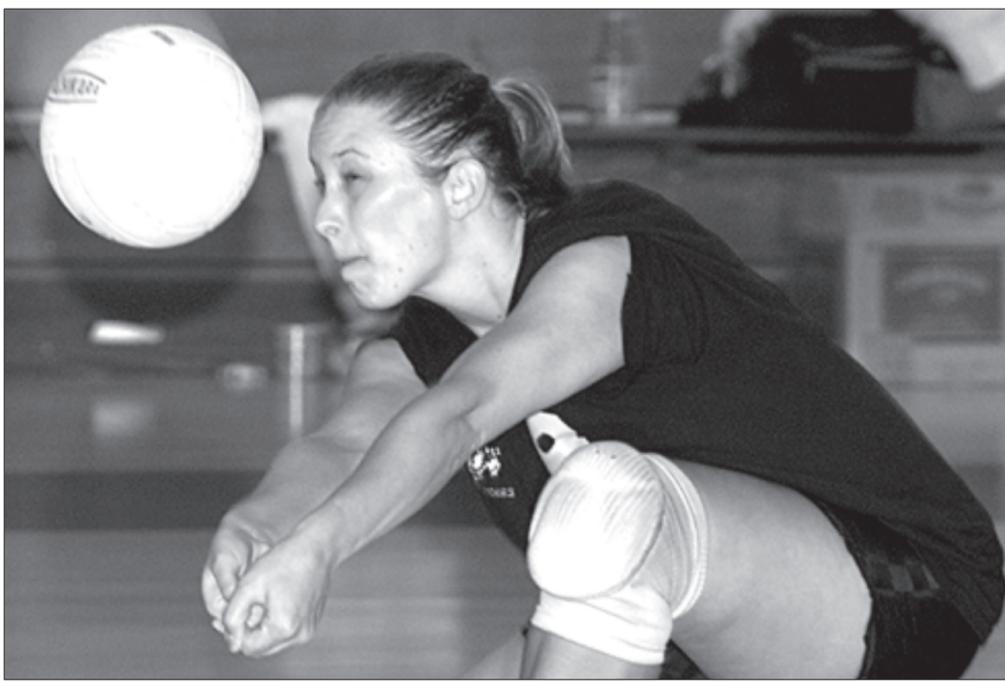
Returning seventh-grade students can pick up their schedules in the gymnasium from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday.

Registration for new students at **Vandenberg Middle School** begins Monday at 12:30 p.m. and will continue through Aug. 20 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. Registration is by appointment only. Call the school office at 734-4391 to make an appointment.

Registration for new students at **Lompoc High School** begins Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the counseling center located at 515 West College Ave. People should call 735-5606 to make an appointment.

Registration, orientation and testing for students new to **Maple High School** and opportunity class students begins at 9 a.m. Aug. 17 in the multi-purpose room. Parents or guardians need to attend the meeting with students. For more information about school registration, call the district office at 736-2371.

Parents are encouraged to register their children for **school bus transportation** before the first day of school. Bus service is for main base housing students who will attend Vandenberg Middle School and Los Padres Elementary school. People with questions should call 606-5255.



ARMANI '14 CLASS JONATHAN POMEROY

I got it, I got it!

Jessyca Castillo prepares to return a volleyball serve in the championship game between 14th Air Force and the 30th Security Forces Squadron at the

fitness center Aug. 2. The 14th AF team was crowned champions when they defeated 30th SFS 4 to 1 in double elimination tournament play.

10 FRI A team from Air Force Space Command will assess **quality-of-life issues** for Team Vandenberg Monday through Wednesday in the Pacific Coast Club.

Eight focus groups will answer questions about pay, housing, health care, morale, services activities and more.

Base first sergeants have identified members of all ranks for the focus groups.

Spouses, teen-agers and civilian employees can participate by calling Greg Barisich at 606-8217.

A **mutual funds seminar** will be held at 11 a.m. today in the family support center.

Participants can learn how to increase their portfolio and how to make their money work for them. Call Jimmy Camacho at 606-4491 to register.

11 SAT Celebrate the Valley's rich Hispanic heritage at the **Old Mission Santa Ines**

Fiesta, in Solvang, Calif., Saturday and Sunday.

People can enjoy a weekend filled with food, fun, festivities and continuous entertainment.

13 MON For more information, call the Solvang Visitor information center at (805) 688-

4815. The family support center is sponsoring a **bundles for babies** workshop at 2 p.m. Monday. The workshop will provide expectant parents information on lifestyle changes, infant CPR, financing, the nursing moms program, and the Give-Parents-a-Break program. Call Master Sgt. Jaime Lopez at 606-0039 for registration and information.

14 TUE The next **single parents support group** will meet at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the

Pacific Coast Club. The group will discuss issues regarding single parenting and self care. For more information call Linda Bastine at 606-9958.

15 WED A **resume writing workshop** will be conducted at 9 a.m. Wednesday in the

family support center. People can learn how to write a winning resume or update an old one. Participants can also learn current formats and styles, hot effective words, and power statements to include in their resume. The class is open to all active duty personnel, their family members, retirees and DoD civilians. Call Tinisha Agramonte at 5-8557 for information.

Officer's spouse joins nurse corps

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that he started really working on his degree.

"We started taking classes together at the Central Texas College extension at Bolling Air Force Base, (Washington, D.C.)," he said.

"I talked him into it," Kristisa added. "When we met, he was unsure of whether or not he'd stay in the Air Force."

"But, he went to school, set and focused on his goals and received his commission," she said with pride. "Now, he's a commander."

Robert honed his skills as an information manager while he earned his bachelor's degree in management from National-Louis University out of Chicago. After graduation last year, he checked into commissioning opportunities.

Acting on a tip, he applied for a commission with the medical service corps. Forty-five days later the staff sergeant was accepted into the program. "Kristisa drove my desire to become an officer," the January 2001 Officer Training School graduate said. "She kept me in school."

Kristisa, also an information manager when they met, had set her sights on becoming a nurse.

"From the very beginning this has been my goal," she said. "I knew I wanted to work in the medical field because I wanted to help people."

Robert agreed that nursing is the right fit for her. "Her heart is going to take her far in her career field, but her intelligence will make her a general some day," he said.

She left active-duty service and joined the Virginia Air National Guard via the Palace Front program.

Kristisa made staff sergeant in the Guard while pursuing her degree at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. She graduated with her bachelor's degree in nursing in May 2001 while simultaneously firming up plans for their wedding and applying to re-enter the active-duty corps.

"I'm die-hard Air Force, nothing could change my mind," the current commissioned officer training student said. She graduates Aug. 28 from the four-week course at Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.

Her first assignment as a fresh second lieutenant will be at Travis AFB, Calif. She'll go through the nurse transitioning program at David Grant Medical Center on base there. The three-month program familiarizes new nurses with the different departments and their functions.

In June 2002, Robert said he'll be eligible for a joint-spouse assignment to Travis.

Until then, they said, they'll rack up long-distance calls and enjoy the occasional weekend getaways in Monterey, Calif.

Rocker becomes honorary commander

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Anderson added that the event was also a blast from his past. "I saw Ted Nugent in concert in 1979. I was a teen-ager on the fourth row on the floor for that show in New Haven, Conn."

Anderson made Ted an honorary squadron member and gave him a 532nd TRS embroidered patch and a commander's coin for superior performance.

Nugent said he really appreciated the honorary membership and he was pleased to oversee an enlistment of a service member.

This is Ted's second honorary membership in an American military unit, Anderson said. The other one is the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne. This was a memorable experience, said the training squadron commander.

Anderson said a commander doesn't often get a chance to recognize one of his troops for consistent superior performance in the presence of the Motor City Madman, Ted Nugent. "It definitely was a once in a life time experience."

Anderson said it's great when troops

reenlist because he gets to share in the excitement and commitment these people have in supporting the United States. "I get to communicate to everyone who attends how the person I'm reenlisting has done an absolute fantastic job in supporting America."

"I communicate how a great attitude, hard work, commitment, loyalty and professionalism all contribute to the opportunity to reenlist," said Anderson. "I express that it's never a guarantee, performance is the key. I'm having a blast."

Bounds credits his wife and commander for making his last enlistment a memorable one. He added that if he had another chance to join as an 18-year-old, he'd do it again. "Especially out of high school today," he said. "You either go to college or you flip burgers. If a kid doesn't have a whole lot of money to go to college, the Air Force is a good opportunity to get started in life."

Bounds concluded that, "What other place can you get free medical, housing, food, a secure job with steady income and get some education? Even if they enlist for only four years, it's a good start."

16 THUR

People can develop a **spending plan that works** at 10 a.m. Thursday in the family support center. Participants can learn information on developing a plan for spending and saving money. They can learn how to observe spending habits and distinguish the difference between needs from wants and how to balance spending. Call Jimmy Camacho at 606-4491 to register.

The **Retirees Affairs Office** holds its monthly meeting at 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the retiree center building in the area between the Four Seasons store and the bowling center. This month's discussion topic is, Living to 102--Body, mind and soul.

AT THE MOVIES

Today
CRAZY BEAUTIFUL
Starring Kirsten Dunst and Jay Hernandez.

Rated PG-13 for mature thematic material involving teens, drug/alcohol content, sexuality, and language.

Saturday
BABY BOY
Starring Tyrese Gibson and Omar Gooding.

Rated R for strong sexuality, language, violence and some drug use.

Sunday
MEMENTO
Starring Guy Pearce and Carrie-Anne Moss.
Rated R for violence, language and some drug content.

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

S 30th Services

Pacific Coast Club

Join the Club!

the Ultimate Membership Drive

Win a Car!

Sign up for club membership and you could WIN A NEW AUTOMOBILE!!!

Sweepstakes begins Wednesday through Nov. 18!

Air Force Club Ultimate Membership Drive Sweepstakes will be giving away new automobiles- perhaps even one or two for patrons of the Pacific Coast Club. During the drive, Air Force Services hopes to sign up 10,000 new members. All will be eligible for cars that will be presented to a lucky nine people who join any club worldwide. Winners will have their choice of select models and may be able to pick the car's color and various options.

A 10th vehicle will be awarded to someone who has been a member anytime between Feb. 1 and Aug. 14 of this year.

Club members do not have to lift a single finger to be eligible to drive off in that new vehicle. Just being a valuable patron is enough. Besides meals and entertainment, other benefits cardholders enjoy include a scholarship program, deals on local entertainment and special events, members-only programs and catering services.

Sponsored in part by: First USA • Air Force Clubs • American Airlines • Advantage Rent-A-Car
No Federal Endorsement of Sponsors Intended.

Call 606-3330 or visit the club to become a member soon!

Missoula Children's Theater presents:

Treasure Island

Offering children kids the chance to shine in the spotlight with a week-long theater program and production. Coming soon to the Youth Center.

Aug. 20

Open auditions for all students Kindergarten through 12th -grade.

Cast members are selected

Aug. 21 through 24

Daily rehearsal sessions

Aug. 25 is the day of the final performance

ATWIND EVENT!

Get a Game Piece for any child signed up, any child volunteer, any parent/adult volunteer!

Call Youth Center at 606-2152 for more information.

FAMILY CHILD CARE & CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

EXTENDED C-A-R-E PROGRAM

Family Care Program has a program for persons needing extended child care before or after work hours. Informational brochures can be picked up at Family Support, Child Development Center or Family Child Care office. For more information call the Evelyn Holmes at 606-3255 or Gwen Jones at 606-4639

Why Be A Family Child Care Provider?

- A good way to provide playmates and companions for your own children.
 - A way to add to the family's income
 - You provide care for military/DOD families
 - Satisfaction of self-employment in your own home
 - Because you enjoy children and having them in your home.
- For more information on becoming a licensed Family Child Care provider, please contact Evelyn Holmes or Gwen Jones at 606-3255 or 606-4639.
A profession where one person makes a difference!

N.O.T.I.C.E

The family child care office has moved. The office is now located on California and 10th Street, Building 7204-A. The building is located across the street from the Western Range Operation Control Center. For more information, please contact Evelyn Holmes or Gwen Jones at 606-3255 or 606-4639



NEWS

A NEW YOU by the New Year



Want to get in better shape? Need to lose weight?

- Free 16-week program
- Fitness assessment with before and after pictures
- Monthly weight and body fat measurements
- Classes on exercise, nutrition, supplements and behavior modification offered at the Health And Wellness Center (HAWC)
- Get rewarded for losing weight! Prizes awarded for first, second and third place.



Sign up 1-31 Aug at the Fitness Center & HAWC

For more information call the health and wellness center at 606-2221 or the fitness center at 606-3832

V a n d e n b e r g L e i s u r e T o u r s

Santa Catalina Island

Sept. 23 to 26

\$215 per person sharing

3 nights - Hotel St. Lauren round trip transportation - bus and ferry two island tours

Call VITT for more information at 606-7976.



FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

FAMILY FUN SWIMMING NIGHT - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday. The cost is a dollar per person or use the family pool pass.

ROD & GUN

Swap meet and open house - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Stop by and check out what the Rod & Gun Club has to offer! Anyone wanting to bring in items for the swap meet should call 606-4560. ATWIND EVENT!

HUNTER SAFETY CLASS - Thursday and Friday. The state certified safety course is required for first-time hunters in California. Pre-registration in necessary. the fee is \$10. Call the Rod & Gun Club for more information at 606-4560. ATWIND EVENT!

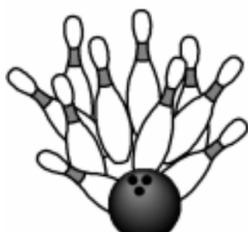
OUTDOOR REC

People who are interested in joining a motorcycle club and riding with others can call Michael Renner at 606-4994. Volunteers are needed to help plan a motorcycle show tentatively scheduled for late August or early September.

BOWLING CENTER

Friday and Saturday are the final days of 'Bowler Appreciation Week'. Prices are reduced all week. Authorized bowlers pay \$1.50 per game. No other specials will be honored and coupons cannot be used and are not good for Thunder Alley-Rock 300.

WINTER LEAGUE sign ups start the second week in August and all leagues start after Labor Day.



Did you know...

that airmen, E-4 and below, and their families are authorized to dine at Breakers?

Other authorized patrons at Breakers dining facility include: military retirees, TDY enlisted, TDY officers, TDY civilians, permanent party, receiving enlisted basic allowance for subsistence or mealcard, and authorized blue dining card holders. People with questions should call Senior Airman Jennifer Kottke at 606-3219.



ATWIND

Bring in a new player to ATWIND HEADQUARTERS at the Services Center, sign them up to play and get an ATWIND GAME PIECE!!!

For a complete listing of this week's places to play ATWIND, go to 30svs.com and click on the ATWIND ad or the events page.